

**Strictly Confidential: (For Internal and Restricted use only)**  
**Secondary School Examination-2020**  
**Marking Scheme – English Language and Literature**  
**(SUBJECT CODE : 184) (PAPER CODE : 2/2/3 )**

**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. **Evaluation is a 10-12 days mission for all of us. Hence, it is necessary that you put in your best efforts in this process.**
2. 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 latest information or knowledge and/or are innovative, they may be assessed for their correctness otherwise and marks be awarded to them. In class-X, while evaluating two competency based questions, please try to understand given answer and even if reply is not from marking scheme but correct competency is enumerated by the candidate, marks should be awarded.**
3. 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. 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.
4. Evaluators will mark( ✓ ) wherever answer is correct. For wrong answer 'X' be marked. Evaluators will not put right kind of mark while evaluating which gives an impression that answer is correct and no marks are awarded. **This is most common mistake which evaluators are committing.**
5. 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 totaled up and written in the left-hand margin and encircled. This may be followed strictly.
6. If a question does not have any parts, marks must be awarded in the left-hand margin and encircled. This may also be followed strictly.
7. If a student has attempted an extra question, answer of the question deserving more marks should be retained and the other answer scored out.
8. No marks to be deducted for the cumulative effect of an error. It should be penalized only once.
9. A full scale of marks **0-80** has to be used. Please do not hesitate to award full marks if the answer deserves it.
10. 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).
11. 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 totaling of marks awarded on a reply.
  - Wrong transfer of marks from the inside pages of the answer book to the title page.
  - Wrong question wise totaling on the title page.
  - Wrong totaling of marks of the two columns on the title page.
  - Wrong grand total.
  - Marks in words and figures not tallying.
  - 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.
12. 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.
  13. Any unassessed portion, non-carrying over of marks to the title page, or totaling 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.
  14. The Examiners should acquaint themselves with the guidelines given in the Guidelines for spot Evaluation before starting the actual evaluation.
  15. Every Examiner shall also ensure that all the answers are evaluated, marks carried over to the title page, correctly totaled and written in figures and words.
  16. The Board permits candidates to obtain photocopy of the Answer Book on request in an RTI application and also separately as a part of the re-evaluation process on payment of the processing charges.

**Secondary School Examination**  
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**Marking Scheme – : English Language and Literature(184)**  
**(PAPER CODE : Set- 2/2/3)**  
**Section-A (Reading)**

(20 Marks)

1. Objective: To comprehend the passage 1 x 8=8 Marks

To identify the main points from the text

Marking: 8 marks - 1 mark for each correct answer.

No penalty for spelling, punctuation or grammatical mistakes

Read the following passage carefully.

1.1 On the basis of your reading of the above passage, answer the following questions.

(a) The Dancing Girl belongs to

Ans. (i) Mohenjo-daro.

(b) In the museum she's kept among

Ans (iii) terracotta animals.

(c) Which information is not given in the passage?

Ans (iv) She cannot be rediscovered as she's bronze.

(d) 'Great Art' has power because

Ans (i) it appeals to us despite a passage of time

(e) The jewellery she wears

Ans (iv) Neither (i) nor (ii) is correct.

(f) She reminds us

Ans (ii) why museums in our country are exciting.

(g) The synonym of the word "among" in paragraph 1 is \_\_\_\_\_

Ans amid.

(h) The size of the dancing girl is equal to the length of the human palm. (True/False)

Ans True

2. Objective: To comprehend the passage

To identify the main points from the text

Marking:-2 marks each

No penalty for spelling, punctuation or grammatical mistakes

Read the following passage carefully.

2.1 On the basis of your reading of the above passage, answer the following questions in 30 – 40 words each: 2 x 4=8 Marks

(a) Write one advantage and one disadvantage of allowing every family member to be a part of the decision-making process.

Ans. Advantage: every member of the family has a say in every decision / voice their opinion / promotes a sense of togetherness and bonding. (any one)

Disadvantage: there is chaos / feelings injured / grumbling members / tempers rise (any one).

(b) In today's world, what are parents asking their kids?

Ans. to take decisions at a very early age / the cuisine they prefer / the movie that they want to see / the holiday they wish to go on / the subjects they wish to study (any two).

(c) Which two pieces of advice does the writer give to the parents?

Ans. listen to children and their silences / ensure that you keep some time aside for them / insist that they share their stories with you / step into their world / spend at least half an hour of quality time with children (any two).

(d) The passage supports the parents. How far do you agree with the author's views? Support your view with a reason.

