

**SENIOR SCHOOL CERTIFICATE EXAMINATION (CLASS XII)
COMPTT./IMPROVEMENT EXAMINATION, 2021
MARKING SCHEME**

ENGLISH CORE (301)

GENERAL INSTRUCTIONS

1. You are aware that evaluation is the most important process in the actual and correct assessment of the candidates. A small mistake in evaluation may lead to serious problems which may affect the future of the candidates, education system and teaching profession. To avoid mistakes, it is requested that before starting evaluation, you must read and understand the spot evaluation guidelines carefully. **Evaluation is a timed mission for all of us. Hence, it is necessary that you put in your best efforts in this process.**
2. **“Evaluation policy is a confidential policy as it is related to the confidentiality of the examinations conducted, Evaluation done and several other aspects. Its’ leakage to public in any manner could lead to derailment of the examination system and affect the life and future of millions of candidates. Sharing this policy/document to anyone, publishing in any magazine and printing in News Paper/Website etc. may invite action under IPC.”**
3. Evaluation is to be done as per instructions provided in the Marking Scheme. It should not be done according to one’s own interpretation or any other consideration. Marking Scheme should be strictly adhered to and religiously followed. **However, while evaluating, answers which are based on latest information or knowledge and/or are innovative, they may be assessed for their correctness otherwise and marks be awarded to them.**
4. The Head-Examiner must go through the first five answer books evaluated by each evaluator on the first day, to ensure that evaluation has been carried out as per the instructions given in the Marking Scheme. The remaining answer books meant for evaluation shall be given only after ensuring that there is no significant variation in the marking of individual evaluators.
5. If a question has parts, please award marks on the right-hand side for each part. Marks awarded for different parts of the question should then be totalled up and written in the left-hand margin and encircled.
6. Evaluators will mark(√) wherever answer is correct. For wrong answer ‘X’ be marked. Evaluators may not put right kind of mark while evaluating which gives an impression that answer is correct and no marks are awarded. **This is most common mistake which evaluators are committing.**
7. If a question does not have any parts, marks must be awarded in the left hand margin and encircled.
8. If a student has attempted an extra question, answer of the question deserving more marks should be retained and the other answer scored out.
9. No marks to be deducted for the cumulative effect of an error. It should be penalized only once.

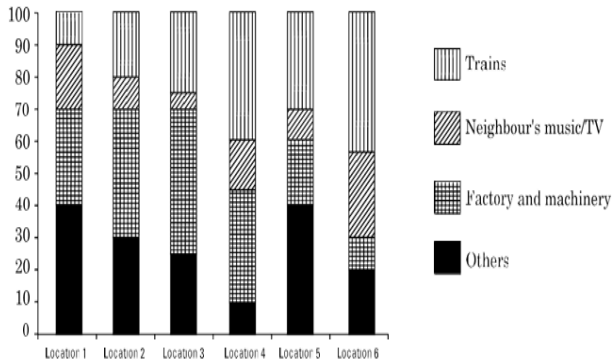
10. A full scale of marks (0-80) has to be used. Please do not hesitate to award full marks if the answer deserves it.
11. Every examiner has to necessarily do evaluation work for full working hours i.e. 8 hours every day and evaluate 20 answer books per day in main subjects and 25 answer books per day in other subjects (Details are given in Spot Guidelines).
12. Ensure that you do not make the following common types of errors committed by the Examiner in the past:-
 - Leaving answer or part thereof unassessed in an answer book.
 - Giving more marks for an answer than assigned to it.
 - Wrong transfer of marks from the inside pages of the answer book to the title page.
 - Wrong question wise totalling on the title page.
 - Wrong totalling of marks of the two columns on the title page.
 - Wrong grand total.
 - Marks in words and figures not tallying.
 - Wrong transfer of marks from the answer book to online award list.
 - Answers marked as correct, but marks not awarded. (Ensure that the right tick mark is correctly and clearly indicated. It should not merely be a line. Same is with the X for incorrect answer.)
 - Half or a part of answer marked correct and the rest as wrong, but no marks awarded.
13. While evaluating the answer books if the answer is found to be totally incorrect, it should be marked as (X) and awarded zero (0) Marks.
14. Any unassessed portion, non-carrying over of marks to the title page, or totalling error detected by the candidate shall damage the prestige of all the personnel engaged in the evaluation work as also of the Board. Hence, in order to uphold the prestige of all concerned, it is again reiterated that the instructions be followed meticulously and judiciously.
15. The Examiners should acquaint themselves with the guidelines given in the Guidelines for spot Evaluation before starting the actual evaluation.
16. Every Examiner shall also ensure that all the answers are evaluated, marks carried over to the title page, correctly totalled and written in figures and words.
17. The Board permits candidates to obtain photocopy of the Answer Book on request in an RTI application and also separately as a part of the re-evaluation process on payment of the processing charges.

