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Marking Scheme

Class: XII
M. M.: 80
Hrs.

Subject: English Core
Time: 03

SECTION A- Reading Skills (22 Marks)

- Q.1.
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| i. c) Simile | 1M |
| ii. a) Three 10000 lire notes | 1M |
| iii. a) The narrator was wearing a new tailor's jacket. | 1M |
| iv. Daily/newspaper | 1M |
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v. a) The amount he got matched with the amount of the robbery. |
1M |
| vi. b). He hid it in an old trunk. | 1M |
| vii. He examined the note against the light and compared it with others, showing a careful, analytical approach to unexpected situations. | 2M |
| viii. anxious/ unsure/ scared of being caught in a sticky situation/ nervous about losing the fortune as suddenly as he had gained it | 1M |
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ix. The unsuspecting newcomer was embroiled in a rush of class politics involving the choice of the class representative. |
1 M |
| x. to double check if the currency note was actually there ,to find out that it was not his hallucination/daydream, due to an unexplainable instinctive urge, likely triggered by the shock and mystery of the first unexpected banknote, suggesting something unusual or magical was occurring beyond his understanding. | 2M |
- Q.2.
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| i. False | 1M |
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ii. The industry referred to is the Antarctic tourism industry, specifically nature-based tourism operators. These operators provide cruises and expedition activities, and the passage examines their role in influencing tourists' knowledge, environmental behaviour, and attitudes towards Antarctic conservation. |
2M |
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iii. d) assess |
1M |
| iv. b) Both (1) and (2) are true, but (2) is not the correct explanation of (1). | 1M |
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v. will help in future trips to the natural world |
1M |
| vi. Table 1 shows that tourists' environmental behaviour improved from 60.5 before the trip to 70.8 after visiting Antarctica but dropped to 63.7 after three months, indicating short-term positive change with limited long-term behavioural retention. | 2M |
| vii. a) Most visitors follow guidelines, but many still approach wildlife too closely. | 1M |

viii. c) Attitude towards Management of Antarctic

1M

SECTION B- Creative Writing Skills (18 Marks)

Q. 3. Distribution of Marks:

Format-1 Content-2 Accuracy of Spelling and Grammar-1

VALUE POINTS:

NOTICE

- i. – Mentioning the event 4M
- Details of date, time, venue
- Objective
- Asking for participation / entries
- Line with reference to the undersigned
(inputs given in the question to be included)

OR

- ii. – Mentioning the event 4M
- Details of date, time, venue
- Objective(s)
- Asking for participation / entries
- Line with reference to the undersigned
(inputs given in the question to be included)

Q. 4. Distribution of Marks:

Format-1 Content-2 Accuracy of Spelling and Grammar-1

VALUE POINTS:

- i. **(a) Formal Invitation** 4M
- card form
- health experts
- invitees
- mention date, day, venue
- what, where, who and when
- (to be written in third person)**
- (inputs given in the question to be included)**
- (any other relevant point)

OR

ii. **FORMAL REPLY(REFUSAL)**

- letter type 4M
- Sender's address
- Date
- Receiver's address
- Salutation
- Greetings and Thanks
- Event, date, time, venue

- Regret and reason
 - Complimentary close
- (inputs given in the question to be included)**

Q. 5. Distribution of Marks:

Format-1 Organisation of Ideas-1
Content-2 Accuracy of Spelling and Grammar-1

VALUE POINTS:

5M

i. JOB APPLICATION

Cover Letter :

- reference to the advertisement
- suitability for the post
- offer of candidature

Bio-data / Resume / CV:

- personal details
- qualifications
- experience
- skills / hobbies / achievements
- references

NOTE:

No marks to be deducted if the Resume/CV/Bio-data is included in the cover letter.
 (inputs given in the question to be included)

OR

ii. LETTER TO EDITOR

5M

Expressing concern

- insensitive and irresponsible attitude of builders
- construction debris dumped on roadside
- claiming footpaths and creating garbage dumps
- endangering health of people

Suggestions

- strict action by local government body/ civic authorities
- penalties on builders

(Inputs given in the question to be included)
(any other relevant point)

Q. 6. Distribution of Marks:

Format-1 Organisation of Ideas-1
Content-2 Accuracy of Spelling and Grammar-1

VALUE POINTS

i. ARTICLE

5M

Title- Significance of Community Service in Fostering a Better Society / (any other suitable title)

- Voluntary activities contributing to society
- Builds empathy and compassion-awareness of social inequalities, challenges others face.
- Bring people together from diverse backgrounds to encourage mutual support
- Encourage involvement in public initiatives.

- Build character and integrity through teamwork, leadership and effective communication.
 - Every small act counts, community service a step towards social transformation.
- (Inputs given in the question to be included)**
(any other relevant point)

OR

- ii. REPORT 5M
- Title- Flood-hit Assam / (any other suitable title)
- what, where, when , how
 - evacuation/relocation of people from submerged locations to safer areas
 - efforts for rescue & relief-sending specialized teams for rescue/use of boats and helicopters for search, rescue & distributing food/ setting up of temporary shelters
- (inputs given in the question to be included)**
(any other relevant point)

SECTION C- Literature Textbook and Supplementary Reading Text (40 Marks)

- Q. 7. (6x1=6M)
- (My Mother at Sixty-Six)**
- i. d) Fearful and apprehensive 1M
 - ii. "Pale as a late winter's moon" 1M
 - iii. b) sensitivity 1M
 - iv. False 1M
 - v. b) She has experienced this recurring ache since her childhood 1M
 - vi. Poet's desperate efforts to hide her fears 1M

OR

B.

