

EXAMINATION SPECIFICATIONS

English Language and Literature

Code No. 184

CLASS-X

From the Academic Year 2013 - 14

Division of Syllabus for Term I (April-September)		Total Weightage Assigned
Summative Assessment I		30%
Section	Marks	
Reading	15	
Writing	15	
Grammar	15	
Literature	25	
Long Reading Text	10	
Listening and Speaking	10	
Formative Assessment		20%
TOTAL	90 marks	50%

Division of Syllabus for Term II (October -March)		Total Weightage Assigned
Summative Assessment II		30%
Section	Marks	
Reading	15	
Writing	15	
Grammar	15	
Literature	25	
Long Reading Text/Fiction/Drama	10	
Listening and Speaking	10	
Formative Assessment		20%
TOTAL	90 marks	50%

Note:

1. The total weightage assigned to Summative Assessment (SAI & II) is 60%. The total weightage assigned to Formative Assessment (FA1, 2, 3 & 4) is 40%. Out of the 40% assigned to Formative Assessment, 10% weightage is assigned to conversation skills (5% each in Term I & II) and 10% weightage to the Reading Project (at least 1 Book is to be read in each term and the Project will carry a weightage of 5% in each term)
2. The Summative Assessment I and Summative Assessment II are for ninety marks each. **Ten marks of listening and speaking test will be added to the 80 marks Summative Assessment paper ie 80+10=90 marks in each semester.** The weightage assigned to Summative Assessment I is 30% and the weightage assigned to Summative Assessment II is 30%.

SECTION A: READING

15 Marks

30 periods

Qs 1-3 This section will have three unseen passages of a total length of 600 words. The arrangement within the reading section is as follows:

Q 1&2: Five Multiple Choice Questions on each passage carrying 5 marks 1 mark for each questions.

Q 3: Five Supply Type Questions carrying 5 marks on each passage.

Out of the 15 marks, **3 marks will be for vocabulary**. The questions will test inference, evaluation and analysis. The passages may be extracts from poetry/ factual/ literary/ discursive texts.

At least one passage will be an extract from a poem.

SECTION B: WRITING

15 Marks

40 periods

Q 4 Letter Writing: One out of two letters (formal/informal/email) in not more than **120-150 words** based on verbal stimulus and context provided.

Types of letter:

- Informal - personal, such as to family and friends etc.
- Formal - letters to the principal of a school or to the editor of a Newspaper or a Magazine etc
- Email - formal or informal

6 Marks

Q 5 Writing an article, speech or debate based on a visual or verbal stimulus in not more than 120 words (One out of two). **6 Marks**

Q 6 Writing a short composition in the form of **story or report for a school magazine of minimum 80 words (One out of two)**. **3 Marks**

SECTION C: GRAMMAR

15 Marks
45 Periods

This section will assess Grammar items in context for 15 marks.

- ❖ This section will carry five questions of three marks each
- ❖ Out of five questions two questions (question 7 and 8) carrying 6 marks will have MCQs of three marks each. The test types for MCQs include:

Q. 7. Gap filling

Q. 8. Sentence completion

Questions 9, 10 and 11 (carrying 3 marks each ie total 9 marks) will be based on response supplied by students. (Supply Type Questions)

These test types which will not be tested as MCQs include

Q. 9. Sentence reordering

Q. 10. Editing / Omission

Q. 11 Sentence transformation (including combining sentences)

The Grammar syllabus will include the following areas in class IX:

1. Tenses
2. Modals (have to/had to, must, should, need, ought to and their negative forms)
3. Use of passive voice
4. Subject - verb concord
5. Reporting
 - (i). Commands and requests
 - (ii). Statements
 - (iii). Questions
6. Clauses:
 - (i) Noun clauses
 - (ii) Adverb clauses of condition and time
 - (iii) Relative clauses
7. Determiners, and
8. Prepositions

Note: No separate marks are allotted for any of the grammar items listed above.

SECTION D: TEXT BOOKS

25 Marks
95 periods

First Flight and Footprints without Feet (NCERT)

Q12 and Q13 Two extracts for reference to context (based on **prose or play**). **These extracts would require effort on the part of the students to supply the responses.**

Up to one mark in each extract will be for vocabulary. At least one question will be used for testing local and global comprehension and one question will be on interpretation.

The extracts will carry 3 marks each.

