



Series S4PQR/4

SET-1

Q.P. Code **1/4/1**

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Candidates must write the Q.P. Code on the title page of the answer-book.

- Please check that this question paper contains **15** printed pages.
- Please check that this question paper contains **13** questions.
- Q.P. Code number given on the right hand side of the question paper should be written on the title page of the answer-book by the candidate.
- **Please write down the Serial Number of the question in the answer-book before attempting it.**
- 15 minute time has been allotted to read this question paper. The question paper will be distributed at 10.15 a.m. From 10.15 a.m. to 10.30 a.m., the candidates will read the question paper only and will not write any answer on the answer-book during this period.



ENGLISH (Core)



Time allowed : 3 hours

Maximum Marks : 80



General Instructions :

Read the following instructions very carefully and strictly follow them :

- (i) *This Question Paper has **13** questions. **All** questions are compulsory.*
- (ii) *This question paper contains **THREE** Sections – Section – A : **READING SKILLS**, Section – B : **CREATIVE WRITING SKILLS** and Section – C : **LITERATURE**.*
- (iii) *Attempt all questions based on specific instructions for each part. Write the correct question number and part thereof in your answer sheet.*
- (iv) *Separate instructions are given with each question/part, wherever necessary.*
- (v) *Adhere to the prescribed word limit while answering the questions.*

SECTION – A

(READING SKILLS)

(22 Marks)

1. Read the passage given below :

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- (1) What do we typically do when we find our children doing something we don't approve of ? We become reactive parents. Often, we pepper our reactions with lectures. When it doesn't work and predictably so; we end up screaming and dole out a punishment. And our children react with anger, resentment or 'can't-be-bothered' attitude.
- (2) Buddhist Zen Master Thich Nhat Hanh put it beautifully when he described how each child has both negative seeds- of anger, despair, hatred, fear and violence- and wholesome seeds- of love, happiness, compassion and forgiveness. According to him, what will blossom depends on the seeds we nurture.



(3) A parenting and educational approach that's gaining a large following internationally, called the Nurtured Heart Approach (NHA) by Howard Glasser, is very much in keeping with this Zen approach. The three main aspects of this approach are :

- Refuse to energize negativity.
- Relentlessly energize their positives.
- Reset : Do not react negatively and stay calm when the child does something wrong.

Parents following this approach commit to not saying or doing anything that may fuel negativity in the child. But the parent has to make sure she/he does this very calmly, without any anger or resentment.

(4) While on a mission to cut the negative, the parent looks for every opportunity to energize the positive in the child. This is done through persistently appreciating the goodness in the child in the smallest of ways : You were really generous about sharing your pizza with your sister; I appreciate the hard work you have put in your project; It takes courage to stand up to a bully. If you observe, the appreciation is not about saying “excellent”, “amazing” or “good”, which is really an empty praise and does not speak much to the child. Qualifying a praise, on the other hand, gives the child direction and she/he begins to understand what qualities, values and strengths are appreciated. These are also necessary ingredients of life skills and success.

(5) This approach is not merely about noticing when the child is being good, it is about recognizing the child's worth at every step. It's about aligning his energy in believing that he has great qualities, which are being identified and validated by the parents at every step. He realizes that there is no point choosing negativity, as there are no pay-offs in it. So, start building your child's inner wealth – there is nothing to lose.



Answer the following questions, based on the given passage :

- (i) Complete the following sentence with an appropriate word :
“ – we end up screaming and dole out punishment.”
In the above sentence, the author criticizes the _____ approach of the parents. **1**
- (ii) Explain in about 40 words, when and how do parents become reactive. **2**
- (iii) In the line ‘what will bloom will depend on the seeds we nurture’ – what seeds does the author refer to ? **1**
(A) Seasonal seeds (B) Societal news
(C) Parental attitude (D) Values and emotions
- (iv) Explain in about 40 words why does NHA focus on reforming parents to reform children. **2**
- (v) Share evidence from the text, in about 40 words, to support the view that parents appreciate the goodness of the child at every opportunity. **2**
- (vi) In paragraph 5, in what way does ‘This approach’ differ from the earlier approach ? **1**
- (vii) Select the option that can be classified as qualifying a praise as explained in the passage : **1**
(A) You can be more helpful.
(B) You demonstrated patience while teaching your junior.
(C) Use your skill to be an excellent sportsman.
(D) You have to be amazing in your work.
- (viii) The phrase ‘to cut the negative’ in para 4 most nearly means : **1**
(A) to reduce wasteful expenditure
(B) to stop criticizing
(C) to eliminate challenges
(D) to humiliate someone
- (ix) Read the five headlines (a) – (e) given below : **1**
(a) New Age Parenting
(b) Children – A Rebellious Generation
(c) Channelizing Energy
(d) Teacher – A Nation Builder
(e) Skill Development – Careers Ahead



Identify the option that displays the headline/s that Does/Do not correspond with the occurrences in the text

- (A) (a) and (e)
- (B) (c) and (e)
- (C) (b) only
- (D) (a) and (c)

2. Read the passage given below :

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- (1) We're all familiar with the usual reasons workers cite for wanting to stay away even after lockdowns have long ended: flexible schedules, not having to commute, and of course, increased productivity. However, productivity isn't the only reason people want to stay away from the office. We recently surveyed 1,000 remote workers to find out what's really keeping them tied to their work-from-home lives.
- (2) The findings include : 72% want to be able to take a nap or exercise during the day. Nearly three out of four remote workers surveyed stated that the ability to take a nap or workout during the workday was one of the reasons they wanted to stay home. Though these activities may very well increase worker productivity, there's no doubt that a nap on the kitchen couch would be frowned upon in the office.
- (3) 73% want to be able to watch TV while they work. Three out of four respondents again say that being able to entertain themselves with TV, podcasts, music, or other media is one of the reasons they want to keep their work-from-home lifestyle.
- (4) 62% cite concerns about their appearance. Well over half of respondents stated that they are concerned about their co-workers seeing them in-person again after such a long time apart. Whether it's weight loss or gain, not having the right clothes, or another concern about appearance, most would rather not have to worry about the way they look to their co-workers outside a Zoom call.



