

ENGLISH CORE

Marking Scheme and Hints to Solutions

Note:

1. The marking scheme provides suggested value points and not the complete answers.
2. Any other relevant answer not given herein but given by the candidate be also suitably rewarded.

Q.No.	Value Points/Key	Marks allotted to each value point/Key point	Total Marks
	SECTION-A (READING SKILLS) (26 MARKS)		
1.	A. i. b) Her recovery depended greatly on her will to live. ii. b) healing power of selfless sacrifice and hope iii. d) resignation iv. c) A is true but R is false. v. a) She dismissed the suggestion as unrealistic. B. vi. The doctor recognises that Johnsy's psychological condition is the decisive factor in her recovery. Her complete surrender to despair and loss of the will to live have diminished the effectiveness of medical treatment. He believes that unless she regains hope and a desire to survive, no amount of medicine can ensure her recovery. vii. The irony lies in the fact that Behrman spent his entire life dreaming of painting a masterpiece but never did so. His true masterpiece turned out to be the painted ivy leaf, which was never displayed in an art gallery but instead saved Johnsy's life, though it cost him his own. viii. Sue constantly tried to cheer Johnsy with pleasant conversation and her sketches/She informed Behrman about Johnsy's condition in the hope of helping her regain the will to live. ix. Yes, I agree that hope can influence a person's recovery from adversity. When Johnsy sees the leaf surviving the storm, she regains her hope and will to live. This renewed optimism helps her overcome despair and contributes to her recovery. x. triumph/accomplishment (any other suitable answer)	1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1.5+1.5 1	5 5 4 4
2.	A. i. a. The Multiverse theory has been experimentally proven. ii. b. a figment of imagination iii. c. A is true but R is false. iv. d. fascinating and captures deep scientific interest. B. v. The Multiverse is presented as a scientifically reasoned hypothesis supported by theoretical physics and mathematical models. However, since it lacks direct experimental evidence, it remains speculative, existing at the intersection of scientific inquiry and imagination. vi. As per the bar graph, wormholes are the least explored but their research has significantly expanded our understanding of cosmology and quantum physics. vii. their verification through future scientific observations and experimental evidence/future scientific discoveries/advances in technology enabling experimental confirmation viii. True	1 1 1 1 1 1 1	4 4
3.	(A) Note Making Title- Moringa – The Miracle Tree (Any other suitable title) Numbering and indenting	1	5

