

2009–2010  
Class X  
**ENGLISH - LANGUAGE AND LITERATURE**  
Time : 3 Hours

**One Paper**

**Marks : 100**

**SECTION A : READING**

**20 Marks**

1 & 2 two unseen passages of total 500 words with a variety of questions including 4 marks for vocabulary. Only prose passages will be used. One will be factual and the other will be literary.

*Passage 1 - 200 words (8 marks) - Four or five comprehension questions*

*Passage 2 - 300 words (12 marks)-Four or five comprehension questions and two questions on vocabulary.*

*Marks for vocabulary will not exceed 4 marks.*

**SECTION B : WRITING**

**20 Marks**

3. Letter Writing - One letter based on provided verbal stimulus and context. 8 Marks  
*Type of letter : Informal: Personal such as to family and friends. Formal : Letter of complaints, enquiries, requests, applications*
4. Writing a short paragraph on a given outline / topic in about 60 words 4 Marks
5. Composition : A short writing task based on a verbal and / or visual stimulus. (diagram, picture, graph, map, chart, table, flow chart etc.) Maximum words 80 8 Marks

**SECTION C : READING**

**15 Marks**

**Question No. 6-11**

A variety of short questions involving the use of particular structures within a context. Test types used will include cloze, gap-filling, sentence-completion, sentence-reordering, dialogue-completion and sentence-transformation (including combining sentences). The Grammar syllabus will include the following areas for teaching:

1. Use of non-finites.
2. Sentence connectors : as, since, while, then, just because, just, until.
3. Clauses with what, where and how.
4. Past Tense.
5. Modals : can, could, may, must, might.

**Note :** All other areas covered in Class IX will also be tested in Class X as this is an integrated course for this area of learning.

**SECTION D : TEXT BOOKS**

**45 Marks**

**First Flight - Textbook for Class X**

**Prose**

**20 Marks**

- 12 & 13 Two extracts from different prose lessons included in Textbook (Approximately 100 words each) 5x2 = 10 Marks  
These extracts chosen from different lessons will be literary and discursive in nature  
Each extract will be of 5 marks. One mark in each extract will be for vocabulary. 4

marks in each passage will be used for testing local and global comprehension besides a question on interpretation.

14. One out of two questions extrapolative in nature based on any one of the prose lessons from Textbook to be answered in about 80 words. 6 Marks
15. One out of two questions on Drama Text (local and global comprehension question) (30-40 words) 4 Marks

### **Poetry**

**10 Marks**

16. One extract from a poem from the prescribed reader followed by two or three questions to test the local and global comprehension of the set text. The extract will carry four marks. 4 Marks
17. Two out of three short answer type questions on interpretation of themes and ideas contained in the poems to be answered in 30-40 words each. 6 Marks

### **Foot Prints without Feet - Supplementary Reader for Class X**

**15 Marks**

18. One out of two questions from Supplementary Reader to interpret, evaluate and analyse character, plot or situations occurring in the lessons to be answered in about 100 words. 8 Marks
19. One out of two short answer type questions of interpretative and evaluative nature based on lessons to be answered in 30-40 words 4 Marks
20. One out of two short answer type questions based on factual aspects of the lessons to be answered in 20-30 words. 3 Marks

### **Prescribed Books**

1. First Flight
2. Foot Prints without Feet