- (5) When asked to choose the reason that most affects their desire to keep working from home, predictable answers like caring for children and lack of a commute were still the most common number one reasons. 14% of respondents stated that working remotely was so important to them, that they would not go back to work in-person even if their employers required it.

Answer the following questions, based on the given passage :

- (i) ‘..... these activities will increase productivity’. By ‘productivity.’ the author refers to 1
- (A) products produced
- (B) efficiency of the employee
- (C) time spent by the employee
- (D) number of activities
- (ii) What change in the work place would bring those people back to office who want amusement ? 1
- (A) giving long breaks
- (B) free coffee and tea
- (C) building entertainment lounge
- (D) spacious conference hall
- (iii) As per the survey, why do health conscious people prefer to work from home ? 1
- (iv) Complete the following sentence appropriately : 1
- The passage ends on a note that some people are resolved to _____.
- (v) Explain one inference that can be drawn from para 1 about the reason for people’s preference to work from home. 1
- (vi) State whether the statement given below is True or False : 1
- The survey reveals that people deeply miss socializing in the work from home style.
- (vii) Explain in your own words how appearance is one of the factors for people’s preference for work from home. 2
- (viii) As per the survey, what top priorities of people prevent them from going to office ? 2



SECTION – B

(CREATIVE WRITING SKILLS)

(18 Marks)

(Note : All details presented in the questions are imaginary and created for assessment purpose)

3. Attempt **ANY ONE** of the two, in about **50** words :

(a) P.S. Public School, Aram Nagar has opened a gym for the benefit of students. As Sports Captain, draft a notice informing students about the facilities available in the gym, timings and other details. **4**

OR

(b) The RWA of Ganga Society, Pushp Nagar has planned to start free yoga classes for its residents. You are Sharmila Tiwari, the President of RWA. Draft a notice informing residents about the proposal, timing, venue and other details. **4**

4. Attempt **ANY ONE** of the two in about **50** words :

(a) You are Mr. Srikanth Sharma. You have recently built a new house in the hills of Uttarakhand. Draft a letter inviting your brother and his family to spend a few days with you in your new home. Include relevant details. **4**

OR

(b) You are Mr. Shyam Sundar, Professor of Psychology. You are invited by S.K.M. College, Mahboob Nagar to be the keynote speaker at its Annual Conclave on 'Student Health – The Emotional impact of Social Media'. Draft a reply letter expressing your inability to accept the invitation and also cite a reason for refusal. **4**

5. Attempt **ANY ONE** of the two, in **120-150** words :

(a) You are Sujata/Suresh, a qualified fashion designer. You came across the given advertisement in a newspaper and wish to apply for the position advertised. Write a letter of application along with bio-data for the same.

We are Hiring !	
Apparel Designer	
Required Qualification :	Graduation in fashion design.
Experience :	Minimum 2 years in relevant field.
Skills :	Creativity, computer designing of apparels, aptitude for sewing, business sense, in-depth knowledge of fabric drafting.
Apply to the Director, Estella House of Fashion 26, M.G. Road, Kanthapuram.	

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OR

- (b) You are Jyoti/Jagan of Park Avenue, Karampur. You feel sad to notice that people litter the roads with utter disregard for sanitation and cleanliness. As a responsible citizen, write a letter to the editor of a national daily highlighting the need for educational institutions to instill civic responsibility among school children.

You may use the following cues along with your own ideas to compose this letter.

- cleanliness drive
- spreading awareness campaigns
- eco club activities in schools
- volunteer for cleanup
- workshops, seminars

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6. Attempt **ANY ONE** of the two questions, in **120-150** words :

- (a) With the advancement of science and technology, basic communication has adversely impacted the social skills of today's youth. You are Girish / Girija of class XII. Write an article for your school magazine highlighting the adverse effects of technology and the ways to enhance social skills among the younger generation to prevent social awkwardness.

You may use the following cues along with your own ideas to draft the article.

Impact

- decrease in face to face communication
- lack of engagement
- inability to converse and poor inter-personal skills

Suggestions

- improve conversational and communication skills
- personal interaction, develop collaborative skills
- outdoor sports and activities

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OR

- (b) The members of your school Drama Club, recently put up a street play at the Central Park of your city. The theme of the play was Education – An Equal Opportunity. As President of Drama Club, write a report on the event to be published in your school newsletter. Use the following cues along with your own ideas to compose the report :

- date, venue, time
- no. of participants
- performance followed by interactive session with spectators
- star actors
- response
- people’s feedback/response

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SECTION – C

LITERATURE

(40 Marks)

(TEXT BOOK AND SUPPLEMENTARY READING TEXT)

7. Attempt **ANY ONE** of the extracts given below and answer the questions that follow :

- (a) The little old house was out with a little new shed **6 × 1 = 6**

in front at the edge of the road where the traffic sped.

