

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)		
1.	<p>A. i. b) For every day that he would work, Gheesu would take it easy for three.</p> <p>ii. b) lackadaisical attitude of Madho and Gheesu towards life</p> <p>iii. (c) sarcastic</p> <p>iv. c) A is true but R is false.</p> <p>v. c) <i>secretly</i>.</p> <p>B. vi. Gheesu and Madho seem to have the natural disposition of sadhus and appear to pay no attention to material possessions or social norms, much like sadhus. However, it is not out of spiritual discipline or higher purposes. Instead, they do so out of laziness, negligence and avoidance of work.</p> <p>vii. Madho's wife tried to civilize them in some way but to no avail. As she arranged for their food and basic needs, they became lazier and more indolent.</p> <p>viii. (any one)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - There was no dearth of work as it was a farming village, but because of their careless and lethargic attitude, no one would hire them. - They intentionally led an indolent lifestyle and worked only when forced upon by dire circumstances. - As long as money lasted or there was food in the house, they would wander about without a care in the world. - Any other relevant point from the passage <p>ix. (any one)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - They had mastered renunciation and ascetic indifference in terms of brazenness. - They were insolvent beneath numerous debts. - Everyone slighted them, but they didn't care. People lent them money, knowing they would never be repaid. - Any other relevant point from the passage <p>x. dearth</p> <p>A.</p> <p>i. b. battery-related challenges</p> <p>ii. d. gathering steam</p> <p>iii. c. paid public parking</p> <p>iv. c. A is true but R is false.</p> <p>B.</p> <p>v. the rising number of vehicles has led to a dramatic increase in air pollution levels in urban environments.</p> <p>vi. EVs fed by a natural gas power plant show a WTW efficiency ranging from 13% to 31%, and EVs fed by renewable energy show an efficiency up to 70%. The overall well to wheel (WTW) efficiency of gasoline</p>	<p>1 mark each X 5</p> <p>1 mark each X 5</p> <p>1 mark each X 4</p> <p>1 mark each X 4</p>	<p>5</p> <p>5</p> <p>4</p> <p>4</p>

3.	<p>vehicles ranges from 11% to 27%, whereas diesel vehicles range from 25% to 37%.</p> <p>vii. improved battery technologies to increase driving range and decrease in charging time, weight and cost</p> <p>viii. Inherent</p> <p>(A) Note Making</p> <p>Title- Chamomile- Star of Medicinal Plants</p> <p>(Any other suitable title)</p> <p>Numbering and indenting</p> <p>Key/glossary</p> <p>Notes/Content</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><u>Chamomile- Star of Medicinal Plants</u></p> <p>1. NOMENCLATURE AND ORIGIN</p> <p>1.1 Matricaria chamomilla L. or German chamomile</p> <p>1.2 origin - Greek words Chemos & Melos</p> <p>1.3 commercial trade name 'blue oil'</p> <p>1.4 Hindi - 'Babuna'</p> <p>2. CULTIVATION</p> <p>2.1 PLACES OF CULTIVATION</p> <p>2.1.1 well-known in ancient Egypt, Rome & Greece</p> <p>2.1.2 commercially cultivated in Brazil, Russia, Yugoslavia, France, Germany & Hungary</p> <p>2.1.3 grown in J&K, U.P., Punjab, and Maha.</p> <p>2.2 CONDITIONS OF CULTIVATION</p> <p>2.2.1 alkaline soil / loamy soil (pH range 9-9.2)</p> <p>2.2.2 Cold temp. (2°C-20°C) optimum: 10°C-20°C.</p> <p>3. USES</p> <p>3.1 Medicinal Uses:</p> <p>3.1.1 mild sedative for digestion</p> <p>3.1.2 baby massage oils</p> <p>3.1.3 treats colds and coughs</p> <p>3.1.4 treat haemorrhoids, inflammation of mouth, eyes, throat</p> <p>3.2 Cosmetic Uses:</p> <p>3.2.1 for skin dryness, irritation & acne</p> <p>3.2.2 brightens & hydrates skin</p> <p>3.2.3 facial creams & haircare serums</p> <p>3.3 Food Industry:</p> <p>3.3.1 flavoring agent in herbal teas, baked F & B</p> <p>3.3.2 decorative garnish in candies & jams</p> <p>4. INCREASING DEMAND</p> <p>4.1 demand steadily ↑</p> <p>4.2 cultivation emphasized</p> <p>Key to Abbreviations: (4-5)</p> <p>U.P. - Uttar Pradesh (Indian state)</p> <p>J&K - Jammu & Kashmir (Indian state)</p> <p>Temp. - temperature</p> <p>F & B – Food and beverages</p> <p>↑ - increasing</p> <p>(B) Summary:</p>	<p>2</p> <p>1</p> <p>1</p> <p>1</p>	5
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	<p>The summary should include all the important points given in the notes.</p> <p>Content Expression</p> <p>2 1</p> <p>3</p>	
	<p>SECTION – B (GRAMMAR & CREATIVE WRITING SKILLS)</p>	
4.	<p>A. Fill in the blanks using the correct form of the verbs given in the brackets. (Attempt any two)</p> <p>i. would have passed ii. would call iii. completes</p> <p>1 mark each X 2</p> <p>2</p>	
	<p>B. Complete the sentences using suitable clauses- (Attempt any two)</p> <p>i)it stops raining (or any other relevant adverbial clause of condition, simple present tense) Any other relevant answer ii) What I saw..... (noun clause, starting with what/whatever etc.) Any other relevant answer to be considered</p> <p>1 mark each X 2</p> <p>2</p>	
5.	<p>Transform the following sentences as per the instructions given below:</p> <p>i. She asked her mother if her mother would clean her room the next day, as she would be late. ii. He was ill but he went to school. iii. Despite being tired, she continued working. ('of' is not used with despite)</p> <p>1 mark each X 3</p> <p>3</p>	
6.	<p>Advertisement (Classified) – any one</p> <p>A. Format: The format should include: Box, Heading, Contact details Content Expression Value Points:</p> <p>1 1 1</p> <p>3</p> <p>Heading - SITUATION VACANT</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • required suitable candidate • for post of school estate manager • criteria- age, gender, qualification, experience • salary package • other requirements (if any) • contact details – name, telephone no., address • Any other relevant details <p>OR</p> <p>B. Format: The format should include: Box, Heading, Contact details Content Expression Value Points:</p> <p>Heading - KENNEL AND LIVESTOCK</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • description of the pet- breed, colour, age, any identification mark (what & how) • location (where) • date (when) 	