	PART A (READING)	TOTAL MARKS 20
1	Read the passage given below:	10 MARKS
	On the basis of your understanding of the passage, answer <i>any ten</i> questions from the eleven given below:	
Q.(i)	Whether science is good or bad depends on its/the a) analytical study b) philosophical conception c) manner of its origin d) application in life	
Ans.	d) application in life	1 mark
Q. (ii)	Which characteristic of science has the author questioned in the passage? a) It being good or bad b) It being a practical study c) It being both philosophical and practical d) It being both practical and analytical	
Ans.	a) It being good or bad	1 mark
Q. (iii)	What distinguishes our age from the previous ages? a) Liberal ideas b) Lofty conceptions of war c) Application of science d) Both (a) and (b)	
Ans.	c) Application of science	1 mark
Q. (iv)	What enables us to devote a greater proportion of our energies to wars today than in the past? a) Man's increasing need for wars b) Desire for dominating the world c) Destructive war weapons d) Availability of cheap labour	
Ans.	d) Availability of cheap labour	1 mark
Q. (v)	If anti-scientific movements were to arise in the present day, what factors, according to the author, would be responsible for it? a) Misapplication of science b) Man's destructive nature c) Man's instinct and desire for domination d) Weapons of bacteriological warfare	
Ans.	d) Weapons of bacteriological warfare	1 mark
Q. (vi)	How long are people not likely to turn against scientists? a) So long as science is not fully developed b) So long as we have no survival instinct c) So long as war is probable d) Until mankind is enriched	
Ans.	b) So long as we have no survival instinct	1 mark

Q. (vii)	Which of the following is not true? Technology has helped us in a) Keeping students interested in academics b) Maintaining law and order c) Providing electricity and other facilities d) Developing poor public security	
Ans.	d) Developing poor public security	1 mark
Q. (viii)	Which word in paragraph-2 is closest in meaning to the word 'forefathers'? a) Predecessors b) Preconceived c) Grandfathers d) preparations	
Ans.	a) Predecessors	1 mark
Q. (ix)	Which of the following has not been mentioned by the author as one of the uses to which science has been put, for either good or bad? a) We can keep students engaged for longer periods of time b) It enables governments to catch miscreants within a short span of time c) We can spread information to everybody within a few minutes d) Science has increased our lifespan with its inventions	
Ans.	d) Science has increased our lifespan with its inventions	1 mark
Q. (x)	What according to you, would be the best title for the passage? a) Science and humanity b) Science and public security c) Science and war d) Science and religion	
Ans.	a) Science and humanity	1 mark
Q. (xi)	Which word in paragraph 2 is closest in meaning to the word "veneration"? (a) Good (b) productivity (c) delusional (d) respect	
Ans.	a) Good	1 mark

2	Read the passage given below:	10 MARKS
	On the basis of your understanding of the passage, answer <i>any ten</i> questions from the eleven given below:	
Q.(i)	According to the passage, vehicular traffic a) is the worst cause of noise pollution b) does not affect human work efficiency c) demolishes the need for buffer zones d) is homogeneous in all the cities	
Ans.	a) is the worst cause of noise pollution	1 mark
Q.(ii)	Pick the options that list statements that are not true: 1) Regulating traffic cannot reduce the pollution levels 2) High levels of noise cause health hazards 3) Noise pollution causes jams at intersections 4) Noise levels in Delhi are appallingly high Choose the correct option from the following: a) 1 and 3 b) 3 and 4 c) 2 and 4 d) 2 and 3	
Ans.	a) 1 and 3	1 mark
Q.(iii)	The word ‘tremendous’ as used in paragraph 1 is similar in meaning to a) Customary b) Hard c) Insignificant d) huge	
Ans.	d) huge	1 mark
Q.(iv)	Choose the option that is direct effect of only noise pollution on an individual: a) tiredness b) Irritation c) Respiratory ailments d) Dizziness	
Ans.	b) Irritation	1 mark
Q.(v)	“..... the hardest and most widespread type of noise pollution.....” the phrase suggests that it is a) The most intense type of noise pollution b) The limited nature of noise pollution c) The rarest type of noise pollution d) The irregular quality of noise pollution	
Ans.	a) The most intense type of noise pollution	1 mark