	Abbreviations/ Symbols Notes/Content 1. nomenclature & origin 1.1 botanical name – Moringa oleifera 1.2 known as Miracle Tree/Drumstick Tree 1.3 native to Himalayan foothills of India 2. cultivation 2.1 places of cultivation 2.1.1 Asia 2.1.2 Africa & South America 2.1.3 major Indian states – <u>T.N.</u>, Karnataka, <u>A.P.</u> & Maharashtra 2.2 growing conditions 2.2.1 warm climate 2.2.2 sandy/loamy soil with good drainage 2.2.3 drought-resistant & requires little water 3. nutritional value 3.1 rich in <u>vit.</u> A, C & E 3.2 contains calcium, iron, potassium & protein 3.3 boosts immunity, digestion & bone health 4. uses 4.1 medicinal & cosmetic Uses 4.1.1 used as herbal tea & food supplement 4.1.2 seed oil used in skincare products 4.1.3 <u>antiox.</u> & moisturising properties 4.2 other Uses 4.2.1 seeds purify contaminated water 4.2.2 added to soups, salads & smoothies 4.2.3 helps combat malnutrition 5. commercial importance 5.1 demand increasing globally 5.2 used in food, pharmaceutical & cosmetic industries 5.3 economically valuable crop for farmers Key to Abbreviations: T.N. – Tamil Nadu A.P. – Andhra Pradesh Vit. – Vitamins Antiox. – Antioxidant (B) Summary: The summary should include all the important points given in the notes. Content Expression SECTION – B (GRAMMAR & CREATIVE WRITING SKILLS) (23 marks) A. Fill in the blanks using the correct form of the verbs given in the brackets. (Attempt any two) (a) organised (b) have continued (c) will inspire	1 1 2 2 1	3 4
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5.	B. Complete the sentence using a suitable clause-	1	3
	i) The young inventor continued modifying her prototype although several earlier attempts had failed. (any other suitable answer)	1	
	ii) The school introduced a digital detox hour so that students could engage in meaningful face-to-face interactions. (any other suitable answer)	1	
	Transform the following sentences as per the instructions given below:	1	
	i. The volunteer replied that she had focused on what needed to be done rather than on her fear.	1	
	ii. The wetland that was damaged by years of pollution is being restored by volunteers.	1	
	iii. The documentary was so thought-provoking that it could not be forgotten easily.	1	
	Advertisement (Classified)	1	
	A. Format: The format should include: Box, Heading, Contact details Content Expression Value Points:	1	
	Heading - FOR SALE	1	
6.	• specify the exact car model, year of manufacturing and fuel type • include low mileage, ownership and pristine maintenance status • state the reason for selling • conclude with a pricing stance • other requirements (if any) • Contact details – name, telephone no., address (any other relevant details)	1	3
	OR	1	
	B. Format: The format should include: Box, Heading, Contact details Content Expression Value Points:	1	
	Heading - SITUATION VACANT	1	
	• teacher volunteers needed • specify subjects • free coaching programme • purpose, duration • preferred qualification, experience • last date of applying • Contact details – name, telephone no., address • (any other relevant details)	1	
	Poster		
	A. Format: The format should include: Box, Heading, details of issuing authority		

7.	Content Expression Value points: - relevant slogans to prevent food wastage - solutions and suggestions - steps to create awareness - issuing authority - (any other relevant details) OR B. Format: The format should include: Box, Heading, details of issuing authority Content Expression Value points: - relevant slogans to encourage students - solutions and suggestions - consultation details - issuing authority - (any other relevant details) Speech A. Format- salutation, introduction of self and topic, thank you Content Expression	1 1 1 1 1 1 1	3
8.	Content Expression Value points: - Grammatical accuracy, appropriate words, spellings - Coherence and relevance of ideas and style. Value points: - not limited to slogans, flags or ceremonies - honesty, discipline, punctuality and accountability - obeying laws and respecting public property - helping others and standing up against injustice - environmental conservation and sustainable living - avoiding misinformation and promoting harmony online - using education, skills and creativity for national development - (any other relevant details) OR B. Format- salutation, introduction of self and topic, thank you Content Expression Value points: - Grammatical accuracy, appropriate words, spellings - Coherence and relevance of ideas and style. Value points: - urban waste crisis despite modern systems - open dumping, toxic fumes, and choked drains persist in our cities inspite of high-tech infrastructure - failure to segregate waste at home renders advanced recycling facilities useless. - prevalence of passive mindset- believing garbage management is solely the government's responsibility - implementation of mandatory three-bin source segregation system - adoption of tech-driven tracking - introduction of incentive programs or tax rebates	1 2 2 1 2 2	5

