

**KENDRIYA VIDYALAYA SANGATHAN**  
**CHENNAI REGION**  
**REVISION -2012 - 13**  
**ENGLISH (CORE)**  
**Class - XII**

**Time: 3 hours**

**Max. marks: 100**

**Marking Scheme and Key**

**SECTION - A (READING)**

- 1.** (For testing the comprehensive ability of the students/content assumes more importance than expression. **9 marks**)
- a. Hint : Seed planted in Shimla 2
- b. Hint: British Capital, veggies in kitchen garden 2
- c. Hint: Open, polyhouse 2
- d. Hint: Important cash crop. 1
- e. Hint: Difference in SHU 2
- 1.2** **3 Marks**
- i) Spacious 1
- ii) Opting 1
- iii) Satiating 1
- 2.1** Title - 1 mark **5 Marks**
- Format - 1 mark
- Abbreviations - 1 mark  
(minimum 4 No.)
- Content - 2 marks
- 2.2** Summary to be developed in 80 - 100 words. It should include all the imp. points. **3 marks**
- Content 2
- Expression 1

**SECTION - B**

**Advanced writing skills**

- 3. Option - 1** **5 Marks**
- Objective : To write a notice giving all the necessary details.
- Marking
- Format - Notice, Title, date, Name, designation 1
- Content - What, when, (date, time) where, why 3
- Expression - (Coherence, Relevance, grammatical accuracy) 1

**NOTICE**

Resident's Welfare Association  
Water Supply Disrupted

25th April 20XX

This is to inform all the residents of ABC Colony, Chennai that there will not be any water supply for two days i.e. on 26th and 27th April respectively due to major pipe line repair work. Tanker will be available as per the following.

7 a.m. - 9 a.m. - Morning

5 p.m. - 7 p.m. - Evening

(Rohit / (Secretary)Ritu) for details contact the undersigned.

OR

**Option - II**

Objective : To draft a classified advertisement giving all the necessary details

Title: Situation vacant / Wanted

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Content:	3
❖ Educational qualification	
❖ Age	
❖ Experience	
❖ Pleasant personality	
❖ Who to apply to and contact address	
❖ Last date	
Expression - (Coherence, relevance, grammatical accuracy)	1

Wanted one accountant, 2 office assistant for a reputed company. Candidate should be graduate aged between 25 to 30 yrs. with minimum 2 yrs of experience. Computer knowledge must. Emoluments as per govt. scale. Apply with complete bio-data within 10 days to the Chairman, Greenland Enterprises Ltd., Delhi-1100XX. For details contact, Krishna, Secretary, Mobile No.9810xxxxxx.

<b>4. Option - 1 / Option II</b>	<b>10 Marks</b>
<b>Report Writing</b>	
Format Heading / Title, Name	1
Content - What, When, Where, Why, Highlights of the visit	
Any other relevant information	4
Expression - Coherence relevance,	2
grammatical accuracy	2
Option I - Student Exchange Programme	
A Report by Major / Manisha	

About forty students of class XII of Birla school, Chennai visited R12WANA International School, Japan for a Student Exchange Programme during December from 20th to 30th. Mr. Huang, the chief co-ordinator of the programme extended a warm welcome to all the participants through a meaningful prayer assembly. The briefing session that followed clarified our doubts regarding the various aspects of the programme.

The 10 days stay involved many sessions of interactive discussions on teaching learning strategies, innovative techniques of concept building and the development of logical reasoning. Japan's unique dance and art forms were showcased during the cultural evening especially organised by the participants. All the participants were gifted small icons of Lord Buddha carved in rose wood as mementoes.

OR

Option - II A visit to the Home for the Aged

A report by Sita / Ram

The students of class XII of Birla School, Chennai visited 'Sahara' home for the aged on January 26th 2012. It was a real eye-opener. Inmates, about 80 in number, were provided with all the modern facilities for comfortable living. There were adequate arrangements for health care with a team of doctors making weekly rounds for conducting health check-ups for the elderly. The kitchen was also being maintained as per the health requirements of the senior members of the home. One could see the elderly inmates engaged in many activities like reading, gardening, knitting, etc. to pass their time. But were they really happy? The sense of alienation and longing was partly strong in many of them. In the words of Mrs. Sita Devi, 'I have all the comforts, but the warm atmosphere of family is missing. I really miss my children.'