Q.(vi)	Choose the option that is true with respect to noise pollution a) Noise pollution does not affect unborn babies b) In Delhi, the rate of pollution has been reduced c) Combined air pollution and noise pollution affect only children d) Traffic noise can cause complications for pregnant women	
Ans.	d) Traffic noise can cause complications for pregnant women	1 mark
Q.(vii)	Based on the pie diagram, choose the option that shows the highest effect of noise and air pollution on an individual a) Tiredness b) Fatigue c) Headache d) Work efficiency	
Ans.	d) Work efficiency	1 mark
Note:	<i>The following question is for the Visually Impaired Candidates only, in lieu of Q. No. 2(vii).</i>	
Q.(vii)	Pick the statement which is not true, according to the passage. a) New Delhi is the noisiest city in India. b) Population and industrial activities are responsible for the high levels of pollution. c) Noise pollution influences sleep patterns. d) Pollution and diseases are not related to each other.	
Ans.	d) Pollution and diseases are not related to each other	1 mark
Q.(viii)	The globeman in the cartoon seems troubled because of a) sleep disturbance. b) noisy surroundings. c) cerebrovascular disease. d) respiratory ailment	
Ans.	b) Noisy surroundings	1 mark
Note:	<i>The following question is for the Visually Impaired Candidates only, in lieu of Q. No. 2(viii).</i>	
Q.(viii)	Choose the word that is not associated with noise pollution. a) Insomnia b) Jargon c) Exhaustion d) Hearing impairment	
Ans.	b) Jargon	1 mark

Q.(ix)	<p>Which of the following statements is substantiated by the information in paragraph 2 ?</p> <p>a) Noise pollution is less detrimental to health.</p> <p>b) Loud noises take a toll on animals and humans.</p> <p>c) Hearing power of the residents of Delhi is at risk.</p> <p>d) Minor modification in traffic management may help.</p>	
Ans.	c) Hearing power of the residents of Delhi is at risk.	1 mark
Q.(x)	<p>Based on the bar graph given below, pick the location that shows the least noise pollution by trains.</p>  <p>a) Location 1</p> <p>b) Location 3</p> <p>c) Location 4</p> <p>d) Location 6</p>	
Ans.	a) Location 1	1 mark
Note:	<i>The following question is for the Visually Impaired Candidates only, in lieu of Q. No. 2(x).</i>	
Q.(x)	<p>Pick the antonym of the word 'irritation' as used in paragraph 1.</p> <p>a) Worry</p> <p>b) Anger</p> <p>c) Comfort</p> <p>d) burden</p>	
Ans.	c) Comfort	1 mark
Q.(xi)	<p>According to the passage, pick the options that have been suggested to combat pollution :</p> <p>1) Increasing vehicular traffic.</p> <p>2) Regular maintenance of vehicles.</p> <p>3) Creating social awareness.</p> <p>4) Conducting scientific analysis.</p> <p>Choose the correct option from the following :</p> <p>a) 1 and 2</p>	

	b) 2 and 3 c) 1 and 4 d) 3 and 4	
Ans.	b) 2 and 3	1 mark
	LITERATURE	20 MARKS
3.	Read the extracts given below and attempt <i>any two</i> of the three by answering the questions that follow :	4 marks
A	Roses!’ Roger Fish cried. And the wizard said, very cranky, ‘That’ll be seven pennies.’ ‘Daddy.’ ‘What?’ ‘Roger Skunk. You said Roger Fish.’ ‘Wasn’t that silly?’ ‘Very silly of your stupid old daddy. Where was I ? Well, you know about the pennies.’ ‘Say it.’ ‘O.K.,’ Roger Skunk said, ‘But all I have is four pennies,’ and he began to cry.’	
Q.(i)	What custom had begun when Jo was two years old ? a) Jack reading a story to Jo every Saturday. b) Jack telling Jo a fabricated story everyday. c) Jack playing with Jo on a Saturday. d) Jack moving furniture on Saturdays.	
Ans.	b) Jack telling Jo a fabricated story everyday.	1 mark
Q.(ii)	What character trait does Jo display in the above extract ? a) Insistent b) Indifferent c) Tolerant d) Obedient	
Ans.	a) Insistent	1 mark
Q.(iii)	Which of the following words does not mean ‘cranky’ ? a) clumsy b) awkward c) pleasant d) irritating	
Ans.	c) pleasant	1 mark
Q.(iv)	In all Jack’s stories, there was a/an _____ named Roger. a) Skunk b) Owl c) small creature d) smelly bird	
Ans.	c) small creature	1 mark

