

SYLLABUS AndSCHEME OF ASSESMENT FOR GENERAL ENGLISH

CLASS – XII

TIME: 3 HOURS

MAX MARKS: 100:

80 (THEORY)+20 (INTERNAL ASSESSMENT)

Prescribed Textbooks

1. *Flamingo*: Textbook inEnglish for Class XII (Core Course) published by NCERT, New Delhi
2. *Vistas*: Supplementary Reader in English for Class XII (Core Course) published by NCERT, New Delhi

Q No	DESCRIPTION	Weightage
SECTION A: READING COMPREHENSION		20 marks
1	One unseen passage (400-500 words) for note-making(5marks) and summarizing (5marks).	10 marks
2	One unseen passage (400-500 words) followed by five objective type questions and five multiple choice questions to assess comprehension, interpretation and inference, word formation and inference.	1x10=10 marks
SECTION B: WRITING SKILLS AND GRAMMAR		30 marks
3	One out of two questions on advertisements/ writing formal/informal invitations and replies (50 words).	4 marks
4	One out of two questions on letter writing (business or official letters for making enquiries, registering complaints, asking for and giving information, placing orders and sending replies, letters to the editor giving suggestions/opinions on an issue; letter to the school or college authorities, regarding admissions, school issues, requirements / suitability of courses, etc.) (120-150 words)	6 marks
5	One out of two questions on writing a resume along with job application. (120-150 words)	6 marks
6	One out of two compositions on article/ debate/ speech/ personality profile/personal experience/ humorous writing (200-250 words).	6 marks
7	One passage 100-150 words in length for editing to test the following items: reflexive pronouns, tenses, punctuation, narration, conjunctions, prepositions and change of voice (8 items).	8 marks
SECTION C: Literature		30 marks
8	Eight objective type questions (4 from one poetry and 4 from one prose extract) to assess comprehension and appreciation.	1x8=8marks
9	Five out of seven short answer questions based on prose / drama / poetry from both texts to assess inference and critical thinking.	5x2=10 marks

10	One out of two long answer questions from <i>Flamingoto</i> assess global comprehension and extrapolation beyond the text. Questions to provide evaluating and analytical responses using incidents, events, and themes as reference points. (120-150words)	6marks
11	One out of two long answer questions from <i>Vistas</i> to assess global comprehension along with analysis and extrapolation beyond the texts. Questions to elicit creative responses and ability to form opinions. (120-150words)	6marks

INTERNAL ASSESSMENT

Assessment of Listening and Speaking Skills

Assessment of Listening and Speaking Skills will be for 20 marks. Practice and assessment is to be based on the activities included in the prescribed textbooks and and by taking recourse to various resources and techniques available in the school.

Suggested Reading

For grammar, teachers and students can refer to any standard grammar textbook for further reading and clarification of concepts. Some of the books include:

- English Grammar in Use by Raymond Murphy published (Cambridge University Press)
- Oxford Practice Grammar by John Eastwood published (Oxford University Press)
- Grammar Practice Activities by Penny Ur (Cambridge University Press)
- A Practical English Grammar by Thomson and Martinet (Oxford University Press)
- High School English Grammar by Wren and Martin (S Chand Publishing)

Question Paper Design

General English XII

Marks-80+20=100

Section	Competencies	Total marks	
Comprehension	Conceptual understanding, decoding, Analyzing, inferring, interpreting, appreciation, literary, conventions and vocabulary, summarizing and using appropriate format/s	20 Marks	
Writing Skills	Reasoning, appropriacy of style and tone, using appropriate format and fluency, inference, analysis, evaluation and creativity	30 Marks	
Literature Textbook and Supplementary Reader	Recalling, reasoning, appreciating literary convention, inference, analysis, creativity with fluency	30 Marks	
	TOTAL	80 Marks	
Assessment of Listening and Speaking Skills		20 Marks	-
	GRAND TOTAL	100 Marks	