A road side stand that too pathetically pled

It would not be fair to say for a dole of bread.

But for some of the money, the cash, whose flow supports

The flower of cities from sinking and withering faint. (*A Roadside Stand*)

- (i) Which of the following expressions has the same literary device as used in

“A roadside stand that too pathetically pled.”

(A) All the world’s a stage.

(B) I wandered lonely, as a cloud.

(C) The brutal wind bullied the tree.

(D) And life is too much like a pathless wood.



- (ii) Select the option that aptly conveys the poet's point of view with reference to the above extract :
- The roadside stand is put up with the purpose to
- (A) display fruits (B) to stop the traffic
(C) to do business (D) to interact with city people
- (iii) What do you infer about the people, who put up the roadside stand from the phrase 'would not be fair to say for a dole of bread' ?
- (iv) Complete the following sentence with reference to the extract.
The word 'pathetically' reflects the _____ condition of the roadside stand.
- (v) State whether the following statement is True or False :
By 'Flower of Cities', the poet refers to the garden in cities.
- (vi) Based on the rhyme scheme, evident in lines 1-4, which word would rhyme with line 2 ?

— — —
part fled seen

OR

- (b) Aunt Jennifer's fingers fluttering through her wool **6 × 1 = 6**
Find even the ivory needle hard to pull.
The massive weight of Uncle's wedding band
sits heavily upon Aunt Jennifer's hand
when Aunt is dead, her terrified hands will lie
still ringed with ordeals she was mastered by,
The Tigers in the panel that she made
will go on prancing, proud and unafraid. (*Aunt Jennifer's Tigers*)
- (i) 'Sits heavily upon Aunt Jennifer's hand.' Through the above expression the poet indicates :
- (A) Aunt Jennifer is happily married.
(B) Aunt Jennifer loves the tigers in the panel.
(C) Aunt Jennifer's unhappy married life.
(D) Aunt Jennifer's rich and luxurious life.
- (ii) Select the option that has the same literary device as used in 'Still ringed with ordeals'.
- (A) Leopards cannot hide in the jungle as they are spotted.
(B) Sun smiled happily on us.
(C) Her lovely voice was music to his ears.
(D) Life is like a box of chocolates.



- (iii) Complete the following sentences with reference to the extract.
The Tigers in the panel symbolize _____.
- (iv) State whether the statement given below is True or False :
“Find even the ivory needle hard to pull.”
The above expression suggests that Aunt Jennifer is dying.
- (v) Based on the rhyme scheme, evident in lines 1-2, which word would rhyme with line 1 ?
_____ _____ _____
full sand bye
- (vi) The use of the word ‘fluttering fingers’ in the extract suggest that the fingers of Aunt Jennifer are trembling. This creates an image of _____.

8. Attempt **ANY ONE** of the extracts given below and answer the questions that follow :

- (a) I did not open my mouth to answer. Then the steps were quickened and the voices became excited. The sounds came nearer and nearer. Women and girls entered the room. I held my breath and watched them open closet doors and peep behind large trunks. Someone threw up the curtains, and the room was filled with sudden light. What caused them to stoop and look under the bed. I do not know. I remember being dragged out, though I resisted by kicking and scratching wildly. In spite of myself, I was carried downstairs and tied fast in a chair.

$4 \times 1 = 4$

(Memories of Childhood)

- (i) Select the appropriate option :
..... sounds came nearer and nearer
- (A) describes the increase in volume.
(B) adds suspense and anxiety to readers.
(C) reflects the thought of the speaker.
(D) is a factual narrative.
- (ii) Complete the following sentence :
‘In spite of myself’ suggests that the speaker was _____.
- (iii) What do you infer from the first line of the extract ?
(A) It was her first day in school.
(B) She did not want to get caught.
(C) She was unprepared for the lesson.
(D) She preferred to be by herself.
- (iv) State whether the statement given below is True or False :
The speaker hoodwinked the people looking for her.



OR

- (b) Human civilisations have been around for a paltry 12,000 years – barely a few seconds on the geological clock. In that short amount of time, we’ve managed to create quite a ruckus, etching our dominance over nature with our villages, towns, cities, mega cities. The rapid increase of human populations has left us battling with other species for limited resources, and the unmitigated burning of fossil fuels has now created a blanket of carbon dioxide around the world, which is slowly but surely increasing the average global temperature. $4 \times 1 = 4$
(Journey to the End of the Earth)
- (i) According to the view expressed by the author in the above extract, increase in global temperature is due to
(A) mega cities (B) human people
(C) burning of fossil fuels (D) limited resources
- (ii) Complete the following sentence with reference to the extract :
Humans are criticised by the author for _____.
- (iii) According to the author, the relation between human population and resources is _____.
- (iv) ‘In that short amount of time, we’ve managed to create a ruckus’. By ‘ruckus’ the author refers to _____.
(A) movement (B) misunderstanding
(C) breach (D) commotion

9. Attempt **ANY ONE** of the extracts given below and answer the questions that follow :

- (a) I heard M. Hamel say to me, “I won’t scold you, little Franz : you must feel bad enough, see how it is ! Everyday we have said to ourselves. Bah! I’ve plenty of time I’ll learn it tomorrow. And now you see where we’ve come out. Ah, that’s the great trouble with Alsace; she puts off learning till tomorrow. Now those fellows out there will have the right to say to you. ‘How is it; you pretend to be Frenchmen, and yet you can neither speak nor write your own language ?’ But, you are not the worst, poor little Franz. We’ve all a great deal to reproach ourselves with”. $6 \times 1 = 6$