B	<p>“It is his karam, his destiny,” says Mukesh’s grandmother, who has watched her own husband go blind with the dust from polishing the glass of bangles. “Can a god-given lineage ever be broken ?” she implies. Born in the caste of bangle makers, they have seen nothing but bangles — in the house, in the yard, in every other house, every other yard, every street in Firozabad.</p>	4 marks
Q.(i)	<p>Firozabad is</p> <p>a) famous because of people who believe in destiny. b) not famous for its bangles but its yards. c) famous for its houses, yards and streets. d) famous for its bangle-making industry.</p>	
Ans.	d) famous for its bangle-making industry.	1 mark
Q.(ii)	<p>The grandmother’s statement shows her belief in __.</p> <p>a) hard work b) the danger c) tradition d) herself</p>	
Ans.	c) tradition	1 mark
Q.(iii)	<p>What was the cause of Mukesh’s grandfather’s blindness?</p> <p>a) God-given lineage. b) Dust from polishing bangles. c) Overcrowding of the house with bangles. d) Darkness of the dingy cells</p>	
Ans.	b) Dust from polishing bangles	1 mark
Q.(iv)	<p>The word closest in meaning to ‘implies’ is</p> <p>a) suggests b) decides c) dislikes d) deprives</p>	
Ans.	a) suggests	1 mark
C	<p>I had not been there long when in came a big bruiser of a boy, probably eighteen years old. He had thick hair on his chest. He was a beautiful physical specimen, with legs and arms that showed rippling muscles. He yelled, “Hi, Skinny! How’d you like to be ducked ?”</p> <p>With that he picked me up and tossed me into the deep end. I landed in a sitting position, swallowed water, and went at once to the bottom.</p>	4 marks
Q.(i)	<p>Where did the misadventure happen?</p> <p>a) The Yakima river b) The beach in California</p>	

	c) The Y.M.C.A. swimming pool d) Lake Wentworth in New Hampshire	
Ans.	c) The Y.M.C.A. swimming pool	1 mark
Q.(ii)	Which word best describes the action of the 'big bruiser'? a) beautiful b) cruel c) breathtaking d) unexciting	
Ans.	b) cruel	1 mark
Q.(iii)	The incident turned Douglas' aversion to water into fear. What was henow scared of? a) landing in a sitting position b) Yakima river c) Water d) the big bruiser	
Ans.	c) Water	1 mark
Q.(iv)	The meaning of the phrase 'to be ducked' in the above lines is closest to a) a term of endearment. b) to be turned into a duck. c) to evade a responsibility. d) to be thrown suddenly into water.	
Ans.	d) to be thrown suddenly into water.	1 mark
4	Read the extracts given below and attempt <i>any one</i> of the two by answering the questions that follow :	4 Marks
A.	Therefore, on every morrow..... made for our searching.	
Q.(i)	'morrow' in the above lines means _____. a) Monday b) Morning c) the following day d) Sunday	
Ans.	c) the following day	1 mark
Q.(ii)	What is the effect of the 'flowery band' ? a) It beautifies our surroundings. b) It keeps us occupied and productive. c) It helps us in our search of truth. d) It connects us to nature and its beauty	
Ans.	d) It connects us to nature and its beauty	1 mark
Q.(iii)	What poetic device is used in 'flowery band' ? a) Simile b) Metaphor c) Oxymoron d) Transferred Epithet	
Ans.	b) Metaphor	1 mark