Ans. Agree with the author's view. – parent's well-meaning advice / empowering their kids to take their own decision (any other relevant point to be accepted)

Disagree with the author's views – children question choices and prefer to go with the flow/ children consult and guide each other (any other relevant point to be accepted)

2.2 On the basis of your reading of the above passage, answer the following: 1x4=4 Marks  
Marking: - One mark each

No penalty for spelling, punctuation or grammatical mistakes

(a) The synonym of 'hurt' as given in paragraph 2 is \_\_\_\_\_

Ans. injured

(b) The word which means the same as 'a style or method of cooking' in paragraph 4 is

Ans. (i) cuisine

(c) The antonym of 'agreeable' as given in paragraph 5 is \_\_\_\_\_

Ans. conflicting

(d) The antonym of 'simple' as given in paragraph 6 is

Ans. (ii). Complicated

**Section B**  
(Writing and Grammar)

(30 Marks)

3. Letter

Write a letter of complaint to the Municipal Commissioner, Agra Municipal Corporation requesting him to get the necessary repairs done (100 - 150 words) 8 Marks

Objective: - To use an appropriate style and format to write a formal/an informal letter

Note: - No marks are to be awarded if only the format is given. Credit should be given for the candidate's creativity in presenting his/her own ideas

Format - 1 Mark

- i. sender's address
- ii. date
- iii. receiver's address
- iv. subject/heading
- v. salutation
- vi. closing (complimentary close, signature, making proper paragraphs)
- vii. enclosures (optional)

Content - 4 Marks

Expression: 3 Marks

- coherence and relevance of ideas and style – 1½ marks
- grammatical accuracy, appropriate words and spellings – 1½ marks

Value points:

- leakage of water taps
- drips from joints of pipes
- wastage of potable water
- misuse of water for other purposes

(Any other relevant point)

OR  
Article

Write an article on the topic 'Importance of Outdoor Games'. 100 – 150 words

Format - 1 Mark

Title- ½ mark and name of the writer – ½ mark

Content - 4 Marks (any other relevant point besides the hints given)

Expression - 3 Marks

- coherence and relevance of ideas and style – 1½ marks
- grammatical accuracy, appropriate words and spellings – 1½ marks

Value points:

- health and hygiene
- keep active and energetic
- healthy mind in a healthy body

- fitness
- disease free
- recreation

(Any other relevant point)

#### 4. Story Writing

10 Marks

Last year in the month of December , I went to my native village where my grand parents live in a cottage on the foothills of the Himalayas. One day, I was standing on the edge of a dense forest . Suddenly.....

Title - 1 Mark

Content - 4 Marks

Expression - 5 Marks

-coherence, relevance of ideas -2½ marks

-accuracy, appropriate words and correct spellings -2½ marks

Suggested Value points: Hints/Lines given in the question paper can be used anywhere in the story

OR

It was an amazing day, full of fun and frolic . We all stood aghast to see a strange flying object over our heads . we started.....

Title - 1 Mark

Content - 4 Marks

Expression - 5 Marks

-coherence, relevance of ideas -2½ marks

-accuracy, appropriate words and correct spellings -2½ marks

Suggested Value points: Hints/Lines given in the question paper can be used anywhere in the story

5. Complete the paragraph given below by filling in the blanks choosing the correct options from those that follow:

Objective: To use grammatical items accurately and appropriately

Marking: 1 mark for each correct answer.

1 X 4 = 4 Marks

(a) (iv) is

(b) (ii) a

(c) (iii) our

(d) (i) towards

6. Write the error and the correction in your answer-book against the correct blank number.

Objective: To use grammatical items accurately and appropriately

Marking: 1 mark for each correct answer

1 X 4 = 4 Marks

(½ mark for error identification and ½ mark for correct answer)

	ERROR	CORRECTION
Spending time <u>for</u> their kids brings	(a) for	with
immediate as well as <u>long-last</u>	(b) long-last	long-lasting
gain for a parents. According to <u>a</u>	(c) a	the
research, children <u>with</u> concerned	(d) with	of
parents are more efficient.		

7. Rearrange the following words and phrases to form meaningful sentences. 1X4=4

Objective: To reorder sense groups into syntactically coherent and complete sentences

Marking: 1 mark for each correct sentence

1 X 4 = 4 Marks

(a) Jaipur is known as Pink City.

(b) Most of the buildings in the city are painted pink in colour.

or

Most of the buildings in the city are painted in pink colour.

(c) Its historical buildings have made it a popular tourist destination.

(d) One can easily go there from Delhi by bus.

or

One can easily go there by bus from Delhi.

### Section - C

(Literature: Text Books - 30 marks)

8. Read the extract given below and answer the questions that follow: 1X4=4 marks

Objective: To test local and global understanding of the literary text

Marking: 1 mark for each correct answer

(a) Who is Max?

