

Kendriya Vidyalaya Sangathan, Lucknow Region

Marking Scheme

English Core (301)

Part A (40 marks)

READING (20 marks)

1. Attempt 10 of 11 (1x 10)
a-iv, b-iii, c-ii, d-iii, e-iv, f-ii, g-ii, h-iii, i-iv, j-ii, k-iii

2. Attempt 10 of 11 (1x 10)
a-iii, b-i, c-iii, d-ii, e-iii, f-iv, g-ii, h-ii, i-i, j-iii, k-iii,

LITERATURE (20 marks)

3. Attempt ANY TWO OF THREE (4+4=8 marks)
(A) 1-C, 2-C, 3-B, 4B
(B) 1-D, 2-C, 3-D, 4-B
(C) 1-C, 2-C, 3-D, 4-C

4. Attempt one of the two (1x 4 marks)
(A) 1-B, 2-B, 3-D, 4-C

- (B) 1-A, 2-D, 3-B, 4-B
5. Attempt ANY EIGHT of ten. (1x 8 marks)
a-A, b-B, c-D, d-D, e-A, f-D, g-C, h-A, i-C, j-D

Section B (40 marks)

WRITING (16 marks)

- 6. Notice/Advertisement: Format-1, Content-1, Expression-1 (3 marks)**
- 7. Invitation: Format-1, Content-1, Expression-1 (3 marks)**
- 8. Letter Writing: Format-1, Content-2, Expression-2 (5 marks)**
- 9. Article/ Report Writing: Format-1, Content-2, Expression-2 (5 marks)**

LITERATURE (24 marks)

- 10. Attempt ANY FIVE of six (5x2 marks = 10 marks)**
(2marks- 1 for content + 1 for expression)

i) The phrase, 'familiar ache' means a pain or fear that the poet has had at a point of time. It is the emotional pain the poet feels due to the realization that her mother was growing old and pale.

ii) The villagers had come there to thank M. Hamel for his forty years of faithful service. They also wanted to show their respect to the country that was theirs no more. They were sorry that they had not gone to school more. They were sitting quietly and looked sad.

iii) Firozabad had not changed with time because the years of mind- numbing toil had killed all initiative and the ability to dream for a change. The cry of not having money to do anything except carry on the business of bangle making and not having enough to eat rang out in every home.

iv) Stephen Spender wants the people in power to rescue slum dwellers from poverty and oppression. He wants that children should be given opportunities to explore the world with its gifts and bounties. He wants the children to acquire proper education and create their own history.

v) The drowning incident at the pool had many short and long-term consequences on Douglas. The short-term consequences such as weakness, trembling, sickness, haunting fear of water, etc. This humiliation gave birth to a strong desire to overcome his fear of water

vi) The poem conveys the message that a thing of beauty is a joy forever. It transcends time. It will never fade away. Beauty has the power to remove darkness and negativity and helps us survive when there is a 'dearth of noble nature' or when one is surrounded by evil.

11. Attempt any two of three

(2x2 marks = 4 marks)

(2marks- 1 for content+1 for expression)

i)

- ✓ In this quote, Mr. Lamb says this to Derry because he finds positivity, hope and a flicker of light in Derry's attitude towards nature. He enjoys in Mr. Lamb's garden and loves the rain. All these show that he still has some light left in his soul and has not completely given up on life.
- ✓ Derry is bitter about life and people. Has no faith in the goodness of people. So, when he says that he likes the sound of raindrops on the roof, Mr. Lamb comments that some humanness is still left.
- ✓ The fact that he is not completely lost into the negativity of his mind but is simply scattered and needs to be guided to the light is what Mr. Lamb talks about here.
- ✓ Any other relevant points.

(ii) Jo thought Roger Skunk was much better off with the new smell because of which he had been able to find so many friends and played with them happily. For her Roger Skunk's story should have ended on a happy note with his pleasant smell because of which he was accepted by the other creatures as their friend.

(iii) The chief concern of Dr. Sadao's father was Sadao's education for which he sent him to America when he (Sadao) was 22. He studied medical science and surgery. Proving himself true to his father's anticipation, Sadao established himself as a famous surgeon and scientist.