SECTION A: READING COMPREHENSION

1	<p>Read the following passage. Make notes and write a summary with a suitable title.</p> <p>Once an organ donor’s family gives its consent and the organs are matched to a recipient, medical professionals are faced with the onerous challenge of transporting organs while ensuring that the harvested organ reaches its destination in the shortest possible time. This is done in order to preserve the harvested organs and involves the police and especially the traffic police department. 2 The traditional method of transporting organs by road is referred to as a ‘green corridor’. This process entails police escorting an ambulance, so as to move around traffic — usually a specific traffic lane is chosen and all signals on the route stay green to ensure it . P.T.O. reaches its destination in the shortest possible time. A green corridor is a route cleared and cordoned off by the traffic police to ensure the smooth and steady transportation of harvested organs, on most occasions, to those awaiting a life-saving transplant. Organs tend to have a very short preservation time, such as the heart, which has to be harvested and transplanted within four hours or the lungs, which can be preserved for only six hours once they are harvested. The first green corridor in India was created by the Chennai Traffic Police in September 2008 when they accomplished their task of enabling an ambulance to reach its destination within 11 minutes during peak hour traffic. That organ saved a nine-year-old girl whose life depended on the transplant. Similarly, such green corridors have been created by traffic police of various cities such as Pune, Mumbai, Delhi NCR, etc. Personnel are stationed at selected points to divert, control and clear the traffic giving way to the ambulance. Apart from this, a motorcade of police vehicles accompanies the ambulance ensuring that it does not face any problems. Delhi Traffic Police provided a green corridor from IGI Airport to the Institute of Liver and Biliary Sciences in Vasant Kunj for transportation of a liver. The distance of 14 kms was covered in 11 minutes. Experts point out the lack of a robust system to transport organs to super-speciality hospitals in least possible time. The National Organ and Tissue Transplant Organisation (NOTTO), the country’s apex organ donation agency, is now framing a proposal to airlift cadaver organs and will send a report to the Union Health Ministry. “Cadaver organs have a short life and so transplant should be done within a few golden hours,” Director (NOTTO) expressed. “Therefore, we are preparing a proposal for airlifting organs at any given moment.” Most States do not have enough well-trained experts to retrieve or perform transplant procedures. Also, there is patients are suffering from acute heart failure and need heart transplant at any point of time. In a private set-up, a</p>	10 Marks
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	<p>heart transplant costs < 15 – 20 lakh, which is followed up by post-operative medication of about < 30,000 per month lifelong.” an acute shortage of advanced healthcare facilities to carry out a transplant. So, it is referred to other big centres in metropolitan cities.</p>	
2	<p>Read the passage carefully and answer the questions that follow.</p> <p>When we were children, Hassan and I used to climb the poplar trees in the driveway of my father’s house and annoy our neighbours by reflecting sunlight into their homes with a shard of mirror. We would sit across from each other on a pair of high branches, our naked feet dangling, our trouser pockets filled with dried mulberries and walnuts. We took turns with the mirror as we ate mulberries, pelted each other with them, giggling, laughing; I can still see Hassan up on that tree, sunlight flickering through the leaves on his almost perfectly round face, a face like a Chinese doll chiseled from hardwood: his flat, broad nose and slanting, narrow eyes like bamboo leaves, eyes that looked, depending on the light, gold, green, even sapphire. I can still see his tiny low-set ears and that pointed stub of a chin, a meaty appendage that looked like it was added as a mere afterthought. And the cleft lip, just left of midline, where the Chinese doll maker’s instrument may have slipped; or perhaps he had simply grown tired and careless.</p> <p>Sometimes, up in those trees, I talked Hassan into firing walnuts with his slingshot at the neighbour’s one-eyed German shepherd. Hassan never wanted to, but if I asked, really asked, he wouldn’t deny me. Hassan never denied me anything. And he was deadly with his slingshot. Hassan’s father, Ali, used to catch us and get mad, or as mad as someone as gentle as Ali could ever get. He would wag his finger and wave us down from the tree. He would take the mirror and tell us what his mother had told him, that the devil shone mirrors too, shone them to distract Muslims during prayer. “And he laughs while he does it,” he always added, scowling at his son.</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1) Where in the narrator’s house were the poplar trees? 2) <i>Shard</i> means <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. a piece of broken glass, etc 2. a framed mirror 3. a small amount 4. none of these 3) What were the pockets of the children filled with? 4) What has Hassan’s face been compared with? 5) German shepherd refers to <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. a shepherd 2. a monkey 3. a dog 4. a watchman 	1x10= 10 Marks