Ans.(a) (i) a spy

(b) Max became nervous because:

Ans.(ii) he thought the police had come

(c) Actually the door was knocked at by the \_\_\_\_\_ .

Ans. (c) Waiter

(d) Which word in the extract is opposite in meaning to the word 'confidently'?

Ans. nervously

OR

(a) The above lines were written by

Ans.(a)(iv) Adrienne Rich

(b) The crown of the oak lies in its

Ans.(b) (i) top most branch

(c) 'The winds are rushing to meet the \_\_\_\_\_ .

Ans.(c) trees

(d) Find the word from the extract which means the same as "shine"

Ans. flash

9. Answer any five of the following questions in 30 – 40 words each: 2 x 5=10 Marks

Objective: To test local and global comprehension, themes and ideas of the text

Marking: 2 marks for each correct answer (Any five)

- Content - 1 mark
- Expression – 1 mark

(a) What were Lencho's feeling when the hail stopped?

Ans.(a) Lencho/ initially happy- ripe corn in his field / unhappy when hailstorm destroyed crops/ thought of starvation/ disappointed (Any two)

(Any other relevant point)

(b) Why did Peggy and Maddie not wait for Wanda?

Ans.(b). it was drizzling / eager to know the result of the contest/Wanda had not been coming to school for the past few days (Any two)

(Any other relevant point)

(c) Why does the poet use the term 'noble' and 'wild' for the tiger? (How to Tell Wild Animals)

Ans.(c) an ironical expression / hunts only when hungry/does not kill for pleasure/ two contradicting words /suggests his majestic looks while the other suggests his dangerous habit of eating human beings/ used to create humour (Any two)

(Any other relevant point)

(d) What was the major flaw in Tricky?

Ans.(d) greedy / overate /never refused anything/lazy/did not do any physical activity (Any two)

(Any other relevant point)



(e) What made the boys follow Griffin?

Ans. (e) Griffin's muddy footprints/ could not see the man / curiosity made the children follow the footprints (Any two)  
(Any other relevant point)

(f) How is Ausable different from other secret agents?

Ans.(f) Ausable – very fat sloppy/lived in a small room in musty corridor of a gloomy hotel / mannerism and appearance not fit to be a secret agent (Any two)  
(Any other relevant point)

10. Why were the children fascinated by the baker? How did they show their eagerness to see him? 8 Marks

Objective: To test local and global comprehension, themes and ideas in the text.

Marking: Content- 4 marks

Fluency-2 marks

Grammatical Accuracy- 2 marks

Value points: (Minimum four points)

baker was a friend, companion and guide / woke up by the jingling thud of bamboo / ran to meet and greet him not just for love of loaf / wanted bread bagel / sweet bread of special make/ loved the typical fragrance of those loaves /baker greeted the lady of the house / mildly pushed the kids aside / they would climb bench or parapet to peep into the basket.

(Any other relevant point)

OR

Why does the poet not offer money to the boy to buy another ball? 8 Marks

Objective: To test local and global comprehension, themes and ideas in the text.

Marking: Content- 4 marks

Fluency-2 marks

Grammatical Accuracy- 2 marks

Value points: (Minimum four points)

wants the child to learn his lesson/ to understand that money cannot buy every thing / to know the reality of life / learn to deal with loss / understand his responsibility

(Any other relevant point)

11. Education, love and sympathy can transform even a thief. How is it true in the case of Hari Singh? 8

Objective: To test knowledge and appreciation of the text.

Marking: Content- 4 marks

Fluency- 2 marks

Grammatical Accuracy- 2 marks

Value points: (Minimum four points)

Hari Singh – a boy of 15, an experienced and successful thief / offered to work for Anil  
- lied he could cook / Anil taught him to write ,add ,cook /old habits die hard- saved  
one rupee a day from daily supply /Anil knew but didn't reveal- was sympathetic, kind  
hearted / plans to rob Anil / successfully robs /reaches station / visualizes the sadness  
on Anil's face- a loss of trust / realizes importance of education -makes one clever and  
respectable / returns the money / is very glad of the action.

(Any other relevant point)

OR

What did the hack driver tell the narrator about Lutkin's mother? How did she treat the narrator?

Objective: To test knowledge and appreciation of the text.

Marking: Content- 4 marks

Fluency- 2 marks

Grammatical Accuracy- 2 marks

Lutkin's mother – a terror /about nine feet tall and four feet thick/ can talk and is quick  
as a cat / told him the incident about the trunk that had not been treated like a box of  
eggs /she had taken his skin off /denied any knowledge of Oliver / seemed impressed  
by the lawyer / seized an iron from an old fashioned store / chased them with it /  
laughed at their frightening retreat / disrespectful / ill treatment

(Any other relevant point)

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