7.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • any other relevant details • contact details – name, telephone no., address <p>Poster – any one</p> <p>A. Format: The format should include: Box, Heading/s, details of issuing authority</p> <p>Content</p> <p>Expression</p> <p>Value points:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Relevant slogans to encourage health and fitness, Vikasit Bharat • Details of exhibition- date, venue, time • Issuing authority • Any other relevant details <p style="text-align: center;">OR</p> <p>B. Format: The format should include: Box, Heading/s, details of issuing authority</p> <p>Content</p> <p>Expression</p> <p>Value points:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Relevant slogans to encourage inclusivity and acceptance • Content supporting the theme • Details of the participant • Any other relevant details <p>Speech – any one</p> <p>A. Format- salutation, self-introduction and statement of topic</p> <p>Content</p> <p>Expression</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Grammatical accuracy, appropriate words, spellings - Coherence & Cohesion - relevance of ideas and style, use of linkers. <p>Value points:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Impact of excessive screen time- stress, anxiety, loneliness - Benefits of digital detox- improved mental health, better sleep, increased focus, stronger relationships - Ways for digital detox- set boundaries, reduce screen time, turn off notifications, engage in offline hobbies, seek support, practise mindfulness - Any other relevant details <p style="text-align: center;">OR</p> <p>B. Format- salutation, introduction of self and topic</p> <p>Content</p> <p>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>Benefits for youth</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Fosters sense of civic responsibility - Enhances leadership skills - Develops life skills, build character - Inspiration for others <p>Impact on community</p>	<p>1</p> <p>1</p> <p>1</p>	<p>3</p>
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9.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Positive change - Strengthens community - Helps bridging generational divides - Addresses societal issues - Any other relevant details <p>Debate – any one</p> <p>A. Format- salutation, specification whether in favour or against, introduction of self and topic</p> <p>Content</p> <p>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>Favour-</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Contributes to pollution, deforestation - Increases waste in landfills - Low quality material, short life span - Inputs from the question - Any other relevant point <p>Against-</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Budget-friendly prices - Provides wide range of choices - Reduces unemployment - Inputs from the question - Any other relevant point <p style="text-align: center;">OR</p> <p>B. Format- salutation, specification whether in favour or against, introduction of self and topic</p> <p>Content</p> <p>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>FAVOUR</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Saves time - Receive test results and prescriptions without hassle - Helps monitor older adults at home - Cost effective - Inputs from the question - Any other relevant point <p>AGAINST</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Difficult in remote areas - Security of personal data- a concern - May lead to inaccurate diagnosis - Inputs from the question - Any other relevant point 	<p>1</p> <p>2</p> <p>2</p>	5
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SECTION C (LITERATURE) (31 Marks)			
10	<p>Reference to the Context</p> <p>A.</p> <p>i. b. desolate to elated</p> <p>ii. September/leaves yellowing/all its seeds fallen</p> <p>iii. d. alliteration</p> <p style="text-align: center;">OR</p> <p>B.</p> <p>i. c) strained</p> <p>ii. a) go back to his old memories when the child was young young</p> <p>iii. living in the same house but there is no communication between them</p> <p>Reference to the Context</p> <p>A.</p> <p>i. b) a metaphor for her own death and spiritual release</p> <p>ii. (d) spruce</p> <p>iii. d) had forgotten</p> <p style="text-align: center;">OR</p> <p>B</p> <p>i (d) animals moving playfully in the plains</p> <p>ii. void</p> <p>iii. (d) It reflects a tone of indifference and detachment.</p> <p>Reference to the Context</p> <p>A.</p> <p>i. (b) She wanted to give herself time to gather courage.</p> <p>ii. (b) grief and detachment</p> <p>iii. (b) The post war recovery had started.</p> <p>iv. (a) It shows that the economy was improving.</p> <p style="text-align: center;">OR</p> <p>B.</p> <p>i. (b) Mourad</p> <p>ii. (b) Some members had an eccentric nature.</p> <p>iii. (d) He reacts aggressively.</p> <p>iv. (b) Honour Vs guilt</p> <p>Answer the following questions in about 40-50 words each:</p> <p>a) any one</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - embodying qualities of nurturing and protection - care and vigilance in feeding her young ones - portrayed as a symbol of satisfaction and return to her role of protector - (Any two relevant points) <p style="text-align: center;">OR</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Identifies itself with the poem of the Earth. - It rises from land and sea, transforms into clouds - returns to Earth to nourish life-cyclical journey. 	<p>1 mark each X 3</p> <p>1 mark each X 3</p> <p>1 mark each X 4</p> <p>Content-2 Expression- 1</p>	<p>3</p> <p>3</p> <p>4</p> <p>2x3=6</p> <p>3</p>

