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MARKING SCHEME

SAMPLE QUESTION PAPER 2025-26

CLASS - X

ENGLISH LANGUAGE & LITERATURE (003)

Q1		Marks
i	. It is the ability to let go of all the desires, habits, emotions, thoughts, speech, and behaviour patterns that are negative or detrimental to our well-being in any way OR Detachment and discrimination are interdependent; they mutually strengthen each other and empower us.	2
ii	a. Both have a correlative relationship.	1
iii	a. encouragement	1
iv	renounce	1
v	The process involves taking sheets of paper and pen and make two lists. In the first sheet, one should write down one's goals in life. Then add other goals one wishes to achieve. One should also add what one wishes to do for the family. Then make the second list with desires. Put down all big and small desires on this list. time.	1
vi	. This exercise will help you develop frankness and honesty with yourself.	2
vii	The writer suggests that the human mind is filled with "desires, habits, emotions, thoughts, speech, and behaviour patterns that are negative or detrimental to our well-being. The writer encourages the reader to list all desires, that may be "selfish or detrimental to your goal of meditation, visualization, self-realization, peace, happiness, and bliss.	1
viii	c. 3 and 4	1
Q 2		
i	like availability of more content, or perhaps people don't really care that much now.	1
ii	MORE - LESSER	1
iii	B	1
iv	B	1
v	Appeared	1
vi	Videos tend to receive around 4 times more views than of other languages Video content just in US outperforms even the country's biggest news sites as the most popular channel	2
vii	The researchers suggest that the increasing excitement on social media is evident through platforms like Reels, capturing the hearts of teens and the youth. This continual enthusiasm contrasts with the declining attention spans for traditional online content.	2
viii	The main takeaway from the study mentioned in the passage is that online content faces reduced receptivity, with viewers spending a mere 8 seconds on 20 percent of posted content. This challenges digital marketers to create innovative ideas amidst a saturation of similar topics.	1
Q 3		
i	c. has been repairing	1
ii	If he had seen any suspicious looking man around there	1
iii	a. peeped through	1
iv	They only had bouquet of daffodils	1
v	Can	1
vi	Was	1
vii	SOME ANY	1
viii	a. shall	1
ix	b. she had visited Kashmir with her parents	1
x	Offer- offered	1
xi	if anybody had been unkind to her. that day	1
xii	Draw – drawing	1

Q4	LETTER – F 1 C 2 A 2M	5
Q5	ANALYTICAL PARAGRAPH – C-2M, O 2M A 1 M	5
Q6A		
I	According to Think Tank the code means the words , pictures and lines that were printed in the books	1
II	Think-Tank wanted the probe crew to find out what was in the books. So, the probe crew take vitamins to increase their intelligence.	1
III	C	1
IV	He asks their chemical department to give vitamins to space people to increase their intelligence. They will be able to unfold the meaning of the code successfully. Think-Tank says that perhaps the Earthlings are not as primitive as they have thought.	2
Q6B		
I	Inauguration of Mandela's President ship. It was great because The inauguration would be the largest gathering ever of international leaders on South African soil	2
II	Installation	1
III	c. Only 1, 2,3	1
IV	because Mandela was becoming the first black president of south Africa , many dignitaries and world leaders were coming to pay their respects before the inauguration. Moreover it is stated, the ceremony is marked as the beginning of a democratic government.	1
7A		
I	To create sympathy and emotions in the poem, the grief of the boy is extreme and uncontrollable	1
II	a. despair	1
III	imagery. To create vivid and sensory descriptions of the boy's feelings and emotions in the poem	1
IV	The poet says "I will not intrude on him" because he wants the boy to learn the meaning of loss on his own. He does not offer him money to buy another ball because according to him, money or another ball is worthless.	2
7B		
I	Visual imagery	1
	b. It implies that the snowfall had physical effects on the speaker's body.	1
	Light and cheerful	1
	This poem conveys the message that nothing in life is small. Even trivial things can bring positive changes in our life. In addition to this, it also shows that if we take things positively in life, situations do change for better. Even the small help or good gestures we do for others make large differences.	2
Q8	ALL RELEVANT ANSWERS TO BE ACCCEPTED	4*3
Q9	ALL RELEVANT ANSWERS TO BE ACCCEPTED	2*3
Q10	ALL RELEVANT ANSWERS TO BE ACCCEPTED	1*6
Q11	ALL RELEVANT ANSWERS TO BE ACCCEPTED	1*6