

ENGLISH CORE
Marking Scheme and Hints to Solutions

Note:

1. The marking scheme provides suggested value points and not the complete answers.
2. Any other relevant answer not given herein but given by the candidate be also suitably rewarded.

Q.No.	Value Points/Key	Marks allotted to each value point/Key point	Total Marks
	SECTION-A (READING SKILLS) (26 MARKS)		
I.	<p>A. i. d) The red fox, shies away from its daytime activity, often exhibiting increased nocturnal activity.</p> <p>ii. c) Kindness, compassion and basic respect for the natural world.</p> <p>iii. a) They continue to be used for labour in the timber and the travel and tourism industries.</p> <p>iv. a) Both A and R are true and R is the correct explanation of A.</p> <p>v. b) Subjecting animals to cruel training practices for entertainment business.</p>	<p>1</p> <p>1</p> <p>1</p> <p>1</p> <p>1</p>	5
	<p>B. vi. It enforced a ban on using wild and protected animals-bears, monkeys, panthers, lions, and tigers-for entertainment, such as in circuses.</p> <p>vii. Any service derived from such animals is made possible only through training practices grounded in deep cruelty/ Their muzzles are pierced with hot iron rods and threaded with thick ropes that, when tugged, make the animals jump and prance in pain. (Any one)</p> <p>viii. Reaching out to tourists and raising awareness of the suffering underpinning their holiday fun/Promoting sustainable travel through a community-partnership model.</p> <p>ix. Extended periods of isolation from their peers and societies coupled with cruel training practices can induce post-traumatic stress syndrome (PTSS) in wild elephants similar to humans like abnormal startle responses, depression, unpredictable social behaviour and aggression.</p> <p>x. divertissement</p>	<p>1</p> <p>1</p> <p>1</p> <p>1</p> <p>1</p>	5
II.	<p>A. i. c. hike in coffee prices</p> <p>ii. a. endure the gloom</p> <p>iii. b. Karnataka, Kerala, Tamil Nadu, Non-Traditional Areas, The Northeast</p> <p>iv. c. A is true but R is false.</p>	<p>1</p> <p>1</p> <p>1</p> <p>1</p>	4
	<p>B. v. India is the world's fifth largest exporter of coffee, with exports of \$1.28 billion in 2023- 24.</p> <p>vi. Cost of inputs and labour</p> <p>vii. To increase productivity</p> <p>viii. aficionado</p>	<p>1</p> <p>1</p> <p>1</p> <p>1</p>	4
	<p>(A) Note Making Title- Soulful Steps/ Groove to Heal/ Dance and Wellness (Any other suitable title)</p>	<p>1</p>	5

	Numbering and indenting	1	
	Key/glossary	1	
III.	Notes/Content	2	
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Advantages of dancing <ul style="list-style-type: none"> o boosts health o manages symptoms of <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ neurocognitive ▪ movement disorders - Therapeutic effects of dancing <ul style="list-style-type: none"> o <u>Park.</u> Disease o MS o Alzheimer o Dementia & brain injury - Weekly dance training helps <ul style="list-style-type: none"> o regain balance & coordination o flexibility o creativity & memory <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ improves <u>Park.</u> - Dance v/s brisk walk/aerobic exercises <ul style="list-style-type: none"> o Dance requires <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Intricate mental multitasking ▪ <u>engt</u> of various parts of brain o strengthens & improves <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ <u>NC</u> ▪ Mobility - <u>+ve</u> effects of dancing <ul style="list-style-type: none"> o Improves real world behaviour <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Acceptance of their bodies ▪ Able to combat loneliness o Ultimate aim <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Happiness of <u>ppl.</u> ▪ Involvement in comm. 		
	Key to Abbreviations:	1	
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Parkinson – Park. - Neural connections – NC - Engagement – Engt - Community – Comm. - People – Ppl. 		
	(B) Summary:		3
	The summary should include all the important points given in the notes.		
	Content	2	
	Expression	1	