(The Last Lesson)

- (i) ‘And now you see where we’ve come out.’
The tone of M. Hamel in the above line is that of :
(A) kindness (B) happiness
(C) regret (D) enthusiasm



- (ii) 'We've all a great deal to reproach ourselves with.'
Select the option, which conveys the meaning of 'reproach' as reflected in the above line.
- (A) The player received a reprimand for breach of rules.
(B) The students approached the management with a demand for new canteen.
(C) The clerk received a letter of appreciation for his innovative ideas.
(D) She could not find a way to broach the subject with her boss.
- (iii) State whether the following statement is true or false with reference to the extract.
M. Hamel endorses the belief that there is plenty of time to learn their language.
- (iv) Complete the sentence appropriately.
'You must feel bad enough.' Through these words M. Hamel urges the people _____.
- (v) Identify the line from the text that reinforces the theme of patriotism in the story.
- (vi) She puts off learning till tomorrow. The phrase 'puts off' suggests _____.

OR

- (b) They thought he would demand repayment in full of the money which they had illegally and deceitfully extorted from the sharecroppers. He asked only 50 percent. "There he seemed adamant", writes Reverend J.Z. Hodge, a British missionary in Champaran, who observed the entire episode at close range. "Thinking probably that he would not give way, the representatives of the planters offered to refund to the extent of 25 percent, and to his amazement Mr. Gandhi took him at his words thus breaking the deadlock."

6 × 1 = 6

(Indigo)

- (i) Choose the correct option
'Then he seemed adamant,' reflects Gandhi's trait of being
- (A) arrogant (B) uncompromising
(C) argumentative (D) courageous
- (ii) _____ deceitfully extorted from the sharecroppers.
The status of sharecroppers as inferred from the above line is
- (A) law abiding citizens (B) followers of Gandhi
(C) victims of exploitation (D) contract labourers



- (iii) Complete the following sentence :
Gandhi surprised them by _____.
- (iv) The inference that can be drawn from the line “Mr. Gandhi took him at his word” is _____.
- (v) ‘Deadlock’ in the last line means _____.
- (vi) What do we infer about the attitude of planters towards sharecroppers ?

10. Answer **ANY FIVE** of the following six questions in **40-50** words each :

5 × 2 = 10

- (i) When I sense a flash of it in Mukesh, I am cheered. How is Mukesh’s attitude of life different from that of his family and friends ?
(Lost Spring)
- (ii) “I was frightened, but not yet frightened out of my wits.” Says Douglas. Which qualities of the speaker are highlighted in the above statement ?
(Deep Water)
- (iii) ‘See you soon Amma.’ How are these words contrary to the speaker’s emotions ?
(My Mother at Sixty-six)
- (iv) ‘And such too is the grandeur of the dooms ; we have imagined for the mighty dead.’ Explain the inference you can draw from the phrase ‘mighty dead’.
(A Thing of Beauty)
- (v) What evidence from the text reveals that Rudyard Kipling did not walk the talk ?
(The Interview)
- (vi) ‘Soaf, you really should be sensible !’ What does Jansie’s advice to her friend Sophie reveal about their friendship ?
(Going Places)

11. Answer **ANY TWO** of the following three questions, in **40-50** words each :

2 × 2 = 4

- (i) How can you say ‘Students on Ice Programme’ was a step towards the future ?
(Journey to the End of the Earth)
- (ii) Louisa behaves like a perfect wife. Give evidence from The Third Level in support of the above statement.
- (iii) What was the servants’ reaction to Sadao’s decision of treating the American soldier ?
(The Enemy)



12. Answer **ANY ONE** of the following two questions in **120-150** words :
- (a) After reading ‘Aunt Jennifer’s Tiger’ and ‘Going Places’, you realise that Aunt Jennifer and Sophie’s mother have been subdued by their respective husbands.
As a social activist you have to write an article to a newspaper on the need to empower women.
You may begin like this.
Empowerment of women is a very essential social reform. It needs to be accelerated for any nation to progress

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OR

- (b) ‘A Roadside Stand’ and ‘Lost Spring’ depict two contrasting worlds existing in society.
Justify this statement with reference to the poem ‘A Roadside Stand’ and the text ‘The Lost Spring’.
You may begin.
social satire in the two texts portrays two contrasting worlds that exist in society.

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13. Answer **ANY ONE** of the following two questions, in **120-150** words :
- (a) Mr. Lamb : Lord, boy, you’ve got two arms, two legs and eyes and ears
- You could get on better than all the rest. Optimism is the best tool to face challenges in life.
Imagine you are Mr. Lamb. You want to give a motivational speech to a group of differently abled students urging them to be positive in their approach to life. Write the speech on behalf of Mr. Lamb.
You may begin like this.
Hello ! Dear Students ! Believe in yourself. Nothing is impossible
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(On the Face of It)

OR

- (b) “Tiger population became extinct in the forests of Pratibandapuram.”
Tiger King is a typical example of man’s dominance over nature.
As a member of your school Eco Club, write an article for your school magazine on how man should follow the policy of ‘Live and Let Live’.
You may begin like this.
The noblest principle, man should follow in his life is co-existence.
(The Tiger King)

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Senior Secondary Examination, 2024
Marking Scheme – ENGLISH CORE (301)
(QUESTION PAPER CODE – 1/4/1)

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. **However, while evaluating, answers which are based on the latest information or knowledge and / or are innovative, may be assessed for their correctness otherwise, and due marks may be awarded to them. In Competency based questions, please try to understand the given answer and even if reply is not from marking scheme but correct competency is shown by the candidate, due marks should be awarded.**
4. The Marking Scheme carries only suggested value points for the answers. These are in the nature of Guidelines only and do not constitute the complete answer. The students can have their own expression and if the expression is correct, then 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 zeroed 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 ‘X’ be marked. Evaluators will not put (√) while evaluating a wrong answer which gives an impression that answer is correct and no marks are awarded. **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 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”**.

