

12th Standard

HIGHER SECONDARY EXAMINATION – HALF YEARLY 2017-18 ENGLISH PAPER I – SCORING KEY

Answer written only in black or blue should be evaluated

Q.NO	SECTION A – VOCABULARY – (LEXICAL COMPETENCIES)	MARKS
1.(A)	Choose the most appropriate of the four given contexts which equates with that of the underlined lexical items in each of the following sentences.	5 X 1 = 5
01.	(a) The tenant failed to <u>pay</u> the maintenance charges.	
02.	(a) Everyone is against nuclear <u>weapons</u> .	
03.	(c) The step- mother was <u>threatening</u> the child with a cane.	
04.	(b) The management paid a bonus to <u>satisfy</u> the employees.	
05	(c) The terrorists were punished for their act of <u>cruelty</u> .	
(B)	Choose the most accurate one of the four given word's opposite to the underlined word	5 X 1 = 5
06.	(c) Kind	
07.	(c) Modern	
08.	(b) Serious	
09.	(b) Love	
10.	(b) Blessed	
(C)	Answer any ten of the following:	10 X 2 =20
11.	Pluralization: Sons-in-law/Criteria The plural should be used in a meaningful sentence	1 Mark 1 Mark
12.	Idiom: Put on airs – behave in an unnatural way to impress others The idiom should be used in a sentence expressing the meaning as given above	2 Marks
13.	Acronym: CAD – Computer Aided Designing Use the expansion in a meaningful sentence	1+1 = 2 Marks
14.	Homophones: Moral, Morale	1+1 = 2 Marks

15.	Blending words :Edutainment Use the blended word in a sentence correctly	1 Mark 1 Mark
16.	Syllabification : (any two) Im-pro-ve-ment Per-ti-nent As-tro-lo-gy a-round	2 X 1 = 2 Marks
17.	Different grammatical functions of a word Waste as a noun Waste as a verb	1 Mark 1 Mark
18.	American English Tin - Can Use in a meaningful sentence	1 Mark 1 Mark
19.	Compound word : postman Any sentence using the compound word correctly	2 Marks
20.	Prefix – ‘dia’ Or suffix.....’ly’ Using either the prefix – ‘Dia’ or the suffix – ‘ly’ with a derivative Using the derivative in a correct sentence	1 Mark 1 Mark
21.	Compound words in correct form (a) Noun + Gerund [Eve-Teasing] (b) Adjective + Noun [Black Board]	1 Mark 1 Mark
22.	Phrasal verbs : a.Stand out = Better than others b.Stand by = Support	1 Mark 1 Mark
23.	Clipped words: Gym Broom Using the clipped words in sentences	½ Mark ½ Mark 1 Mark
SECTION B (GRAMMATICAL COMPETENCIES) (20 MARKS)		
II.A.	Fill in the blanks of the following sentences:	10 X 1 = 10
24.	Should/Must	1 Mark
25.	Would look	1 Mark
26.	Are cleaning	1 Mark
27.	Who	1 Mark
28.	Which/that	1 Mark
29.	Need	1 Mark
30.	Due to / owing to/ Because of / on account of	1 Mark
31.	SVOCA any relevant sentence	1 Mark
32.	Unless	1 Mark

33.	Impersonal passive voice	1 Mark
(B)	Transform the following sentence as directed :	5 X 2 = 10
34.	The Salesman asked the customer, What he wanted. The customer replied that he wanted a pen. The salesman asked if he wanted a fountain pen or a ball point pen. The customer replied that he needed a gel pen. (Marks can be given for partly correct answer)	2 Marks
35.	Were I you, I would accept the challenge.	2 Marks
36.	Being a tough interview, Radha managed to perform well./ The interview is tough, Radha managed to perform well/ In spite of tough interview, Radha managed to perform well.	2 Marks
37.	Work hard and you can clear the semester.	2 Marks
38.	As/Since/Because the weather was very cold, the army could not march further .	2 Marks
SECTION C (READING COMPETENCIES) (15 MARKS)		
III.A.	Identify each of the following sentences with the field in the list given below , by understanding the word or words serving as the clue	5 X 1 = 5
39.	Sports	
40.	Law	
41.	Agriculture	
42.	Astrology	
43.	Business	
(B)	Read the following passage and answer in your words the questions given below: (Relevant answers can also be given full marks)	5 X 2 = 10
44.	The first Olympic competition took place at Mount Olympus in 776 B.C. the only event conducted was a race equal to the length of the stadium.	
45.	The winners received crowns of leaves and were given many special advantages.	
46.	The First Modern Olympics were held in Athens, Greece in 189	
47.	Pierre de Coubertin, was a French scholar and a Historian. He invited people from twelve countries to organize the Modern Olympics.	
48.	The addition of winter sports is considered as the biggest challenge in Olympics,s which includes ice-skating and skiing competitions.	
SECTION D (IV.A. WRITING COMPETENCIES –PROSE) (15 MARKS)		
49-51	Answer any one of the following questions in a paragraph of 100 words	1 x 5 = 5
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Content – (60%), language, style and organization (40%) ➤ Exceptionally good paragraph ➤ Correct answer with all points and no mistakes 	5 Marks 4 Marks

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Correct answer with a few mistakes ➤ Answer with few points ➤ Answer with few points and many mistakes 	3 Marks 2 Marks 1 Marks
52-54	Write an essay in about 250 words on any one of the following	10 X 1 =10
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Content – (60%), language, style and organization (40%) ➤ Exceptionally good essay ➤ Good essay without mistakes ➤ Good essay with few mistakes ➤ Answer with relevant points with a few mistakes ➤ Answer with some points with mistakes ➤ Answer with a few points with many mistakes ➤ Answer with many mistakes 	9 Marks 8 Marks 7 Marks 6 Marks 5 Marks 4 Marks 3 Marks
SECTION E – POETRY (20 MARKS)		
V.A.	Read the following sets if poetic lines and answer the questions given below for each of them:	6 X 1 = 6
55.	Inactive peoples soul is considered as dead.	
56.	Stupid inaction / absent minded.	
57.	The soul stands surrounded as well as detached in measureless oceans of space / vast area.	
58.	English words are addressed as Winged seeds.	
59.	He refers to the snake.	
60.	Infantry is the troops of soldiers fighting on foot.	
(B)	Read the following three sets of lines and answer the question given below in each set of lines.	3 X 1 = 3
61.	It is biblical allusion. It refers to Genesis 3:19. (The creation of the world)	
62.	Simile	
63.	Softly , Straight /s/ sound is repeated	
(C)	Explain any two of the following sets of lines with reference to the context.	2 X 3 = 6
	Name of the poem	1 Mark
	Name of the poet	1 Mark
	Explanation	1 Mark
64.	Poem : The man he killed Poet : Thomas Hardy	
65.	Poem : English Words Poet : V.k.Gokak	
66.	Poem : A psalm of life Poet : H.W.Longfellow	
(D) 67-69	Answer any one of the following questions in a paragraph of 100 words	1 x 5 = 5
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Content – (60%), language, style and organization (40%) ➤ Exceptionally good paragraph ➤ Correct answer with all points and no mistakes ➤ Correct answer with a few mistakes ➤ Answer with few points ➤ Answer with few points and many mistakes 	5 Marks 4 Marks 3 Marks 2 Marks 1 Marks

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