Q.(iv)	The poet believes that there is scarcity of in the world. a) lords and ladies b) dishonourable people c) aristocratic people d) righteous people	
Ans.	d) righteous people	1 mark
OR		
B	Aunt Jennifer's fingers fluttering..... upon aunt Jennifer's hand.	
Q.(i)	What does the phrase 'Aunt Jennifer's fingers fluttering' tell us about Aunt Jennifer ? a) She is scared of using the ivory needle. b) She is allergic to wool. c) She is oppressed and terrified. d) She is advancing in speed.	
Ans.	c) She is oppressed and terrified.	1 mark
Q.(ii)	Why is it so hard for her to pull the needle ? a) The ivory needle is heavy. b) She dislikes embroidering. c) She suffers from Parkinson's disease. d) She is fearful and her hands shake.	
Ans.	d) She is fearful and her hands shake	1 mark
Q.(iii)	'Massive weight of Uncle's wedding band' metaphorically means a) male domination and oppression. b) heavy wedding band of a married woman. c) she doesn't like having been married to her uncle. d) a wedlock on the point of a break-up.	
Ans.	a) male domination and oppression.	1 mark
Q.(iv)	Identify the figure of speech in 'fingers fluttering'. a) Simile b) Alliteration c) Repetition d) Oxymoron	
Ans.	b) Alliteration	1 mark
5	<i>Attempt any eight questions from the ten given below :</i>	8 Marks
Q.(i)	Why did M. Hamel write 'Vive La France' on the board ? a) As a mark of protest b) In lieu of the homework c) As a sign of solidarity with country d) Because it was a French class	
Ans.	a) As a sign of solidarity with country	1 mark

Q.(ii)	In the poem ‘Aunt Jennifer’s Tigers’, “denizens of a world of green” refers to a) humans who live in this world. b) Aunt Jennifer’s tigers. c) tigers in the green spaces. d) nature and all its inhabitants.	
Ans.	b) Aunt Jennifer’s tigers	1 mark
Q.(iii)	When Douglas was first pushed into the water, he was a) frightened out of his wits b) relaxed as he knew what to do c) frightened, but not out of his wits d) sure he would bob to the surface	
Ans.	c) frightened, but not out of his wits	1 mark
Q.(iv)	In spite of his mother’s warning, Derry wanted to go back to Mr. Lamb as a) he wanted to remove weeds from his garden. b) he received from him a new view on his disability. c) he understood that his mother knew nothing about Mr. Lamb. d) he mostly disobeyed his mother.	
Ans.	b) he received from him a new view on his disability.	1 mark
Q.(v)	How did the old man welcome the peddler ? a) By being indifferent to him b) By being suspicious of his intentions c) By providing food and shelter to him d) By complaining to the ironmaster	
Ans.	c) By providing food and shelter to him	1 mark
Q.(vi)	Why did officials at Motihari feel helpless ? a) Thousands of peasants had surrounded the courthouse. b) Gandhiji started his fast unto death. c) The officials did not have enough police force. d) Gandhiji pleaded guilty to the charges against him.	
Ans.	a) Thousands of peasants had surrounded the courthouse.	1 mark
Q.(vii)	Jackson refers to Evans as_____ because of his long wavy hair. a) a rockstar b) a breakdancer c) Shirley Temple d) the Governor	
Ans.	c) Shirley Temple	1 mark

Q.(viii)	The ‘stunted heir of twisted bones’ means the boy a) has an inherited disability. b) was short and bony. c) has weak bones due to extreme malnutrition. d) has unluckily lost his inheritance.	
Ans.	a) has an inherited disability	1 mark
Q.(ix)	What were the dominant traits of Dr.Sadao’s personality ? a) Expertise and compassion b) Obstinate but kind c) Disobedient and disorganised d) Rude but loving	
Ans.	a) Expertise and compassion	1 mark
Q.(x)	In Jo’s opinion, what kind of person is Roger Skunk’s mother ? a) Wise b) Pleasing c) Stupid d) Caring	
Ans.	c) stupid	1 mark
PART-B		
WRITING		
		16 MARKS
Q.6		3 Marks
A	You are Mr. Naveen Saluja, Managing Director of Saluja Corporation, Chandigarh. You urgently need a front-office receptionist for your firm. The candidate should be well-acquainted with computer applications and must be a graduate with a pleasing personality, good communication and inter-personal skills. Draft an advertisement, in not more than 50 words, to be published in ‘City Times’.	
Ans.	ADVERTISEMENT Format-1 mark Content-1 mark Expression- 1 mark Value points:- - Situation vacant - specifications about responsibilities of front office receptionist- computer savvy-graduate-pleasing personality-effective communication skills and inter personal skills - accept any relevant, essential and desirable qualifications/experience - mode of applying - contact details	3 marks
OR		