10. **If more than one option is mentioned in the answer of multiple choice questions, then no marks to be awarded.**
11. No marks to be deducted for the cumulative effect of an error. It should be penalized only once.
12. A full scale of marks (0-80 marks) as given in Question Paper has to be used. Please do not hesitate to award full marks if the answer deserves it.
13. 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).
14. Ensure that you do not make the following common types of errors committed by the Examiner in the past:-
 - Leaving answer or part thereof unassessed in an answer book.
 - 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 book 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 not 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.
15. 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. 'Zero' should be mentioned both in figures and words.
16. 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 should be followed meticulously and judiciously.
17. The Examiners should acquaint themselves with the guidelines given in the **“Guidelines for Spot Evaluation”** before starting the actual evaluation.
18. 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.
19. 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.

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Marking Scheme – ENGLISH CORE (301)****[QUESTION PAPER CODE : 1/4/1]****Maximum Marks : 80****IMPORTANT INSTRUCTIONS:**

1. The answers given below are suggestive. Credit should be given for any relevant point which is not included in the value points listed below. However, any independent interpretation should be discussed with the HE before awarding marks.
2. No marks shall be deducted for exceeding the word-limit.
3. If a spelling error is recurring, it should be penalized only once.

	SECTION—A (Reading Skills)	22MARKS
	NOTE: The objective of the reading section is to focus on testing a candidate's ability to comprehend. No mark(s) should be deducted for mistakes in usage and grammar, spelling or word-limit. Full marks may be awarded if a student has been able to identify the core ideas. If a student literally lifts a portion of the given passage as an answer to a question, no mark(s) to be deducted for this, as long as it is relevant.	
Q.NO.	PASSAGE-1	
1.	Answer the following questions, based on the given passage:	12 marks
(i)	Complete the following sentence with an appropriate word: “- we end up screaming and dole out punishment.” In the above sentence, the author criticizes the _____ approach of the parents.	
Ans.	reactive / aggressive / negative	1
(ii)	Explain in about 40 words, when and how do parents become reactive.	
Ans.	When - children do something parents disapprove of - lectures fail <i>(any one)</i> How - screaming - doling out punishment <i>(any one)</i>	1+1
(iii)	In the line ‘what will bloom will depend on the seeds we nurture’- what seeds does the author refer to? (a) Seasonal seeds (b) Societal news	

	(c) Parental attitude (d) Values and emotions	
Ans.	(d) Values and emotions	1
(iv)	Explain in about 40 words why does NHA focus on reforming parents to reform children.	
Ans.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - in keeping with Zen approach - what blossoms depends on seeds nurtured - parents positive approach evokes similar response from children - parents commit to not saying or doing anything that will fuel negativity in the child <p><i>(any two)</i></p>	1+1
(v)	Share evidence from the text, in about 40 words, to support the view that parents appreciate the goodness of the child at every opportunity.	
Ans.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - parents look for every opportunity to energize the positivity - persistently appreciate the goodness in the child - quotes like <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ you were really generous about sharing your pizza ▪ I appreciate the hard work you have put in your project ▪ it takes courage to stand up to a bully <p><i>(any two)</i></p>	1+1
(vi)	In paragraph 5, in what way does ‘This approach’ differ from the earlier approach?	
Ans.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - recognizes child’s worth at every step - no point in choosing negativity - encourage rather than discourage - aligning his energy in believing that he has great qualities <p><i>(any one)</i></p>	1
(vii)	Select the option that can be classified as qualifying a praise as explained in the passage: (A) You can be more helpful. (B) You demonstrated patience while teaching your junior. (C) Use your skill to be an excellent sportsman. (D) You have to be amazing in your work.	
Ans.	(B) You demonstrated patience while teaching your junior.	1
(viii)	The phrase ‘to cut the negative’ in para 4 most nearly means: (A) to reduce wasteful expenditure (B) to stop criticizing (C) to eliminate challenges (D) to humiliate someone	

Ans.	(B) to stop criticizing	1
(ix)	<p>Read the five headlines (a)-(e) given below:</p> <p>(a) New Age Parenting (b) Children- A Rebellious Generaion (c) Channelizing Energy (d) Teacher- A Nation Builder (e) Skill Development- Careers Ahead</p> <p>Identify the option that displays the headline/s that Does/Do not correspond with the occurrences in the text</p> <p>(A) (a) and (e) (B) (c) and (e) (C) (b) only (D) (a) and (c)</p>	
Ans.	(B) (c) and (e) / (C) (b) only	1
	PASSAGE-2	
Q. 2.	Answer the following questions, based on the given passage:	10 marks
(i)	<p>‘..... these activities will increase productivity’. By ‘productivity.’ The author refers to</p> <p>(A) products produced (B) efficiency of the employee (C) time spent by the employee (D) number of activities</p>	
Ans.	(B) efficiency of the employee	1
(ii)	<p>What change in the work place would bring those people back to office who want amusement?</p> <p>(A) giving long breaks (B) free coffee and tea (C) building entertainment lounge (D) spacious conference hall</p>	
Ans.	(C) building entertainment lounge	1
(iii)	As per the survey, why do health conscious people prefer to work from home?	
Ans.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - workout during the day - can take a nap <p>(any one)</p>	1
(iv)	<p>Complete the following sentence appropriately: The passage ends on a note that some people are resolved to _____.</p>	

