

ENGLISH ELECTIVE-Code-131
MARKING SCHEME
CLASS XII (2026-27)

General Instructions:

1. 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.
2. If a student has attempted an extra question, the answer of the question deserving more marks should be retained and the other answer scored out with a note "Extra Question".
3. If more than one option is mentioned in the answer of multiple-choice questions, then no marks to be awarded.

SECTION A- READING		
1.	Based on your understanding of the passage, answer ANY TWELVE of the given questions.	12x1=12
I	B. Envied the movement and ambitions of travellers.	1
II	C. Reflections about life and the station	1
III	B. She was cheerful despite difficulties	1
IV	A. noisy and lively	1
V	B. Personification	1
VI	C. Small acts of kindness have deep significance	1
VII	B. The line where earth and sky appear to meet	1
VIII	A. Different journeys of life	1
IX	A. enjoyed dancing and singing in the rain	1
X	Arun's life was still and lonely whereas passengers represented movement, dreams and change.	1
XI	TRUE	1
XII	"...the deepest meaning."	1
XIII	TRUE	1
XIV	Her cheerful attitude despite hardship impressed Arun the most.	1
XV	As a heartfelt gesture of affection, love and care for his mother.	1

2.	Based on your understanding of the passage, answer ANY FOUR of the given questions.	4x1=4
I	B. Movement and continuity	1
II	Dreamlike / peaceful / unreal	1
III	B. Peaceful and reflective	1
IV	B. Personification	1
V	Hope / renewal / beginning of a new phase	1
3.	Based on your understanding of the passage, answer ANY FOUR of the given questions.	4X1=4
I	B. Access to quality education and flexibility	1
II	Unequal access to technology and internet connectivity	1
III	TRUE	1
IV	"...bridge the digital gap and make education inclusive."	1
V	Usage of digital learning platforms increased steadily from 2019 to 2023.	1
SECTION B APPLIED GRAMMAR & CREATIVE WRITING		
4.	Transform the following sentences as per the given instructions. (Any eight)	8X1=8
I	The box is so heavy that the child cannot lift it.	1
II	No sooner had the teacher entered the class than the students became silent.	1
III	The committee decided to conduct an examination of the issue in detail.	1
IV	The teacher asked Rohan if/whether he knew the answer to that question.	1
V	Only music relaxed him after work.	1
VI	The road was too narrow for buses to pass through.	1
VII	Neha enjoys painting as well as photography.	1
VIII	Never had I heard such a beautiful melody before.	1
IX	If you do not follow the instructions carefully, you may make mistakes.	1
X	The notice instructed everyone to keep the corridor clean.	1

5.	<p>Attempt any three of the following four questions in 120-150 words each. The marks may be divided as</p> <p>Content relevance & ideas – 2 marks Organisation & coherence – 1 mark (fluency, coherence, logical flow) Expression – 2 marks (vocabulary, originality of ideas, grammatical accuracy)</p>	3x5=15
I	<p>Online Learning – Value Points</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Flexibility in learning • Access to global resources • Recorded lectures and digital tools • Cost-effective learning • Internet and device limitations • Reduced classroom interaction • Screen addiction and concentration issues • Balanced conclusion <p>Keywords</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Digital education • Flexibility • Accessibility • Technology • Online classes <p>(Any other valid value point to be accepted and awarded accordingly.)</p>	
II	<p>Communication Skills – Value Points</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Important in personal and professional life • Builds confidence • Improves relationships • Necessary for teamwork and leadership • Helpful in career growth • Improves personality and expression <p>Keywords</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Confidence • Relationships • Professional success • Leadership • Expression <p>(Any other valid value point to be accepted and awarded accordingly.)</p>	
III	<p>Role of Literature – Value Points</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Literature reflects society • Creates awareness • Influences emotions and values • Encourages empathy • Inspires social reform • Shapes thinking and behaviour <p>Keywords</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Social awareness 	

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Human values • Emotions • Society • Inspiration <p>(Any other valid value point to be accepted and awarded accordingly.)</p>	
IV	<p>Importance of Sports – Value Points</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Physical fitness • Discipline • Teamwork • Leadership qualities • Confidence building • Stress reduction • Personality development <p>Keywords</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Discipline • Team spirit • Leadership • Confidence • Fitness <p>(Any other valid value point to be accepted and awarded accordingly.)</p>	
6.	<p>The marks may be divided as: Format 1 (heading + name of contributor) Content –2 marks Expression – 2 marks (grammatical accuracy, vocabulary, coherence, fluency)</p>	1x5=5
I	<p>Report Writing – Value Points</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Heading • Byline • Date/place • Event details • Participation • Audience response • Conclusion <p>(Any other valid value point to be accepted and awarded accordingly.)</p>	
II	<p>Article Writing – Value Points</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Importance of reading habits • Benefits of books • Problems due to digital addiction • Ways to encourage reading • Conclusion with suggestions <p>(Any other valid value point to be accepted and awarded accordingly.)</p>	