B	You are Rakhi/Rakshit, cultural in-charge of Aurobindo School, Dehradun. Draft a notice in about 50 words informing students of classes XI and XII about the Inter-House Painting Competition. Also inform them that they need to submit their names to their house in-charge within a week. Include details like date, time and venue.	
Ans.	<p style="text-align: center;">NOTICE</p> <p>Format: Name of issuing organization, the word NOTICE in capitals, Date, Title/heading (Inter House Painting Competition) signature and name of issuing authority/person with designation (The candidate should not be penalized if he/she has used capital letters for writing a notice within or without a box.)</p> <p>Value points:-</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - for whom-students of XI & XII - what- inter house painting competition - where, when - urge students to submit names within a week - whom to contact for further details/registration (House In-charge) 	3 marks
Q.7		3 Marks
A.	You are Mr. Raj Sood, Director, Physical Education, University of Delhi. You received an invitation to be the guest of honour for the annual sports day at Swadesh School, August Road, Delhi to be held on 30th June, 2021. Write your reply, in not more than 50 words, expressing your inability to attend the function.	
Ans.	<p>FORMAL REPLY OF INVITATION</p> <p>Format-1 mark (Receiver's address, date) Content-1 mark Expression- 1 mark</p> <p>Value points:-</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - expression of gratitude for invite - date and time of event - decline invite - give reason for decline - appreciate initiative - wish success <p>(should be written in third person)</p>	3 marks
	OR	

B.	You are Principal, Nilgiri Secondary School, Bengaluru. The school has completed 25 years. The Silver Jubilee Celebrations are scheduled to be held on 26th November, 2021. The Minister of Education, Mr. Ramesh Pokhriyal has consented to be the Chief Guest. Draft a suitable invitation, in not more than 50 words, to be sent to important dignitaries of the city and the parents of your school students.	
Ans.	FORMAL INVITATION- CARD FORMAT Value points:- <ul style="list-style-type: none">- host/hostess- standard expression-request the pleasure of your company- purpose- silver jubilee celebrations- day, date and time- where / venue- chief guest- RSVP- instructions (optional)	3 marks
Q.8		5 Marks
A.	You are Karan/Kirti, residing at 213, Grace Apartments, Sector 14, Aram Nagar. Recently there has been an increase in the crime rate in your locality. The residents are feeling unsafe and insecure due to the inadequate number of policemen on duty. Write a letter in 120 – 150 words to the Editor, ‘City Today’ drawing attention of the concerned authorities, by highlighting the problems	
Ans.	Format-1 mark Content- 2 mark Expression-2 mark LETTER WRITING (TO EDITOR) Format <ol style="list-style-type: none">1. Sender’s address2. Date3. Receiver’s address4. Subject5. Salutation (4 & 5 are interchangeable) <ol style="list-style-type: none">6. Complimentary close Value Points: <ul style="list-style-type: none">- a reference to the reason for writing – residents feeling unsafe and insecure-due to increase in crime rate	5 marks

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - state reasons- inadequate street lights/less no. of policemen/ no regular patrolling (any other) - suggestions- deploy policemen at every entry point/policemen should keep a check on unidentified or suspicious persons in the locality/ neighbourhood watch schemes/ strict action against miscreants (accept any other relevant point)	
	OR	
B.	<p>You are Sumita/Sunil Pandey, residing at A-1, Laghu Kendra, Goregaon, Mumbai. You recently came across the following advertisement in ‘The City Times’. Draft a letter in 120 – 150 words to the Managing Director applying for the advertised post. Enclose your CV.</p> <div style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 5px;"> <p>ApexTechnologiesPvt.Ltd., Mumbai requires the services of a FinancialAnalyst.The candidates should be post-graduate with 6 years of experience in analysing financial data. He/She should be able to prepare and record monthly revenue details, handle client billing and ensure accuracy and timelines. Salary no bar for deserving candidates.</p> <p>Interested candidates should mail their application along with their bio data to apexjobs@gmail.com.</p> </div>	
Ans.	<p>LETTER WRITING (JOB APPLICATION)</p> <p>Cover Letter:-</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Introduction - reference to the advertisement given - relevant qualities that make the candidate suitable for the job- good analytical skills, good organization skills (any other) <p>Bio Data/CV</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - qualifications and experience that matches the job profile- e.g. holds a master’s degree in Finance and Management, has prior experience of six years - personal profile - references (any other relevant point)	5 marks
Q.9		5 Marks
A.	<p>Most of the advertisements use fake Photoshopped images and entice the consumers with false claims. They tend to have a great influence on the minds of the people, especially the youth and children. This type of advertising is misleading and unethical. Write an article for your school magazine in 120 – 150 words expressing your views on the role of advertisements in our lives. You are Khushi/Karan.</p>	

