

Marking Scheme
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Secondary School Examination, 2025
ENGLISH LANGUAGE & LITERATURE - 184 (SET- 2/5/1)

General Instructions: -

1	You are aware that evaluation is the most important process in the actual and correct assessment of the candidates. A small mistake in evaluation may lead to serious problems which may affect the future of the candidates, education system and teaching profession. To avoid mistakes, it is requested that before starting evaluation, you must read and understand the spot evaluation guidelines carefully.
2	“Evaluation policy is a confidential policy as it is related to the confidentiality of the examinations conducted, Evaluation done and several other aspects. Its’ leakage to public in any manner could lead to derailment of the examination system and affect the life and future of millions of candidates. Sharing this policy/document to anyone, publishing in any magazine and printing in News Paper/Website etc. may invite action under various rules of the Board and IPC.”
3	Evaluation is to be done as per instructions provided in the Marking Scheme. It should not be done according to one’s own interpretation or any other consideration. Marking Scheme should be strictly adhered to and religiously followed. If any change in the marking scheme is to be considered, this has to be raised with the Controller of Examinations and only after his approval and after all evaluation centres are informed, can this be taken forward.
4	The Marking Scheme carries all value points for the answers. Students may/can express these value points in their own words and if the expression is correct, due marks should be awarded accordingly.
5	The Head-Examiner must go through the first five answer books evaluated by each evaluator on the first day, to ensure that evaluation has been carried out as per the instructions given in the Marking Scheme. If there is any variation, the same should be zero after deliberation and discussion. The remaining answer books meant for evaluation shall be given only after ensuring that there is no significant variation in the marking of individual evaluators.
6	Evaluators will mark (✓) wherever answer is correct. For wrong answer CROSS ‘X’ be marked. No answer should be left unmarked by evaluators. This is the most common mistake which evaluators are committing.
7	If a question has parts, please award marks on the right-hand side for each part. Marks awarded for different parts of the question should then be totalled up and written in the left-hand margin and encircled. This must be followed strictly.
8	If a question does not have any parts, marks must be awarded in the left-hand margin and encircled. This must also be followed strictly.
9	If a student has attempted an extra question , answer of the question deserving more marks should be retained and the other answer scored out with a note “Extra Question/Over- Attempted” . If a student has not attempted any question, NA should be mentioned in the Caging / marks entry column.
10	No marks to be deducted for the cumulative effect of an error. It should be penalized only once.

11	A full scale of marks _____ (example 0 to 80/70/60/50/40/30 marks as given in Question Paper) has to be used. Please do not hesitate to award full marks if the answer deserves it.
12	Every examiner has to necessarily do evaluation work for full working hours i.e., 8 hours every day and evaluate 20 answer books per day in main subjects and 25 answer books per day in other subjects (Details are given in Spot Guidelines).
13	<p>Ensure that you do not make the following common types of errors committed by the Examiner in the past:-</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Leaving answer or part thereof unassessed in an answer booklet. • Giving more marks for an answer than assigned to it. • Wrong totalling of marks awarded on an answer. • Wrong transfer of marks from the inside pages of the answer booklet to the title page. • Wrong question wise totalling on the title page. • Wrong totalling of marks of the two columns on the title page. • Wrong grand total. • Marks in words and figures not tallying/not same. • Wrong transfer of marks from the answer book to online award list. • Answers marked as correct, but marks not awarded. (Ensure that the right tick mark is correctly and clearly indicated. It should merely be a line. Same is with the X for incorrect answer.) • Half or a part of answer marked correct and the rest as wrong, but no marks awarded.
14	While evaluating the answer books if the answer is found to be totally incorrect, it should be marked as cross (X) and awarded zero (0) Marks.
15	Any unassessed portion, non-carrying over of marks to the title page, or totalling error detected by the candidate shall damage the prestige of all the personnel engaged in the evaluation work as also of the Board. Hence, in order to uphold the prestige of all concerned, it is again reiterated that the instructions be followed meticulously and judiciously.
16	The Examiners should acquaint themselves with the guidelines given in the “ Guidelines for Spot Evaluation ” before starting the actual evaluation.
17	Every Examiner shall also ensure that all the answers are evaluated, marks carried over to the title page, correctly totalled and written in figures and words.
18	It may be noted that the candidates are entitled to obtain photocopy of the Answer Book on request on payment of the prescribed processing fee. All Examiners/Additional Head Examiners/Head Examiners are once again reminded that they must ensure that evaluation is carried out strictly as per value points for each answer as given in the Marking Scheme.