9.	- urging youth to act as bridge - (any other relevant details) Debate A. Format- salutation, specification whether in favour or against, introduction of self and topic, thank you Content Expression - Grammatical accuracy, appropriate words, spellings - Coherence and relevance of ideas and style. Value points: Favour- - online information cannot replace medical expertise - risk of wrong diagnosis - incorrect medication can be harmful - promotes unnecessary anxiety - delay in proper treatment - health decisions require personalised care - (any other relevant point) Against- - internet improves health awareness - helps patients ask better questions - useful for minor health concerns - provides access to health education - encourages preventive care - (any other relevant point) OR B. Format- salutation, specification whether in favour or against, introduction of self and topic, thank you Content Expression - Grammatical accuracy, appropriate words, spellings - Coherence and relevance of ideas and style. Value points: Favour - growing digital economy and high earning potential - flexible, independent and multiple career avenues - global reach and positive social impact - skill development - receive results without hassle - (any other relevant point) Against - difficult in remote areas - lack of job security and unstable earning - highly competitive field - mental health concerns and privacy issues - overdependence on platforms - (any other relevant point)	1 2 2 1 2 2	5
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SECTION C (LITERATURE) (31 Marks)			
10.	Reference to the Context		
	A. i. d. Parting is a sweet sorrow. ii. The phrase suggests that the mother's death and photograph's silent reminder of the loss leaves the poet speechless with grief and reflection. The photograph evokes emotions so profound that words become inadequate. iii. a. a joyful memory to the painful reality of loss OR B. i. hypocrisy of adults/difference between what adults preach and practise ii. c. disappointed and thoughtful iii. d. Children usually see the world as perfect and innocent.	1 1 1 1	3
11.	Reference to the Context		
	A. i. b. to provide a logical explanation ii. The reference to Catastrophe Theory suggests that small changes at crucial points can produce major and irreversible consequences/A small change in circumstances can lead to a sudden, dramatic shift, creating an entirely different outcome or reality. iii. b. some experiences challenge our understanding of reality OR B. i. b. To emphasise that all scientifically acceptable and careful methods had failed. ii. d. He preferred non-invasive solutions before resorting to destructive tools. iii. to justify his controversial decision to chisel the mummy to future critics	1 1 1 1 1 1 1	3
12.	Reference to the Context		
	A. i. past memories / prior familiarity / recognition ii. False iii. a. pure emotional value to shallow material ownership. iv. d. reconnect with the warmth of her past life and dead mother. OR B. i. c) absurdity and satire ii. b) A choice made on established tradition iii. allowing things to happen without much interference iv. True	1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1	4
13.	Answer the following questions in about 40-50 words each:		
	a) - It is always changing—its waves, tides, and appearance never remain the same.	1 1 1 1	2x3=6
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14.	- The contrast highlights the irony that nature, though seemingly eternal, is constantly changing, while an inanimate photograph appears permanent. - It suggests that time transforms everything in real life, but memories captured in photographs remain frozen. - The poet reflects that human life is temporary and ever-changing, whereas art and memories can outlive the passing of time. - (any other relevant point) - (Any two)	Content-2 Expression- 1	
	OR		
	- The paradox celebrates nature's timeless continuity. - Rain transforms into vapour, clouds and showers, constantly altering its form while preserving its eternal essence. - Like life itself, true identity survives every transformation, proving that change is not an end but the very rhythm through which existence renews itself. - (any other relevant point) - (Any two)	Content-2 Expression- 1	3
	b)		3
	- Her silence reflects wisdom, maturity, and emotional strength. - Her quiet acceptance makes her suffering more touching than open complaints would. - Her restraint leaves a lasting emotional impact on the reader, making her character both poignant and powerful. - (any other relevant point) - (Any two)	Content-2 Expression- 1	
	OR		3
	- Replaced 'Aten' with 'Amun' to formally abandon his predecessor Akhenaten's radical monotheism and align himself with the powerful traditional priesthood. - Signaled the immediate restoration of the ancient polytheistic faith to heal deep social divisions and soothe a traumatised population. - Rebranded his public identity from 'servant of Aten' to 'living image of Amun' to gain the political backing needed to stabilise his vulnerable dynasty. - (any other relevant point) - (Any two)	Content-2 Expression- 1	1x3=3
	Answer the following questions in about 40-50 words each:		
	a) -The narrator realises that material possessions lose their value with time, but the memories attached to them remain precious. - The old house at 46 Marconi Street brings back vivid memories of her childhood and family life. - The narrator recognises that memories cannot be bought, replaced, or taken away, unlike material belongings. - The experience teaches that emotional bonds and cherished memories are more enduring and valuable than material possessions. - (any other relevant point) - (Any two)	Content-2 Expression- 1	3