12. Attempt one of two from Flamingo

(5 marks- 3 for content + 2 for expression)

. Firozabad, the centre of India's glass-blowing industry, is famous for its bangles. Spirals of bangles of various colours can be seen lying in mounds in yards or piled on four wheeled push carts. These bangles have shining bright colours: sunny gold, paddy green, royal blue, pink, purple-in fact, every colour born out of the seven colours of the rainbow. The bangle makers lead a miserable life. They know no other work than bangle making. They have neither courage nor money to start another trade or job. They have spent generations in the clutches of middlemen and moneylenders. Extreme poverty forces them to remain hungry and yet work all day. The elderly woman, who works with Savita, has not enjoyed even one full meal in her entire lifetime. Her husband has made a house for the family to live in. He has achieved what many have failed in their lifetime. Mukesh's father has failed to renovate a house or send his two sons to school. Young boys are as tired as their fathers. Their work at hot furnaces makes them blind prematurely.

Or

M. Hamel is an experienced teacher who has been teaching in that village school for forty years. He imparts primary education in all subjects. He is a hard task master and students like Franz, who are not good learners, are in great dread of being scolded by him.

The latest order of the Prussian conquerors upsets him. He has to leave the place for ever and feels heart broken. He feels sad but exercises self- control. He has the courage to hear every lesson to the last.

His performance during the last lesson is exemplary. He is kind even to a late comer like Franz. He uses a solemn and gentle tone while addressing the students. He has a logical mind and can analyse problems and deduce the reasons responsible for it. The problem for Alsace is that he (the district) puts off learning till tomorrow.

He knows the emotional hold of a language over its users. He is a good communicator and explains everything patiently. Partings are painful and being human, M. Hamel too is no exception. He fails to say goodbye as his throat is choked. On the whole, he is a patriotic gentleman.

13. Attempt one of two from Vistas

(5 marks- 3 for content + 2 for expression)

- ✓ **Difference in view and opinion is due to age, environment and situations and one cannot be blamed for having a particular opinion. Jo wanted Roger Skunk to retain his sweet smell of roses in place of his original foul smell. Jo is a small child for whom everything in life is beautiful and happy. Also, for a child, his friends are an integral part of his life and Roger Skunk not having any friends could not be tolerated by Jo. Jack, the father, on the other hand was an experienced and mature adult who wished to teach life's harsh realities to his daughter. So, he insisted that Roger Skunk gets his foul smell back. Both were right in their own point of view and both were reacting according to their age.**
- ✓ **An adult's perspective on life is different from that of a child's because of the difference between their respective experiences and exposure to the world around them. An adult comes across all sorts of experiences—good or bad, pleasant or unpleasant, happy or sad, encouraging or discouraging. The child lives a sheltered life under the protection and love of his parents. In their rosy dream world of fairies and wizards, nothing good is impossible for their favourite characters. Their adoration of these characters is nothing short of hero-worship. The world of make-believe makes the children lovers of romance, beauty and all things pleasant in nature. These characters and their super feats, which appear so real in stories, may not be real at all in real life. The adults who are familiar with harsh realities of life know that all that glitters is not gold. Everything is not honey. They accept things critically— with a pinch of salt. Children usually lack this quality.**

Or

We can overcome the anxieties and insecurities bred by our inevitable existence in the modern world by getting involved in some practical and beneficial activities. Cultivating hobbies, spending time with family and friends, going on trips and excursions, pursuing meditation and exercises help us live a balanced and healthy life. Reading good books is equivalent to having good friends with great insight. They not only enrich us with the vast store of knowledge but also help us to learn from other's experiences and stay rooted in some basic qualities of humanity. Joining hobby classes or gym, attending social events like birthdays and weddings, going for outdoor games, interacting meaningfully through social-networking sites

and writing diaries, etc. can also help us relieve our worries and stay focussed and disciplined in life. Simple activities like listening to music, playing with pets, an occasional dinner out, watching cinema or plays or going to places like parks, etc. can go a long way in helping us get rid of stress, boredom, and insecurities.