Set-2/5/1

MARKING SCHEME

ENGLISH LANGUAGE & LITERATURE (184)

SECTION A- 20 marks		
Reading		
QNO		MARKS
1.	Passage 1	10

i.	(D) – It can only search but not research.	1
ii.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> to read everything on the subject have something original to add to the existing body of research 	2 (1+1)
iii.	Logical/objective/analytical (any other relevant word)	1
iv.	Chat GPT: only summary of the information gathered from databases Writer: original/unique/research oriented work	2 (1+1)
v.	originality/freshness of idea/research work/new perspective/fresh angle (any other relevant word/phrase)	1
vi.	(D) – speed	1
vii.	True	1
viii.	“As an AI language model, I don’t hold personal beliefs, but I can present arguments on both sides of the topic.”	1
2.	Passage 2	10
i.	largest glaciers in the higher elevation to the subtropical forests in the lowest elevation	1
ii.	cleared, large scale	1 (½ + ½)
iii.	Haridwar	1
iv.	(C) – ends	1
v.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> the rain in Uttarakhand starts by the end of April and it lasts till September the monsoon rainfall is 78% of the annual rainfall 	2 (1+1)
vi.	(D) – Bageshwar and Haridwar	1
vii.	Due to the differences in topographical features	1
viii.	The moist deciduous forest of the Upper Gangetic plains form the Bhabhar belt.	1
ix.	(B) – The mean maximum and mean minimum temperatures range from 15°C to 20°C at altitudes of 2 km.	1
	SECTION B – 20 marks Grammar and Creative Writing Skills	
3.	Any ten of twelve. (Full credit 1 mark, for correct answers. No partial credit for any question in this section.)	10
i.	(D) – invented	1
ii.	which movie they were going to watch	1
iii.	Error: on Correction: at	1
iv.	(D) – can	1
v.	(D) – plays, played	1
vi.	to help him park his car in the visitor’s parking area	1
vii.	Error: were Correction: are	1
viii.	(D) – why he wasn’t playing with his friends.	1
ix.	(D) – much	1
x.	may/could	1
xi.	(C) – create	1
xii.	shirked	1
4.	<p>Letter Writing</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Format – 1 (Full credit if all aspects included, partial credit mark ½, if one-two aspects are missing. No credit, if more than two aspects are missing. No mark for format alone if content is missing or irrelevant) Content – 2 (value points addressed) Organisation – 1 (Coherence, cohesion and effective style) 	

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Accuracy – 1 (Spelling, punctuation and grammar) 	
a.	<p>Adverse effects of take-out food ordered online: (any one)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Has made people more prone/habitual to outside/junk food • Health issues like obesity, heart diseases, etc. • Lacks nutrients • Not fresh • Full of preservatives • Oily/spicy <p>(any other relevant point)</p> <p>Overall well-being of eating home-cooked food (any one)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Fresh food • Keeps one healthy • Full of nutrients • Less oily/spicy • Emotional connect with the home cooked meal <p>(any other relevant point)</p>	5 (1+2+1+1)
b.	<p>Value Points: (any two)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Roads in bad condition • Lots of cracks/potholes • Cause accidents/traffic jams • Immediate repairing needed • Regular maintenance required • Use of modern road building technology <p>(any other relevant point)</p>	5 (1+2+1+1)
5.	<p>Analytical Paragraph</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Content – 2 (full credit of 2 marks for all value points given in the question; partial credit of one mark if only two value points are given) • Organisation – 2 (Coherence, cohesion, effective style and use of linking words) • Accuracy – 1 (Spelling, punctuation and grammar) 	
a.	<p>Value points to check the suitability of the park for children:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • covered on all four sides with 2 gates • skating rink and basketball court in the park • swings in one corner for younger children • open ground for colony functions • specific timings 	5 (2+2+1)
b.	<p>Value points to analyse the causes for obesity:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • unhealthy diet – 40% • lack of exercise – 30 % • stress and anxiety – 25% • genetic factors – 5% <div style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 5px; margin-top: 10px;"> <p><u>Age group affected</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 0-5 years: 13% • 5-8 years: 20% • 8-12 years: 28% </div>	5 (2+2+1)