15.	OR b) - His irritable, impatient nature and his constant refrain stems from the profound grief of losing his homeland. - By dismissing all current problems as insignificant, he minimises his immediate reality because nothing can compare to the tragedy of his lost home. - He represents the ancestral source of the family's eccentricities, showing how displacement manifests as aggressive non-conformity in the older generation. - Despite his roaring voice and hostile exterior, his tolerance of Mourad's antics shows a hidden, gentle acceptance of the youth's need for expression. - (any other relevant point) - (Any two)	Content-2 Expression- 1	1x6=6
	Answer the following question in about 120-150 words: a) Both texts revolve around the theme of family relationships, but in contrasting circumstances. Both texts emphasise that family is a source of emotional strength, but relationships must be nurtured through love, trust, understanding, and open communication. In 'We Are Not Afraid to Die... If We Can All Be Together' the family remains united, supportive, and courageous even during a life-threatening sea voyage. - The parents protect and encourage their children, while the children display faith, resilience, and emotional strength. - The family's love, trust, and cooperation help them overcome adversity. In 'Father to Son' the father feels emotionally disconnected from his son despite living under the same roof. - The poem highlights the generation gap, lack of communication, and the pain of strained relationships. - The father sincerely wishes to rebuild the bond but struggles due to mutual misunderstanding. Strong family bonds help individuals face challenges, while neglecting communication can create emotional distance. Mutual respect, empathy, and regular dialogue are essential for maintaining healthy family relationships. - (any other relevant point) - (Any three and at least one from each text)	Content-3 Expression- 3	6
	OR b) Both texts present nature as more than a passive setting; it influences the mood, action and experience. - Hughes focuses on nature's vitality, harmony and interconnectedness, whereas Middleton emphasises its grandeur, serenity, isolation and challenges. - The Laburnum Top presents nature through a brief, concentrated moment, while The Silk Road explores it through an extended physical journey. - In 'The Laburnum Top' the silent, lifeless tree comes alive with the arrival of the goldfinch, symbolizing the life-giving power of nature. - The poem highlights the interdependence and harmony within the natural world. - In 'The Silk Road' the majestic mountains, rivers, vast landscapes, and changing weather reflect nature's grandeur as well as its harshness. - In both, nature inspires wonder, but Hughes finds wonder in a small everyday scene, while Middleton discovers it in an immense and	Content-3 Expression- 3	6

16.	unfamiliar landscape. - Together, the texts reveal nature's contrasting dimensions—delicate yet powerful, nurturing yet demanding, tranquil yet full of energy. - (any other relevant point) - (Any three and at least one from each text) Answer the following question in about 120-150 words: a) - Diary format (Date, Time, first-person narration). - Expression of exhaustion and emotional satisfaction after the incident. - Reflection on earlier frustration, boredom, and lack of purpose in medical practice. - Description of the challenging delivery and the newborn appearing lifeless. - Feelings of determination, hope, and relief after successfully reviving the baby. - Sense of achievement on saving both the mother and the child. Renewed faith in the medical profession and confidence in his abilities. - Commitment to continue serving humanity with compassion, dedication, and responsibility. - (any other relevant point) - (Any three) OR b) - Cyril and Doris symbolise an urban generation that values comfort and convenience over compassion and gratitude. - They treat their mother as a domestic caretaker rather than the emotional anchor of the family, exposing the erosion of familial warmth. - Their indifference towards Mrs. Pearson's relentless sacrifices reflects a growing culture of entitlement and dependence. - Through humour and role reversal, Priestley holds a mirror to a society where relationships are overshadowed by selfishness and material comforts. - The play resonates strongly today as hectic metropolitan lifestyles, digital distractions and individualistic attitudes often distance children from meaningful family interactions. - Priestley reminds us that respect, gratitude and emotional reciprocity are the true pillars of a harmonious family. A home flourishes not through convenience, but through empathy, shared responsibilities and mutual appreciation. - (any other relevant point) - (Any three)	Content-3 Expression- 3	1x6=6 6 6
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