SECTION C–TEXTBOOK & FICTION		
7(I)	Attempt any one of the two extracts (A) and (B) given below:	6X1=6
(A)	<p>Read the extract given below and answer the questions which follow:</p> <p>Eveline</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Loneliness, sadness, tiredness 2. Childhood memories and playing in the field 3. Creates gloomy and reflective mood 4. Shows confusion between staying and leaving 5. Emotional attachment to family and past 6. B – smell <p style="text-align: center;">OR</p>	
(B)	<p>I Sell My Dreams</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Practical and calm attitude 2. Real experiences matter more than dreams 3. Practical life gives certainty 4. Narrator is fascinated and thoughtful 5. Human survival depends on reality 6. B – belief 	
7(II)	Attempt any one of the two extracts (A) and (B) given below:-	6X1=6
(A)	<p>Read the extract given below and answer the questions which follow:</p> <p>Kubla Khan</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Majestic and mysterious atmosphere 2. Creativity/spiritual force/nature 3. Endless mysterious caves 4. Imagery / metaphor 5. Grand and magical picture of Xanadu 6. A – grand <p style="text-align: center;">OR</p>	
(B)	<p>The Wild Swans at Coole</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Calm and reflective atmosphere 2. Beauty and permanence 3. Beauty of autumn season 4. Reflection of still sky in water 5. Personification / imagery 6. B. evening 	
8.	Answer ANY ONE of the following two questions in 30-40 words.	1x2=2
I	<p>A Wedding in Brownsville – Value Points</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Complex human relationships • Emotional conflicts • Human loneliness • Changing emotions <p style="text-align: center;">OR</p>	

II	<p>The Wild Swans at Coole</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Passage of time • Loss and change • Permanence of nature • Emotional reflection 	
9. Answer any one of the following two questions in 40-50 words each.		1x3=3
I	<p>Time and Time Again – Value Points</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Communal violence • Intolerance • Fear and destruction • Social suffering • Loss of peace and harmony in society • Emotional trauma caused by violence • Need for unity, tolerance, and humanity <p style="text-align: center;">OR</p>	
II	<p>The Mark on the Wall – Value Points</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Human imagination • Uncertainty • Flow of thoughts • Philosophical thinking • Stream of consciousness technique • Importance of observation and curiosity • Exploration of human psychology and thinking process 	
10. Answer any one of the following two questions in 120-150 words each		1x5=5
I	<p>Chandalika – Value Points</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Rabindranath Tagore presents self-realisation and social equality. • Prakriti suffers untouchability and humiliation. • Ananda treats her equally and awakens self-respect. • Tagore criticises caste discrimination. • Human dignity and equality are central ideas. • Prakriti realises love cannot be forced. • Strong social message against untouchability. • Society's rigid caste system destroys human emotions and confidence. • Ananda represents compassion, humanity, and spiritual purity. • The play promotes equality beyond social and caste divisions. <p>Keywords</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Self-realisation • Human dignity • Equality • Untouchability <p style="text-align: center;">OR</p>	
II	<p>Why the Novel Matters – Value Points</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • D. H. Lawrence highlights importance of novels. 	

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Novels present realistic human life. • Human nature is complex and changing. • Novels explore emotions and relationships deeply. • Literature helps understand life and humanity. • Emotional and psychological depth is important. • Novels present living characters rather than fixed ideas or theories. • Readers emotionally connect with characters and situations. • Literature helps people understand society and human behaviour better. <p>Keywords</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Human emotions • Relationships • Realistic life • Human complexity 	
11.	Answer any one of the following questions in 30-40 words.	1x2=2
I	<p>A Tiger for Malgudi – Value Points</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Raja trapped between human and animal worlds • Loss of natural freedom • Emotional suffering • Forced captivity under human control • Conflict between instinct and civilization <p style="text-align: center;">OR</p>	
II	<p>The Financial Expert – Value Points</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Greed controls Margayya’s actions • Desire for wealth causes downfall • Ambition affects his moral values • Materialism destroys peace and relationships 	
12.	Answer any one of the following questions in 40-50 words.	1x3= 3
I	<p>A Tiger for Malgudi – Value Points</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Master is compassionate and disciplined • Treats Raja kindly • Uses understanding instead of violence • Helps Raja achieve inner peace and emotional stability • Represents wisdom, patience, and humanity • Builds relationship through trust instead of fear • Shows that kindness is more effective than cruelty <p style="text-align: center;">OR</p>	
II	<p>The Financial Expert – Value Points</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Ambition becomes greed • Moral values decline • Wealth obsession destroys judgment • Margayya becomes selfish and dishonest 	

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Material success becomes more important than relationships • Wrong decisions finally lead to downfall • Novel criticises excessive greed and materialism 	
13.	Answer any one of the following questions in 120-150 words.	1X5=5
I	<p>A Tiger for Malgudi – Value Points</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • R. K. Narayan explores freedom and captivity through Raja. • Raja initially enjoys freedom in the jungle. • Humans capture and exploit him in circus life. • Raja suffers cruelty and punishment. • Circus captain represents misuse of power. • Master treats Raja kindly and respectfully. • Compassion is shown as greater than violence. • Novel supports freedom and dignity for all beings. • Captivity destroys Raja’s natural happiness and peace. • The novel highlights the conflict between human control and natural freedom. <p>Keywords</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Freedom • Captivity • Power • Exploitation • Compassion <p style="text-align: center;">OR</p>	
II	<p>The Financial Expert – Value Points</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • R. K. Narayan presents rise and downfall of Margayya. • Margayya dreams of wealth and status. • Success increases greed and ambition. • He becomes selfish and morally weak. • Wealth becomes more important than ethics. • Wrong decisions lead to downfall. • Novel criticises materialism and greed. • Excessive ambition destroys Margayya’s peace and stability. • The story conveys that moral values are more important than money and status. <p>Keywords</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Greed • Ambition • Materialism • Moral decline • Downfall 	