	of fabric drafting. Apply to the Director, Estella House of Fashion 26, M.G. Road, Kanthapuram.	
Ans.5(a)	<p>Suggested value points:</p> <p>Covering Letter :</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - reference to the advertisement - suitability for post - offer candidature <p>Bio-Data / Resume / CV:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - personal profile - qualifications - experience - skills - references <p>NOTE:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • No marks to be deducted if the Resume/CV/Bio-data is included in the covering letter. <p>(inputs given in the question to be included)</p>	5
	OR	
	LETTER TO THE EDITOR	
(b)	<p>You are Jyoti/Jagan of Park Avenue, Karampur. You feel sad to notice that people litter the roads with utter disregard for sanitation and cleanliness. As a responsible citizen, write a letter to the editor of a national daily highlighting the need for educational institutions to instill civic responsibility among school children.</p> <p>You may use the following cues along with your own ideas to compose the letter.</p> <div style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 10px; margin: 10px auto; width: 80%;"> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • cleanliness drive • spreading awareness campaigns • eco club activities in schools • volunteer for cleanup • workshops, seminars </div>	
Ans.5(b)	Suggested value points	5

	<p>Education- An Equal Opportunity. As President of Drama Club, write a report on the event to be published in your school newsletter. Use the following cues along with your own ideas to compose the report:</p> <div style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 10px; margin: 10px 0;"> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • date, venue , time • no. of participants • performance followed by interactive session with spectators • star actors - response • people’s feedback/response </div>	
Ans.6(b)	<p>Suggested value points :</p> <p>(inputs given in the question to be included)</p> <p>(any other relevant point)</p> <p>(any three)</p>	5
	SECTION C (Literature)	40 marks
	<p>NOTE: The objective of this section is to test a candidate’s ability to understand and interpret the prescribed text through short & long answer type questions. Long answer type questions have been set to test the students’ understanding of the text and their ability to interpret, evaluate & respond to the issues raised therein. Hence, no particular answer can be accepted as the only correct answer. All presentations may be accepted as correct with consultation of the HE, if they have been duly supported by the facts drawn from the text. The student should be able to justify his / her viewpoint.</p> <p>In the Inter textual questions reference to both the texts must be included.</p>	
Q.7.	Attempt any one of the extracts given below and answer the questions that follow :	6 x 1 = 6 marks
(a)	<p>The little old house was out with a little new shed in front at the edge of the road where the traffic sped. A road side stand that too pathetically pled It would not be fair to say for a dole of bread. But for some of the money, the cash, whose flow supports The flower of cities from sinking and withering faint. (A Roadside stand)</p>	
(i)	<p>Which of the following expressions has the same literary device as used in “ A roadside stand that too pathetically pled”.</p>	

	(A) All the world's a stage. (B) I wandered lonely, as a cloud (C) The brutal wind bullied the tree. (D) And life is too much like a pathless wood.	
Ans.	(C) The brutal wind bullied the tree.	1
(ii)	Select the option that aptly conveys the poet's point of view with reference to the above extract: The roadside stand is put up with the purpose to (A) display fruits (B) to stop the traffic (C) to do business (D) to interact with city people	
Ans.	(C) to do business	1
(iii)	What do you infer about the people, who put up the roadside stand from the phrase 'would not be fair to say for a dole of bread'?	
Ans.	not looking for charity or alms / self respecting people / poor	1
(iv)	Complete the following sentence with reference to the extract. The word 'pathetically' reflects the _____ condition of the roadside stand.	
Ans.	miserable / pitiable / poor / dilapidated	1
(v)	State whether the following statement is True or False: By 'Flower of Cities', the poet refers to the garden in cities.	
Ans.	False	1
(vi)	Based on the rhyme scheme, evident in lines 1-4, which word would rhyme with line 2? — — — Part fled seen	
Ans.	fled	1
OR		
Q.7(b)	Aunt Jennifer's fingers fluttering through her wool Find even the ivory needle hard to pull The massive weight of Uncle's wedding band Sits heavily upon Aunt Jennifer's hand When Aunt is dead, her terrified hands will lie Still ringed with ordeals she was mastered by, The Tigers in the panel that she made Will go on prancing, proud and unafraid. (Aunt Jennifer's Tigers)	6 x 1 = 6 marks
(i)	'Sits heavily upon Aunt Jennifer's hand.' Through the above expression the poet indicates: (A) Aunt Jennifer is happily married. (B) Aunt Jennifer loves the tigers in the panel (C) Aunt Jennifer's unhappy married life	