Ans.	<p style="text-align: center;">ARTICLE WRITING</p> <p>Format-1 mark Content- 2 mark Expression-2 mark (coherence and cohesion- 1 mark and accuracy- 1 mark)</p> <p>FORMAT</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - heading- role of advertisements in our lives/ any other suitable heading - by line (may be listed at the end too) - body (split into paragraphs) <p>Paragraph-1</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Suggested Value Points with regard to importance of aim of advertising <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • benefits both seller and consumer • for promotions of goods/new products/services <p>Paragraph-2</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Suggested Value Points regarding unethical advertising <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • some advertisers do not follow ethics and undermine social values • can confuse buyers- misleading • people feel insecure about their bodies – youth & children become over conscious about their physical appearance, may develop inferiority complex • some advertisements influence people to practice unhealthy habits/life style • endangers life while imitating stunts showcased in misleading advertisements. • promotes fake heroship / false hero-worship • consumers psychologically influenced to purchase non-essential/ expensive/ low quality products/ quality compromised (any two) <p>Paragraph-3</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - relevant conclusion based on the discussion in paragraphs above. - suggestion to create more ethical advertising practice - strict vigilance over/ action to check the authenticity by concerned department - awareness campaign through media for general public/youth (any two) (any other relevant point) 	5 marks
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B.	<p>You are Mahat/Mahima Sen. You have been deputed to write a report on the wonderful win in the cricket match by Mumbai Juniors. As a newspaper reporter of 'Times India', write a report in 120 – 150 words with the help of the hints given below :</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Cricket Tournament • Two reputed teams clashing • Good teamwork • Individual contributions 	
Ans.	<p style="text-align: center;">REPORT WRITING</p> <p>Format-1 mark Content- 2 mark Expression-2 mark (coherence and cohesion- 1 mark and accuracy- 1 mark)</p> <p>Format:-</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Title (Cricket Match)/ any other suitable title - Reporter's name/ as a correspondent <p>Content (in paragraphs)</p> <p>Paragraph-1</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Expansion of headline- what, when, where (Mumbai Juniors Cricket Match; date, name of stadium) <p>Paragraph-2 (Use of Transition words)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - How - Appreciable (refer to hints given) <p>Paragraph-3</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Reaction of viewers - Concluding observations - Closing ceremony (any other relevant point) <p>(Use of Past Tense)</p>	5 marks
	LITERATURE	24 Marks
Q.10	<i>Attempt any five questions out of the six given below in 30 – 40 words each :</i>	10 Marks
	<p>Content – 1 mark Expression – 1 mark</p>	

(i)	What effect did the ban on the teaching of the French language have on M. Hamel ?	
Ans.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - calm and quiet outwardly - reflected on the failure/attitude of the parents and himself towards learning(their language) - had a grave and gentle tone - had put on Sunday clothes in honour of last lesson - more patient while teaching - wanted to put everything in students' minds in one stroke (any two) (any other relevant point)	2 marks
(ii)	What does Kamala Das do to console herself on the way to the airport ?	
Ans.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - starts looking outside to divert her thoughts - sight of trees sprinting and merry children gives her a momentary relief (any other relevant point)	2 marks
(iii)	What is the author's solution for the situation that has befallen the bangle makers of Firozabad ?	
Ans.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - organize themselves into a cooperative - they need to dream - dare to come out of vicious circle (any two) (any other relevant point)	2 marks
(iv)	Why was the peddler surprised when he knocked on the crofter's door ?	
Ans.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - expected a sour face - was happily welcomed by the crofter - surprised by the host's generosity (was offered porridge, tobacco roll and played mjolis / cards) (any two) (any other relevant point)	2 marks
(v)	When Gandhiji pleaded guilty in the Motihari court, he mentioned a 'conflict of duties'. What was the conflict that troubled him ?	
Ans.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - conflict between his duty as a law abiding citizen and voice of his conscience - leave Champaran to obey law or stay there to help sharecroppers - not to set a bad example as a law breaker and to render humanitarian and national service (any two) (any other relevant point)	2 marks