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 13-15years: 25% 16-18 years: 14% 	
	SECTION C- 40 Marks Literature Textbook	
6.		
a.	Reference to context:	
i.	pride	1
ii.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Perfecting them in the art of flight Teaching them how to skim the waves How to dive for fish (any one)	1
iii.	For young seagull's brother: (any one) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Circled around the brother Raised a proud cackle For young seagull: (any one) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Left him to starve Taunted him for his cowardice 	2 (1+1)
iv.	(D) - gobbled	1
b.	Reference to context:	
i.	(A) – to be heard	1
ii.	Effect: (1 mark for effect) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> She gets angry/loses her cool/loses her temper (any other relevant point) Why/Reason: (1 mark for reason) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> because she thinks Oxen Meadows belong to her family/Lomov was wrongly claiming the Oxen Meadows (any other relevant point)	2 (1+1)
iii.	confusion	1
iv.	That the meadows were his/ Natalya was wrongly claiming the Oxen Meadows.	1
7.		
a.	Reference to context:	
i.	Simile/alliteration	1
ii.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Percival was brave Custard was a coward 	2 (1+1)
iii.	cruel/heartless/insensitive (any other relevant word)	1
iv.	That he is a coward (any other synonym for coward)	1
b.	Reference to context:	
i.	nagging/overbearing/authoritative/dominating/instructive	1

	(any other relevant word)	
ii.	These lines are Amanda's inner thoughts/subconscious thoughts/ inner feelings (any other relevant word/phrase)	1
iii.	(C) – Amanda longs to be free like a mermaid which sails effortlessly in the sea.	1
iv.	Value Points: (any two) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • fed up of the constant nagging • wants peace/wants space • wants to live alone/independent • does not want to be instructed all the time • wants to live life on her own terms 	2 (1+1)
8.	Answer any four of the following five questions, in about 30-40 words. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Content – 2 (value points) • Expression – 1 (Coherence, cohesion and effective style) 	
i.	Value Points: (any two) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Lencho's crops were destroyed – did not lose hope • Wrote a letter to God asking for 100 pesos • Got 70 pesos only - did not believe God could have made mistake • Wrote the second letter – asked for remaining 30 pesos 	3 (2+1)
ii.	Value Points: (any two) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Saw African people suffering from apartheid • Could not enjoy his own freedom • Joined African National Congress • Started a fight against the discrimination • Saw freedom as indivisible (chains on one as chains on all) • From a law abiding person turned into a revolutionary 	3 (2+1)
iii.	Value Points: (any two) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Wild animals must live freely • Should not be caged • Should hunt freely/ terrorise villages • Have right to freedom like any other species • Confinement disturbs ecological balance/ disturbs environment • Confinement leads to frustration/misery • Should not be an object of gaze in cages 	3 (2+1)
iv.	Value Points: (any two) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Was happy to see the cow running in front of the bus • While coming back saw the same cow dead/lying in a pool of blood/spread-eagled • Seeing cow dead dampened her feelings • Witnessed death for the first time • Understood impermanence of life 	3 (2+1)
v.	Value Points: (any two) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Most decorated regiment • First Chief of the Indian Army, General Cariappa was a Coorgi • Allowed to keep guns without licence 	3 (2+1)