<p>A. Format: The format should include: Box, Heading/s, details of issuing authority</p> <p>Content Expression Value points:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Relevant anti - bullying slogan - Physical and psychological impacts of bullying - Steps to combat the issue - Illustration - Issuing authority - Any other relevant detail 	<p>1 1 1</p>	
OR		
<p>B. Format: The format should include: Box, Heading/s, details of issuing authority</p> <p>Content Expression Value points:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Relevant slogan highlighting benefits of Yoga - Health benefits (physical & mental/psychological) - Illustration - Issuing authority - Any other relevant detail 	<p>1 1 1</p>	
<p>iii) Speech</p>		5
<p>A. Format- salutation, introduction of self and topic</p> <p>Content Expression</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Grammatical accuracy, appropriate words, spellings - Coherence and relevance of ideas and style. <p>Value points:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Rising geopolitical tensions causing havoc - Wars lead to human suffering, displacement, economic loss. - Need for successful peace building initiatives - Collective action needed - international cooperation, diplomacy, education, cultural exchange - Need for disarmament and arms control - Any other relevant point 	<p>1 2 2</p>	
<p>B. Format- salutation, introduction of self and topic</p> <p>Content Expression</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Grammatical accuracy, appropriate words, spellings - Coherence and relevance of ideas and style. <p>Value points:</p>	<p>1 2 2</p>	

<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Fossil fuels are the largest contributors to global climate change. - Current energy crisis has a great impact on the environment. - Urgent need to end our reliance on fossil fuels and invest in alternative sources of energy that are clean, accessible, affordable, sustainable and reliable. - Renewable energy sources (solar, wind, hydro) to be explored. - Collective action - policy changes, community initiatives - Any other relevant point 		
iv) Debate		5
A. Format- salutation, specification whether in favour or against, introduction of self and topic	1	
Content	2	
Expression <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Grammatical accuracy, appropriate words, spellings - Coherence and relevance of ideas and style. 	2	
Value points:		
Favour-		
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Space exploration is costly, harsh and perilous. - It gives us no direct benefit. - Billions spent on running space stations can be used in the development of civilizations. - Rather than exploring life on other planets, it would be better to make efforts to improve life on Earth. - Any other relevant point 		
Against-		
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Scientific knowledge has value beyond the measurements of cost. - Satellites and other space advancements have greatly benefited human life. - Man must cater to his curiosity for constant development. - It is important to know who we are and where we are in terms of the universe. - Any other relevant point 		
OR		
B. Format- salutation, specification whether in favour or against, introduction of self and topic	1	
Content	2	
Expression <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Grammatical accuracy, appropriate words, spellings - Coherence and relevance of ideas and style. 	2	

	<p>Value points:</p> <p>FAVOUR</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Excellent academic performance enhances the student learning landscape. - It opens up gateways to various opportunities in numerous sectors and organisations with good pay scales. - Scoring well in an examination can help students get into desired college or university. - Good academic performance boosts self-esteem and confidence in students. - Students get to develop important life skills such as leadership, time management, effective communication, logical thinking, problem-solving, and many more. - Any other relevant point <p>AGAINST</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Every person has a different vision of success in life. - Along with academics, co-curricular knowledge and extra skills are required. - Success not only depends on student's calibre and potential but also determination. - Several celebrities have a successful career without a sound academic background. - One's attitude and willingness bring success in life. - Any other relevant point <p style="text-align: center;">SECTION C (LITERATURE) (31 Marks)</p> <p>VI. Reference to the Context</p> <p>(i)</p> <p>A. i. b. Allusion 1</p> <p>ii. The speaker wishes for the prodigal to return to his father's house to reconnect with his roots and find forgiveness and acceptance, rather than venturing into the unknown and creating his own world 1</p> <p>iii. Void/indifference in relationship/lack of communication 1</p> <p style="text-align: center;">OR</p> <p>B. i. c. Personification 1</p> <p>ii. The act of cleansing and enhancing the origin 1</p> <p>iii. Just as rain originates from clouds, falls to the earth, and eventually returns to the atmosphere in a cycle, the song originates from its birthplace, fulfills its purpose by wandering, and then returns to its origin with love in the form of appreciation, completing its cyclic journey. 1</p> <p>(ii)</p> <p>A. i. b) It highlights the chaotic and dire condition of the ship 1</p> <p>ii. c) The ship's structure was severely damaged and taking on water 1</p> <p>iii. a) Steering the ship to avert further damage 1</p> <p style="text-align: center;">OR</p>		<p style="text-align: center;">3</p> <p style="text-align: center;">3</p>
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	<p>B. i. b) The table appeared strange and out of place ii. c) The town had a laid-back and leisurely pace iii. b) Basic and unpretentious</p> <p>(iii) A. i. c) Distressing ii. The speaker recalls a burn mark on the edge of the table-cloth. This detail is significant as it symbolises an unresolved past or a lingering memory. iii. a) Both A and R are true and R is the correct explanation of A. iv. oppressed</p> <p style="text-align: center;">OR</p> <p>B. i. The extract suggests that the family relationship dynamics are strained and involve a lack of effective communication and mutual respect. ii. (a) Both A and R are true and R is the correct explanation of A iii. (b) Straightforward iv. Mrs. Pearson refers to the truth that Cyril's father's frequent visits to the club make him a laughing stock.</p>	<p>1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1</p>	<p>4</p>
VII.	<p>Answer the following questions in about 40-50 words each:</p> <p>a)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - laburnum tree initially silent and still - represents/symbolises dormancy. - arrival of the goldfinch brings energy and transformation - tree transforms into a lively and dynamic entity - theme of renewal and cyclical nature of life emphasized. - (Any two relevant points) <p style="text-align: center;">OR</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - complexity and ambiguity of adult life compared to the simplicity of childhood. - hypocrisy/pretentiousness of adults observed by the child - realization of moral ambiguities - (Any two relevant points) <p>b)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - discovered King Tut's tomb in 1922- significant archaeological finding - meticulous documentation and examination of tomb's contents - provided invaluable information about ancient Egyptian burial practices and artifacts - (Any two relevant points) <p style="text-align: center;">OR</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - notices significant historical differences 	<p>Content-2 Expression- 1</p> <p>Content-2 Expression- 1</p> <p>Content-2 Expression- 1</p> <p>Content-2</p>	<p>2x3=6</p> <p>3</p> <p>3</p> <p>3</p>