<b>5. Option - 1 / Option II - Letter Writing</b>	<b>10 Marks</b>
Format - Writer's address, receiver's address, date, subject, salutation and complementary close	2
Content: (Problems - 2, Suggestions - 2)	4
Expression - Coherence, relevance	2
Grammatical accuracy	2

15 Esplanade Road  
Bengaluru  
3rd May 20XX  
The Editor  
Deccan Herald  
Bengaluru  
Sub : Skyrocketing prices  
Sir

This is to bring to your kind notice the plight of common man because of the sky rocketing prices of essential commodities.

The prices of vegetables and fruits have touched a new high in recent months. The recent implementation of sixth pay commission and the recent hike in the price of diesel and petrol seems to have triggered off this hike. People, however, are compelled to cut down on their necessary expenditure to make the both ends meet. While the people in the higher income group are facing the grind, one can easily imagine the distress of the people in middle income group or below.

I feel government must take some stringent measures to control the rising prices, otherwise, the day is not far when even guavas and mangoes will be, things, to be admired in pictures. Production should be increased to meet the demand.

Yours faithfully  
Asha / Ashwin

OR

336 WE Area  
New Delhi  
12th March 20XX  
The General manager,  
Electricity Board,  
Shanker Road,  
New Delhi.

Sub : Replacement of faulty electricity meter  
Sir,

This is with reference to my letter dated 10th February, 20XX for the replacement of my electricity meter number 03963XX, I wish to state with regret that nothing has been done so far in this connection. It has been more than six months since my electricity meter has stopped working. Since the I have been getting inflated bills as the exact meter reading can not be done. I have forwarded two letters already in this connection to the WEA office but have not received a received a reply. I request you to look into the matter and do the needful.

Yours faithfully  
Rani / Ravi

**6. Option I / Option II Article Writing**

**10 Marks**

Format - Title, writer's Name	1
Content	4
Expression - coherence, relevance	2
grammatical, accuracy	2

**TRAFFIC WOES**

by Asha / Ashwin

During the peak hours the cities are jam packed leading to a lot of hassle and inconvenience to the people. This leads to quarrels and delays in reaching one's destinations as well. Honking, impatience of people and rise in the cases of road rage has become the norm of the day.

Growing number of vehicles, poor management of traffic, unplanned parking of vehicles and deteriorating road ethics are some of the major causes for this problem. At many places unauthorized constructions have resulted in the narrow down of the busy roads, say for example, Netaji marg. The projecting structures of the shops occupying the space right up to the edge of the main road has left just a narrow strip of road for the heavy traffic to ply. The resultant misery is known to everybody. In such a grim situation accidents increase, too. The pedestrians find it difficult to cross the roads. The vehicles emit a lot of smoke and thus cause pollution. The pollution levels have reached a threatening point now.

It is high time to plan for the decongestion of the roads. Bottlenecks need to be broadened. Traffic need to be maneuvered skillfully. Greater vigilance is required to check encroachments and violation of traffic rules.

OR  
**PLASTIC - A GRWOING MENACE**  
by Rani / Ravi

**Value Points**

Plastic is a wonder material having pervaded all areas of use. However, due to its non-biodegradable aspect it has become a great environmental threat today.

Plastic is an ever growing industry with its uses expanding manifold, too. It is light weight, convenient and plastic goods are easy to carry. However, toys and other household goods made of cheap plastic can be very toxic and therefore, hazardous to health. They can cause choking as well. Plastic when burnt causes a lot of air pollution.

It affects the quality of the soil when buried. These and many more. There can be many other serious problems caused by plastic.

Certain caution needs to be exercised in the fuse of plastic. Use of recyclable material is advocated so that problem of its disposal is minimized. Use of cotton and jute bags should be popularized.

Section - C 45 Marks

**7. Extract**

**3 Marks**

- (i) The beautiful objects (sights and sounds) of nature that bind us to earth are the sun, the moon, the trees young and old, the daffodils, clear rills and musk rose. 2
- (ii) The above lines convey the message that beautiful things help to dispel sadness and overcome hurdles. They keep the hope alive in our hearts and extend a promise of a new morrow. A thing of beauty is truly a joy forever. 1

OR

- (a) The pitiful kin is a reference to the people of the village 1
- (b) They are to be settled in towns by making them sell all their lands to the developers. 1
- (c) They will not have to think for themselves as they have been promised lives of luxury where they will have all they need. They will no longer have any worries. 1

**8. Any Three (Short answers)**

**2X3=6 Marks**

- (a) The poet uses the example of nature to illustrate this point. In the winter season when all the ground is covered with a mantle of snow all life seems to be dead. However beneath the snow there is life which will blossom once the snow melts.
- (b) "Grandeur," is associated with the mighty dead as tombs and other grand constructions are created to commemorate their deaths and these too are things of beauty.
- (c) Uncle's wedding ring sits heavy on Aunt Jennifer's fingers, which implies that he is an exacting man and Aunt Jennifer has to work hard to meet his expectations. The wedding ring is a symbol of the constraining influences of the married state of a woman.
- (d) The poet wishes to tear down the barriers that stand in the way of giving these slum children a meaningful education, for they need to be unshackled from their bonds of poverty, and led from their unhealthy surroundings.