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Every house has stories of courage and valour to tell • Said to be descendants of Greek army men • Have a strong martial tradition 	
9.	<p>Answer any two of the following three questions, in about 40-50 words.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Content – 2 (value points) • Expression – 1 (Coherence, cohesion and effective style) 	
i.	<p>Value Points: (any two)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Became educated • Became confident • Did not stammer anymore • Was able to take a stand for herself • Overcame her fears/hesitation/reluctance • Able to stop her marriage with Bishamber Nath • Decided to become a teacher/serve her parents • Became an independent woman 	3 (2+1)
ii.	<p>Value Points: (any two)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Never happy with what she had • Always wanted more • Thought she was born as an error of destiny • Wanted to look rich – borrowed necklace/purchased an expensive dress • Lost the necklace • Became indebted for 10 years/ had to borrow 18000 francs for the necklace • Lived a tough and poor life/exhausted all savings in purchasing the necklace • Had she accepted her situation – would have lived peacefully 	3 (2+1)
iii.	<p>Value Points: (any two)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Smile earlier was artificial/ meant to deceive Anil • Later it was genuine • It showed relief/Anil had forgiven him/not handed over to police • Smile indicated gratitude towards Anil's kindness • Also indicated happiness to start a new life 	3 (2+1)
10.	<p>Answer any one of the following two questions, in about 100-120 words.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Content – 3 (value points) • Expression – 2 (Coherence, cohesion and effective style) • Accuracy – 1 (Spelling, punctuation and grammar) 	
a.	<p>Value Points for <i>His First Flight</i>: (any 3 – at least 1 value point from each chapter)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Seagull was scared to fly • Had fear of falling • Lacked confidence/ thought his wings would not support him • When he fell down – he was able to fly • He enjoyed flying along with his family <p>Value Points for <i>Madam Rides the Bus</i>:</p>	6 (3+2+1)

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Valli was curious to travel in a bus • Wanted to see the world outside her village • Planned her journey meticulously/saved money • Saw beautiful sceneries while travelling in bus • Saw a bazaar filled with people • Witnessed death for the first time 	
b.	<p>Value Points for <i>Tiger in the Zoo</i>: (any 3 – at least 1 value point from each chapter)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Tiger in the zoo is inside a cage • Only has few steps to walk • All strength behind the bars • It is just an object of gaze • Can't roam freely • Can't hunt freely • Longs for freedom • Disinterested in the visitors <p>Value Points for <i>How to Tell Wild Animals</i>:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Tiger is free to roam in the jungle • It hunts freely • It terrorises the villagers/people are scared of it • It is seen as a large tawny beast 	6 (3+2+1)
11.	<p>Answer any one of the following two questions, in about 100-120 words.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Content – 3 (value points) • Expression – 2 (Coherence, cohesion and effective style) • Accuracy – 1 (Spelling, punctuation and grammar) 	
a.	<p>Value Points: (any three)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Agreed to marry an old man because of parents • Bishamber Nath was a greedy/contemptible person • Asked for dowry • Disrespected my father • Father had to place the bundle of money at the bridegroom's feet • Could not tolerate this behaviour • Refused/Declined to marry him • Decided to become a teacher • Decided to serve my parents as an independent woman • Wanted to make my teacher proud 	6 (3+2+1)
b.	<p>(Any three value points either FOR or AGAINST the given statement)</p> <p>Value Points for agreeing with the statement:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Her foolishness made Tricki sick • Was over pampering • Did not listen to doctor's advice • Fed him excess food – dog became fat • Did not give Tricki any exercise 	6 (3+2+1)

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| <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Tricki became like a bloated sausage/bloodshot eyes/rheumy eyes/tongue lolling from jaws/unable to walk properly• The dog had bouts of vomiting/kept lying on the rug• Tricki would have died if it was not taken away by Dr Herriot | |
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OR

Value Points for **disagreeing with the statement:**

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| <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Mrs Pumphrey meant no harm to Tricki/loved Tricki a lot• Her nature was over pampering/bought Tricki many things• Kept him like her own child• Feeding food was her love language/gave Tricki a lot of food out of love• She did not know how to manage a pet• She was overprotective of Tricki – thus unintentionally harmed him | |
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