	(D) Anut Jennifer's rich and luxurious life.	
Ans.	(C) Aunt Jennifer's unhappy married life	1
(ii)	Select the option that has the same literary device as used in 'Still ringed with ordeals'. (A) Leopards cannot hide in the jungle as they are spotted. (B) Sun smiled happily on us. (C) Her lovely voice was music to his ears (D) Life is like a box of chocolates	
Ans.	(A) Leopards cannot hide in the jungle as they are spotted.	1
(iii)	Complete the following sentences with reference to the extract. The tigers in the panel symbolize _____.	
Ans.	- Aunt Jennifer's strong desire - fearlessness / courage / freedom - male dominance <i>(any one)</i>	1
(iv)	State whether the statement given below is True or False: "Find even the ivory needle hard to pull." The above expression suggests that Aunt Jennifer is dying.	
Ans.	False	1
(v)	Based on the rhyme scheme, evident in lines 1-2, which word would rhyme with line 1? <u> </u> <u> </u> <u> </u> full sand bye	
Ans.	full	1
(vi)	The use of the word 'fluttering fingers' in the extract suggest that the fingers of Aunt Jennifer are trembling. This creates an image of _____ .	
Ans.	- weak, terrified, nervous Aunt Jennifer - Aunt Jennifer's fear/ unhappy marriage / dominating husband <i>(any one)</i>	1
Q.8.	Attempt any one of the extracts given below and answer the questions that follow:	
(a)	I did not open my mouth to answer. Then the steps were quickened and the voices became excited. The sounds came nearer and nearer. Women and girls entered the room. I held my breath and watched them open closet doors and peep behind large trunks. Someone threw up the curtains, and the room was filled with sudden light. What caused them to stoop and look under the bed. I do not know. I remember being dragged out, though I resisted by kicking and scratching wildly. In spite of myself, I was carried	4 x 1 = 4 marks

	downstairs and tied fast in a chair. (Memories of childhood)	
(i)	Select the appropriate option: Sounds came nearer and nearer..... (A) describes the increase in volume. (B) adds suspense and anxiety to readers (C) reflects the thought of the speaker (D) is a factual narrative.	
Ans.	(B) adds suspense and anxiety to readers	1
(ii)	Complete the following sentence: 'In spite of myself' suggests that the speaker was _____.	
Ans.	against her will / forcefully carried downstairs	1
(iii)	What do you infer from the first line of the extract? (A) It was her first day in school. (B) She did not want to get caught. (C) She was unprepared for the lesson. (D) She preferred to be by herself.	
Ans.	(B) She did not want to get caught.	1
(iv)	State whether the statement given below is True or False: The speaker hoodwinked the people looking for her.	
Ans.	False	1
	OR	
Q.8 (b)	Human civilizations have been around for a paltry 12,000 years- barely a few seconds on the geological clock. In that short amount of time, we've managed to create quite a rukus, etching our dominance over nature with our villages, towns, cities, mega cities. The rapid increase of human populations has left us battling with other species for limited resources, and the unmitigated burning of fossil fuels has now created a blanket of carbon dioxide around the world, which is slowly but surely increasing the average global temperature. (Journey to the End of the Earth)	4 x 1 = 4 marks
(i)	According to the view expressed by the author in the above extract, increase in global temperature is due to (A) mega cities (B) human people (C) burning of fossil fuels (D) limited resources	
Ans.	(C) burning of fossil fuels	1
(ii)	Complete the following sentence with reference to the extract: Humans are criticised by the author for _____.	
Ans.	creating a rukus / etching dominance over nature with villages, towns, cities / unmitigated burning of fossil fuels / rapid increase in population / increasing average global temperature	1
(iii)	According to the author, the relation between human population and resources is _____.	
Ans.	inversely proportional / that increase in population leads to scarcity of resources	1

(iv)	‘In that short amount of time, we’ve managed to create a ruckus.’ By ‘ruckus’ the author refers to _____. (A) movement (B) misunderstanding (C) breach (D) commotion	
Ans.	(D) commotion	1
Q9.	Attempt any one of the extracts given below and answer the questions that follow:	6 x 1 = 6 marks
(a)	I heard M. Hamel say to me, “I won’t scold you, little Franz : you must feel bad enough, see how it is ! Everyday we have said to ourselves. Bah! I’ve plenty of time I’ll learn it tomorrow. And now you see where we’ve come out. Ah, that’s the great trouble with Alsace; she puts off learning till tomorrow. Now those fellows out there will have the right to say to you. ‘How is it; you pretend to be Frenchmen, and yet you can neither speak nor write your own language?’ But, you are not the worst, poor little Franz. We’ve all a great deal to reproach ourselves with”. (The Last Lesson)	
(i)	‘And now you see where we’ve come out.’ The tone of M. Hamel in the above line is that of: (A) kindness (B) happiness (C) regret (D) enthusiasm	
Ans.	(C) regret	1
(ii)	‘We’ve all a great deal to reproach ourselves with.’ Select the option, which conveys the meaning of ‘reproach’ as reflected in the above line. (A) The player received a reprimand for breach of rules (B) The students approached the management with a demand for new canteen (C) The clerk received a letter of appreciation for his innovative ideas (D) She could not find a way to broach the subject with her boss.	
Ans.	(A) The player received a reprimand for breach of rules.	1
(iii)	State whether the following statement is True or False with reference to the extract. M. Hamel endorses the belief that there is plenty of time to learn their language.	
Ans.	False	1
(iv)	Complete the sentence appropriately. ‘You must feel bad enough.’ Through these words M. Hamel urges the people _____.	
Ans.	to realize their mistake / to hold on to their mother tongue	1
(v)	Identify the line from the text that reinforces the theme of patriotism in the story.	
Ans.	‘How is it, You pretend to be Frenchmen and yet you can neither speak nor write your own language?’	1