(vi)	Man is essentially destructive. Justify this statement with examples from the poem 'Keeping Quiet'.	
Ans.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - fishermen harming whales - men who wage green wars, wars with gas and wars with fire/victory with no survivors (any other relevant point) 	2 marks
Q.11	<i>Attempt any two questions out of the three given below in 30 – 40 words each :</i>	4 Marks
	Content – 1 mark Expression – 1 mark	
(i)	What was Sam's reaction when he heard about the third level ? How does the letter from Sam add irony to the story ?	
Ans.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - initially not convinced with Charley's experience /called it a "waking dream wish fulfilment"/considered it an escape from the insecurities and fear of his present life (any two) - irony is that he eventually found the third level and encouraged Charley to keep looking for it (any other relevant point) 	2 marks
(ii)	How does Mr. Lamb cope with his loneliness ?	
Ans.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - keeps himself busy in gardening, rearing trees, making apple jam etc. - always keeps his gate open for visitors - sits in the garden, listens to the bees singing, reads books (any two) (any other relevant point) 	2 marks
(iii)	What was the unusual request received from the Oxford prison by the secretary of the examination ?	
Ans.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - prisoner (Evans) wanted to appear for O-level German exam - Governor wanted the Board to make arrangements to conduct the examination in the Oxford Prison itself (any other relevant point) 	2 marks
Q.12	<i>Attempt the following question in 120 – 150 words :</i>	5 Marks
	Content – 2.5 marks Expression – 2.5 marks	
(A)	What is the theme of the lesson 'The Rattrap' ?	
Ans.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - human beings prone to fall into the trap of material benefits - riches, joys, shelter, food, clothing act as cheese and pork to attract anyone into a rattrap - need for companionship and community - human tendency to redeem oneself from dishonest ways 	5 marks

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - man is inherently good by nature - essential goodness in a human being can be awakened through love, respect, kindness and understanding (any three) (any other relevant point)	
	OR	
(B)	In what context does Douglas remember Roosevelt's statement, "All we have to fear is fear itself" ? Give a reasoned answer.	
Ans.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Douglas at last gets rid of his fear of water - remembers the words said by Roosevelt - experienced both the sensation of dying and terror - strong will, determination, courage and honest labour win over all fears - courage and optimism help to survive in period of stress (any three) (any other relevant point)	5 marks
Q.13	Attempt the following question in 120 – 150 words :	5 Marks
	Content – 2.5 marks Expression – 2.5 marks	
(A)	Jack was a caring, yet impatient father. Comment on the statement with reference to the lesson, 'Should Wizard Hit Mommy?'.	
Ans.	Caring: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Jack as a father was caring and loving / had been telling Jo stories for about two years/ created stories, which Jo could relate to and enjoy/ wanted to inculcate moral values through his stories Impatient: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - his impatience came across in his dealing with his daughter/ got irritated with the intelligent and inquisitive queries raised by Jo/ did not show any patience to understand Jo's point of view/ could not reason out with his daughter for her version of the end of the story/ was tired and wanted to go down stairs to help his pregnant wife (any two) (any other relevant point)	5 marks
	OR	

(B)	How did the servants react when Sadao and Hana brought the enemy soldier to their house ?	
Ans.	<ul style="list-style-type: none">- they refused to co-operate- Yumi refused to touch the white man- old gardener felt that if they saved the soldier, the sea would take the revenge- wanted Sadao to hand over the soldier to the police- feared that the presence of the Prisoner of War endangered their lives- accused Dr.Sadao of having a soft corner for the American as they had lived in America- cook believed that Dr.Sadao was proud of his skills as a doctor and would save just anybody- deserted the couple in spite of their long association with them (any four) (any other relevant point)	5 marks