(A Roadside Stand)

- i. The requisite lift of spirit has never been found. 1M
- ii. disappointment/hopelessness/complaint/criticism 1M
- iii. a) the general mood and feelings of people living in the countryside. 1M
- iv. d) sympathy 1M
- v. False 1M

vi. d) 1, 4, 6 1M

Q. 8. (4x1=4M)

A. **(On The Face Of It)**

i. a) 1, 2, 5 1M

ii. c) he has the ability to reflect on and appreciate nature. 1M

iii. True 1M

iv. I like the light and the darkness..... 1M

OR

B. **(The Enemy)**

i. d) The General might need an operation 1M

ii. The General's ill-health/to perform a necessary operation him 1M

iii. c) 3, 4, 5 1M

iv. True 1M

Q. 9. (6x1=6M)

A. **(LOST SPRING)**

i. they help their parents in earning a livelihood / money **(any one)** 1M

ii. c) it has become a highly skillful activity. 1M

iii. False 1M

iv. essential means of living / it is their daily bread / only option to live / roof over their heads / means of survival **(any one)** 1M

v. something precious / full of mystery/full of wonder/a surprise **(any one)** 1M

vi. b) Rag-picking - Different Perspectives 1M

OR

B. **(POETS & PANCAKES)**

i. Western 1M

ii. a) they were influenced by Gandhi's ideals 1M

- iii. False 1M
- iv. -they were poets and writers/creative/imaginative **(any 1)** 1M
- v. b) The Story Department, of which he was a part, was discontinued. 1M
- vi. c) She applied a thick layer of pancake for the stage performance. 1M

Q. 10. Distribution of marks: Content-1 Expression-1

VALUE POINTS

- i. - extreme fear of enslaved people of Alsace / Franz's perception of war and occupation
 - authoritative and oppressive tone of German Government
 - sarcasm and resistance, as nature (pigeons) cannot be enslaved.
 (any other relevant point) **(any one)** 2M

- ii. YMCA – nearly drowned in the pool/ severely traumatized/ deep-seated terror of being in water. **(any one)**
 Warm lake – swam across to the shore and back without a trace of fear/had overcome his fear of water and gained courage and control. **(any one)** 2M

- iii. - had stolen thirty kronor and feared being caught.
 - to go up to the manor house would be like throwing himself voluntarily into the lion's den
 - only wanted a chance to sleep in the forge and sneak away quietly **(any one)** 2M

- iv. He had written all his research papers and essays in a narrative style. His extensive academic work and deep knowledge of literature prepared him to weave complex stories when he became a novelist later. 2M

- v. Sophie was impractical & had unrealistic dreams/ both earmarked for biscuit factory/ both belonged to the lower middle class-opening a boutique was out of their reach
(any one) 2M

- vi. to express her suppressed desires for freedom, fearlessness, certainty/found a means of living an alternate life denied to her/ expression of hidden desires through art
(any one) 2M

Q. 11. Distribution of marks: Content-1 Expression-1

VALUE POINTS:

- i. -the clerk at the booking counter felt Charley was trying to trick him with fake currency.
 -Charley did not want to land in prison on account of showing the currency of his times in the 1890s. **(any one)** 2M

- ii. Irresponsible, whimsical, corrupt, selfish, biased. **(any two)** 2M

- iii.- climbing down the gangplank and walking on the frozen ocean
 - walking on stark whiteness that spread out forever
 - 180 meters of living, breathing salt water underneath them

- watching Crabeater seals stretching and sunning themselves on ice
(any one) 2M

Q. 12. Distribution of marks: Content-3 Expression-2

VALUE POINTS:

i. **A Thing of Beauty** 5M

- nature gives comfort to man
- heals man
- soothes emotional, physical and mental well being of man
- gives strength to man to face day to day struggles

Keeping Quiet

man should pause and think, do introspection

- stop degradation of environment
- should learn from mother earth to imbibe the strength of revival and rejuvenation
- so important to preserve nature

Suggestions:

- plant more trees
- stop deforestation

(any other relevant point)

(any three)

OR

ii. **Approaches to Challenges:** 5M

Peddler

- self-centered and opportunistic
- poverty and desperation lead him to steal
- robs the crofter

Rajkumar

- faces his struggles with determination and perseverance
- follows Gandhi till he agrees to come to Champaran

Character Reflection and Social context

Peddler –

- distrust of others, moral weakness
- alienated from society
- encounter with Edla transforms him.
- returns crofter's money
- shifts from selfish to more honorable approach to life.

Rajkumar

- strong will , courage, sense of justice
- works to bring change for his community
- commitment not just to his own cause but to welfare of his fellow farmers.

(any three)

(any other relevant point)

Q. 13. Distribution of marks: Content-3 Expression-2

VALUE POINTS:

i. **Tiger King was brought up by an English nanny, tutored in English** 5M

Pros

- kindled scientific temperament
- developed progressive mindset
- provided better exposure

Cons

- western influence takes away language / culture / identity
- no sense of belongingness/patriotism/love for the roots
- materialistic life /discontentment
- fast food culture
- shift from joint family to nuclear family

(any three)

(any other relevant point)

OR

ii. -both Bama and Zitkala-Sa were sensitive and observant

5M

- though they belong to different cultures, both suffered from indignities
- both used education to improve their prospects, lives
- were not ready to bow down to atrocities / rebelled in their own unique manner
- they both shared their life stories in autobiographies using pen names
- showed strength in the face of social challenges

(any three)

(any other relevant point)