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - (Any two relevant points) <p>b) any one</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Grandmother follows traditional practices like prayer - village schooling - shows inner strength by accepting change - silently, maintaining dignity in old age and facing death without fear or complaint. - (Any two relevant points) <p style="text-align: center;">OR</p> <p>King's Tut death a mystery</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Died at a young age with no clear evidence of how he died - His body was found broken and theories included murder, illness or accident. - Absence of records and damage to his burial made the mystery deeper - (Any two relevant points) 	Content-2 Expression- 1	3
14.	<p>Answer the following questions in about 40-50 words each:</p> <p>a) -The war strained relationships.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Ms. Dorling's opportunism and the narrator's sense of betrayal show how war can erode trust and human values. - (Any two relevant points) <p style="text-align: center;">OR</p> <p>b) - Yes, humour acts as a powerful tool for social change.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Humour lowers resistance to criticism, making the audience reflect without feeling attacked. - (Any two relevant points) <p>Answer the following question in about 120-150 words:</p>	Content-2 Expression- 1	1x3=3 3
15.	<p>a) Journey to Mount Kailash</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Filled with harsh physical challenges-extreme altitude, rough terrain and illness. - Mt. Kailash a holy place- as they travel, pray and feel closer to God. -- The peaceful mountains help them feel calm and understand themselves better. - (Any three relevant points) <p style="text-align: center;">OR</p> <p>b) In Adventure, Jayant Narlikar masterfully blends science and fiction through the character of professor, a historian who accidentally slips into a parallel world.</p> <p>The story is based on Catastrophe and quantum physics which suggests - multiple possible realities. So, the story combines science with creativity. It uses a scientific theory to create an exciting and thoughtful tale about history and possibilities.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - (Any three relevant points) <p>Answer the following question in about 120-150 words:</p>	Content-3 Expression- 3	1x6=6 6
16.	<p>a) - Story is funny and strange, where King wants to be fair.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Everyone blames others. - In the end king himself is hanged-just to keep the idea of justice alive- which is unfair 	Content-3 Expression- 3	6 1x6=6

	<p>- people accept melon as their king just because they want peace. This shows how people sometimes accept foolish things just to avoid trouble.</p> <p>- The poet criticizes how power structures can be meaningless if people are passive or blindly obedient, revealing the hollowness behind ceremonial justice and symbolic leadership.</p> <p>- (Any three relevant points)</p> <p style="text-align: center;">OR</p> <p>b) - Initially disillusioned by his profession and personal life Dr. Andrew approaches the delivery mechanically.</p> <p>- the baby is stillborn.</p> <p>- his relentless efforts to revive the child, is driven not by duty but by desperation and compassion, marking a personal transformation.</p> <p>- Professionally, it cements his confidence in medicine as a noble, life-saving practice.</p> <p>- (Any three relevant points)</p>	Content-3 Expression- 3	6
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