(vi)	She puts off learning till tomorrow. The phrase 'puts off' suggests _____.	
Ans.	procrastinates / postpones / delays	1
	OR	
Q.9 (b)	They thought he would demand repayment in full of the money which they had illegally and deceitfully extorted from the sharecroppers. He asked only 50 percent. "There he seemed adamant", writes Reverend J.Z. Hodge, a British missionary in Champaran, who observed the entire episode at close range. "thinking probably that he would not give way, the representatives of the planters offered to refund to the extent of 25 percent, and to his amazement Mr. Gandhi took him at his words thus breaking the deadlock."	6 x 1 = 6 marks
(i)	Choose the correct option 'there he seemed adamant,' reflects Gandhi's trait of being (A) arrogant (B) uncompromising (C) argumentative (D) courageous	
Ans.	(B) uncompromising	1
(ii)	_____ deceitfully extorted from the sharecroppers. The status of sharecroppers as inferred from the above line is (A) law abiding citizens (B) followers of Gandhi (C) victims of exploitation (D) contract labourers	
Ans.	(C) victims of exploitation	1
(iii)	Complete the following sentence: Gandhi surprised them by _____.	
Ans.	accepting 25% refund offer / taking the representative of the planters at his word	1
(iv)	The inference that can be drawn from the line "Mr. Gandhi took him at his word" is _____.	
Ans.	trusted / believed the words of the speaker	1
(v)	'Deadlock' in the last line means _____.	
Ans.	stalemate / to come to a standstill / failure to reach an agreement	1
(vi)	What do we infer about the attitude of planters towards sharecroppers?	
Ans.	condescending / authoritative / domineering / looked down upon them	1
Q10.	Answer any five of the following six questions in 40-50 words each :	5 x 2 = 10 marks
	Distribution of marks:- CONTENT – 1 SPELLING AND GRAMMAR- ½ COHERENCE OF IDEAS- ½	
(i)	When I sense a flash of it in Mukesh, I am cheered. How is Mukesh's attitude of life different from that of his family and friends? (The Lost Spring)	

Ans.	<p>Suggested value points:-</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - family and friends- fatalists , hopeless, took bangle making for a god given lineage. - Mukesh – dares to dream, determined and hopeful , dreams to become a motor mechanic <p>(any other relevant point) (any one)</p>	2
(ii)	<p>“I was frightened, but not yet frightened out of my wits.” Says Douglas. Which qualities of the speaker are highlighted in the above statement? (Deep Water)</p>	
Ans.	<p>Suggested value points:-</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - resilience - calm and composed in face of adversity - systematic in planning and execution <p>(any other relevant point) (any one)</p>	2
(iii)	<p>‘See you soon Amma.’ How are these words contrary to the speaker’s emotions? (My Mother at Sixty-six)</p>	
Ans.	<p>Suggested value points:-</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - fears separation / quite disturbed - speaks words of reassurance, positivity and hope <p>(any other relevant point)</p>	2
(iv)	<p>‘And such too is the grandeur of the dooms; we have imagined for the mighty dead.’ Explain the inference you can draw from the phrase ‘mighty dead’. (A Thing of Beauty)</p>	
Ans.	<p>Suggested value points:-</p> <p>Legendary heroes</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - sacrificed to mitigate others’ sufferings - performed heroic deeds, feats - continue to inspire <p>(any other relevant point) (any one)</p>	2
(v)	<p>What evidence from the text reveals that Rudyard Kipling did not walk the talk? (The Interview)</p>	
Ans.	<p>Suggested value points:-</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Kipling – an interviewer himself, interviewed Mark Twain - calls interviews a crime, an assault, immoral, something that merits punishment <p>(any other relevant point)</p>	2
(vi)	<p>‘Soaf, you really should be sensible !’ What does Jansie’s advice to her friend Sophie reveal about their friendship? (Going Places)</p>	
Ans.	<p>Suggested value points:-</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - true and honest friendship - a friendship of opposites - Jansie is cautious and down to earth 	2

(a)	<p>After reading ‘Aunt Jennifer’s Tiger’ and ‘Going Places’, you realize that Aunt Jennifer and Sophie’s mother have been subdued by their respective husbands.</p> <p>As a social activist you have to write an article to a newspaper on the need to empower women.</p> <p>You may begin like this.</p> <p>Empowerment of women is a very essential social reform. It needs to be accelerated for any nation to progress.....</p>	
Ans.	<p>Suggested value points:-</p> <p>Need:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - women comprise 50% population (approx.) - an empowered woman leads to social, economic, educational progress <p>Ways:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - gender equality - more representation in government - increased opportunities for education and employment <p>Textual reference :</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Aunt Jennifer’s suppression leaves her shattered / restricts her from taking her potential to peak - Sophie’s mother being meek is only a mute spectator <p>(any other relevant point) (any three)</p>	5
OR		
(b)	<p>‘A Roadside Stand’ and ‘Lost Spring’ depict two contrasting worlds existing in the society.</p> <p>Justify this statement with reference to the poem ‘ A Roadside Stand’ and the text ‘ The Lost Spring’.</p> <p>You may begin.</p> <p>Social satire in the two texts portrays two contrasting worlds that exist in society.</p>	
Ans.	<p>Suggested value points:-</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - both lessons highlight social and economic inequalities in society <p>A Roadside Stand</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - world of haves and have-nots - apathy of city dwellers towards countryside people - the greedy good-doers exploit simple, trusting villagers <p>The Lost Spring</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - world of rag pickers and bangle makers stands in contrast to the world of affluent ones - the poor caught in the vicious circle of sahu-kars, middlemen and police <p>(any other relevant point) (any three)</p>	5

	extinction of tigers in Pratibandapuram and in his in-laws' estate (any other relevant point) <i>(any three)</i>	
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