3+3=6 Marks

Q 14 One out of two reference to context stanzas (based on poetry) followed by three questions to test local and global comprehension of the set text. **These extracts will carry 3 marks.** **6 Marks**

Q15. Five out of **six short answer** type questions based on **First Flight and Footprints without Feet** (three questions each) to test local and global comprehension of theme and ideas - **2 marks** each. **2 x 5 = 10 Marks**

Q16. One out of **two** long answer type questions extrapolative in nature from **First Flight and Footprints without Feet** (Upto 80 words). **6 Marks**

NOTE: Teachers are advised to:

- i. encourage classroom interaction among peers, students and teachers through activities such as role play, group work etc,
- ii. reduce teacher-talking time and keep it to the minimum,
- iii. take up questions for discussion to encourage pupils to participate and to marshal their ideas and express and defend their views, and
- iv. use the scale of assessment for conversation skills to test the students for continuous assessment.

Besides measuring attainment, texts serve the dual purpose of diagnosing mistakes and areas of non-learning. To make evaluation a true index of learners' attainment, each language skill is to be assessed through a judicious mixture of different types of questions. In addition to the summative tests, formative assessment is essential to measure the level of attainment in the four language skills and the learners' communicative competence. Formative assessment should be done through 'in class' activities throughout the year.

Novel/Long Reading Text

5+5=10 Marks

Q 17 Types of Questions:

Global question on theme, plot involving interpretation and inference

5 Marks

Q 18 One out of two character sketches in 100 words

5Marks

Prescribed Books

1. *First Flight* - Textbook for Class X Published by NCERT
2. *Foot Prints without Feet* - Supplementary Reader for Class X Sri Aurobindo Marg, New Delhi

Novel/Long Reading Text

3. *Diary of a Young Girl* - 1947 (unabridged edition) Anne Frank
4. *The Story of My Life* - 1903 (unabridged edition) Helen Keller

Reading Section:

Reading for comprehension, critical evaluation, inference and analysis is a skill to be tested formatively as well as summatively.

Writing Section:

All types of short and extended writing tasks will be dealt with in both I and II Term Summative as well as in Formative Assessment.

Grammar:

Grammar items mentioned in the syllabus will be taught and assessed formatively over a period of time. There will be no division of syllabus for Grammar in the summative assessments for the two terms.

Syllabus for Terms

S.No. Text Books	First Term (April - September)			Second Term (October - March)		
	FA 1 10	FA2 10	SA I 30	FA3 10	FA4 10	SA II 30
Literature Reader (First Flight)						
PROSE						
1. A Letter to God	✓		✓			
2. Nelson Mandela: Long Walk to Freedom	✓		✓			
3. His First Flight	✓		✓			
4. Black Aeroplane		✓	✓			
5. From the Diary of Anne Frank		✓	✓			
6. The Hundred Dresses-I		✓	✓			
7. The Hundred Dresses-II		✓	✓			
8. A Baker from Goa				✓		✓
9. Coorg				✓		✓
10. Tea form Assam				✓		✓
11. Mijbil the otter					✓	✓
12. Madam Rides the Bus					✓	✓
13. The Sermon at Benares					✓	✓
14. The Proposal					✓	✓
POETRY						
1. Dust of Snow	✓		✓			
2. Fire and Ice	✓		✓			
3. A Tiger in the zoo	✓		✓			
4. How to tell Wild Animals	✓		✓			
5. The Ball Poem		✓	✓			

6.	Amanda		✓	✓			
7.	Animals				✓		✓
8.	The Trees				✓		✓
9.	Fog					✓	✓
10.	The Tale of Custard the Dragon					✓	✓
11.	For Anne Gregory					✓	✓
Supplementary Reader (Footprints without Feet)							
1.	A Triumph of Surgery	✓		✓			
2.	The Thief's Story	✓		✓			
3.	The Midnight Visitor	✓		✓			
4.	A Question of Trust		✓	✓			
5.	Footprints without feet		✓	✓			
6.	The Making of a Scientist				✓		✓
7.	The Necklace				✓		✓
8.	The Hack Driver					✓	✓
9.	Bholi					✓	✓
10.	The Book that saved the Earth					✓	✓
Long Reading Text							
<i>Diary of a Young Girl</i> - 1947 (unabridged edition)				Anne Frank			
OR							
<i>The Story of My Life</i> - 1903 (unabridged edition)				Helen Keller			

Note:

- Formative Assessment is **assessment 'for' learning**. Thus schools may adapt the above break-up as per their convenience.
- All activities related to Formative Assessment such as language games, quizzes, projects, role plays dramatisation, script writing etc must be done as 'in class' and 'in school' activities. In case, a field survey or visit is taken up, it must be under the direct supervision of the teacher.