VIII.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - experience in Jijamata Express - carriages carried letters GBMR/Union Jack - imposing building of East India House Headquarters - prominent British banks and stores on Hornby Road - (Any two relevant points) <p>Answer the following questions in about 40-50 words each:</p> <p>a)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Aram feels both excitement and fear - struggles between the temptation to ride the horse and the disbelief that Mourad could have stolen it. - internal conflict underscores the Garoghlanian family's deep-seated values of honesty and integrity - 11 centuries reputation of being honest and trustworthy - finds it hard to reconcile with the situation. - (Any two relevant points) <p style="text-align: center;">OR</p> <p>b)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - shocked to see his wife smoking and drinking - admits he doesn't like changes/surprises - unhappy that his tea wasn't prepared which he didn't even want - hurt by the revelation that his friends at the club mock him behind his back - appears to be a pompous and chauvinistic man - (Any two relevant points) 	Expression- 1	1x3=3
IX.	<p>Answer the following question in about 120-150 words:</p> <p>a)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - gracefully adapts to the changes in her life - shifted from the village to the city - accepted the changes without complaints - started feeding sparrows - dealt with the seclusion- when grandson shifted abroad - unwavering faith and daily routine, reflects her strength - maintained her dignity and found solace in her spirituality. - (Any three relevant points) <p style="text-align: center;">OR</p> <p>b)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Visual connection: The photograph provides a visual link to the past, allowing the poet to connect with her mother who is no longer alive. - Memory trigger: The photograph triggers memories of the past, allowing the poet to recall moments and emotions associated with her mother. - Emotional connection: It evokes emotions and 	Content-2 Expression- 1	3
		Content-2 Expression- 1	3
		Content-3 Expression- 3	1x6=6
		Content-3 Expression- 3	6
		Content-3 Expression- 3	6

<p>X.</p>	<p>sentiments, creating a sense of continuity between past and present.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Nostalgia: It evokes nostalgia, a bitter-sweet longing for the past, which bridges the gap between then and now. - (Any three relevant points) <p>Answer the following question in about 120-150 words:</p> <p>a)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - demand justice for the accident caused by the archway, prompting a series of absurd legal proceedings. - passive acceptance of the king's arbitrary rulings, even leading to his own execution, shows their reliance on authority. - compliance is highlighted when they agree to crown a melon as their new ruler, fulfilling the king's decree. - decision reflects their desire for peace over rational governance (Laissez Faire) - satirical representation of passive citizenship and the absurdity of blindly following orders without critical thought. - (Any three relevant points) <p style="text-align: center;">OR</p> <p>b)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Initially, the Morgans were anxious and desperate - unwavering efforts and calm reassurances foster a deeper trust. - specific events such as tireless attempts at resuscitating the baby and his empathetic support for Susan Morgan, illustrate the development of emotional bonds - professionalism and composure under intense pressure strengthened the Morgan family's confidence in his abilities. - baby came to life solidifying trust and gratitude - critical role of empathy, dedication, and competence - (Any three relevant points) 	<p>Content-3 Expression- 3</p> <p>Content-3 Expression- 3</p>	<p>1x6=6</p> <p>6</p> <p>6</p>
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