	<p>6) In 'cleft lip' the word <i>cleft</i> is</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. a noun 2. a verb 3. a pronoun 4. an adjective <p>7) Use the word <i>appendage</i> in a sentence other than that in the passage.</p> <p>8) What is the antonym of <i>deny</i>?</p> <p>9) In 'Hassan's father, Ali, used to catch us and get mad' <i>mad</i> means</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. crazy 2. clever 3. angry 4. strict <p>What had Ali's mother told him about shining mirrors?</p>	
SECTION B: WRITING SKILLS AND GRAMMAR		
3	<p>You are Principal, Green School, Srinagar. Draft a classified advertisement (not exceeding 50 words) for the post of Math teacher in your school.</p> <p>OR</p> <p>As the Principal of a reputed college you have been invited to inaugurate a book exhibition in your town. Draft a reply to the invitation (not exceeding 50 words) to express your inability to attend the function. You are Tanveer/Tanasum.</p>	4 Marks
4	<p>Stray dogs have created havoc in your locality. Write a letter to the commissioner of your municipality about the menace and suggest measures to relieve the residents and pedestrians of it.</p> <p>OR</p> <p>You are Nitish/Natasha, the Sports Secretary of your school. Write a letter to Prime Sports, Srinagar requesting them to supply their trade catalogue. Mention the items you would require and ask for a discount on the catalogue prices.</p>	6 Marks
5	<p>You see a classified advertisement in the newspaper inviting applications for the post of teacher in High Dale School, Jammu. Write your job application and resume to the Principal, applying for the advertised post. (120-150 words)</p>	6 Marks
6	<p>Advertisements Have Become A Big Business Promoted By Celebrities From Various Fields Like Films, Sports, Etc. Write An Article On 'The Impact Of Advertisements On The Younger Generation' (200-250 Words)</p> <p>OR</p> <p>Regular practice of yoga can help in maintaining good health and prevention of many ailments. Write a speech on the usefulness of yoga to be delivered on the morning assembly. (200-250 words)</p>	6 Marks
7	<p>Edit the following passage:</p> <p>I was lucky to have so good teachers, said Gurudev. I remained silent. Then he continued, 'I made me work on the path they laid before me, from getting</p>	8 Marks

	<p>on before the crack of dawn to cleaning the dirtiest places on the premises. If I stand before you today and offer my teachings to you, it is because of my gurus.' I was feeling relaxed as he spoke in his placid tone and peaceful voice that seemed to come from some serene grove where a brook babbled in tranquility. I was about to go for a trance when Gurudev lifts his hands above his head, joined them together and said, 'we are merely puppets! Our strings are held by Him, the Everlasting, the Ever-knowing.'</p>	
SECTION C: LITERATURE		
8	<p>Read the extracts given below and answer the questions that follow:</p> <p>a. When Aunt is dead, her terrified hands will lie Still ringed with ordeals she was mastered by. The tigers in the panel that she made Will go on prancing, proud and unafraid.</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> i. Who is the aunt afraid of? ii. What do the tigers represent there? iii. How has Mrs. Jennifer failed in her aim? iv. Name the figure of speech used in these two lines. <p>b.</p> <p>This went on until July. But I was still not satisfied. I was not sure that all the terror had left. So, I went to Lake Wentworth in New Hampshire, dived off a dock at Trigg's Island, and swam two miles across the lake to Stamp Act Island. I swam the crawl, breast stroke, side stroke, and back stroke. Only once did the terror return. When I was in the middle of the lake, I put my face under and saw nothing but bottomless water. The old sensation returned in miniature.</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> i. Name the chapter and its writer. ii. Why was the writer still not satisfied? iii. What did 'he' do to satisfy himself? iv. Which 'old sensation' did he experience? 	1×8=8 Marks
9	<p>Answer any five of the following questions in 30–40 words each:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> a. Why did the narrator want to skip school on the day of the last lesson? b. Why did the peddler leave a Christmas gift for Edla? c. How was Gandhiji treated at Rajendra Prasad's house? d. What were the poet's feelings on her way to the airport? (My Mother at Sixty-six) e. When was the Tiger King in danger of losing his kingdom? f. What happened to Gondwana 650 million years ago? g. Why did Hana feel scared when a messenger in official uniform visited their house? 	2×5=10 Marks

10	<p>Answer the following question in 120 – 150 words:</p> <p>Life of the bangle makers of Firozabad shows the grinding state of poverty and traditions that condemn thousands of people to live a life of misery. Elaborate.</p> <p style="text-align: center;">OR</p> <p>Why do celebrities find fault with an interview?</p>	6 Marks
11	<p>Answer the following question in 120 – 150 words:</p> <p>Describe the Tiger King as a completely self-centered person.</p> <p style="text-align: center;">OR</p> <p>What happened at the Golden Lion Hotel? (<i>Evans Tries an O-Level</i>)</p>	6 Marks