**9. Any Three (Short answers)**

**2X3=6 Marks**

Content - 1

Expression - 1

- (a) The writer is pained to see Suaheb, a rag picker, whose name means, the ruler of the Earth, lose the spark of childhood when she sees him with a canister after he has taken up a job with a tea stall. The canister seems heavier than the plastic bag that he used to carry so lightly over his shoulder. She realizes that he is no longer his own master. This suggests that he is not happy working at the tea shop.
- (b) Edla had learnt at Church that a crofter of the ironworks had been robbed. This created in her mind, misgivings about the man that she had given shelter to. Her father added to her consternation by saying that he had heard that the man was a thief and he wondered how many silver spoons he had gone away with.
- (c) Asokamitran calls Subbu a charitable and improvident man because he had a genuine love for everyone and his house was always full of relatives and friends. He seemed unaware of the fact that he was feeding and supporting so many of them.

- (d) Umberto Eco says that he uses all his time very sagaciously. He works in what he refers to as interstices, which would mean the empty spaces which we all have in our lives those moments that we waste when we are waiting for the next event to happen after one is over. For example, he says that he is able to fit in work in that space of time that he is waiting for his guests to arrive.

Long answers

**10. Content - 5 (1 mark for each value point (5 points))**

**10 Marks**

Expression - 5 (2½ + 2½) (Oherence and fluency: Grammatical accuracy)

The peddler in "The Rattrap" had been living a despicable life of poverty, despair and frustration without ever coming across any angelic soul to understand, sympathize, love and guide him. However, Edla's warmth, understanding and genuineness touched him deeply enough to extract him out of a life of petty thievery and dishonesty. When Edla treated him like a captain, he spontaneously behaved like a real captain. He left a rattrap as a Christmas gift for Edla and enclosed a letter of thanks and confession in it. He was so touched that he summoned all his courage, and decided to make amends for his dishonesty. Had Edla not stopped him, the tramp would have felt more frustrated and would have sunk further in the abyss of crime. Leaving behind the stolen money to be restored to the owner, he redeemed himself from his dishonest ways and emerged as an altogether transformed person.

OR

Gandhi learned that the arable areas of Champaran District was divided into large estates owned by Englishmen and were worked by the peasants. The landlords forced all the tenants to grow indigo in 15% of their land and surrender the entire crop as rent.

Gandhi started by trying to get together all the facts and met with resistance from the British. When he failed to comply by the orders of the British, he received summons to report to court the following morning. The town of Motihari was crowded next morning with peasants who had heard of what Gandhi was trying to achieve and of what he had achieved in South Africa. This spontaneous demonstration around the courthouse was the beginning of the end of their fear of the British.

**11. Value based answer**

**5 Marks**

Determination is the key to success

Content - 3

Expression - 2

Value Points - Any Three of the following points. Accept any other points, if it is relevant

- Determination needs clear thought.
- Clear thought will lead you to clear decision.
- Clear decision will lead you to clear action.
- Clear action will lead you to clear disposition.
- Clear disposition will lead you to success.
- Success will give you satisfaction

**12. Long answer**

Option - I / Option II

**7 Marks**

Content - 4 (1 mark for each Value point - 4 points)

Expression - 3 (1½ + 1½ - Coherence and Fluency ; grammatical accuracy)

Sadao had made up his mind that for the sake of his anxious wife, he must make a concerted effort to get rid of the enemy. He decided to use the General's dependence on his medical prowess and skills to his advantage. He reported what he had done to save the man, at the same time letting the General feel that he had the ability to save lives with the greatest skill and thus increasing the General's dependence on him at a time when he was physically weak and in need of Sadao's expert nurturing. He promised to arrange for the enemy to be killed through a process of internal bleeding so that it did not appear to be murder. He also promised to get rid of the body, at the same time assuring Sadao that he had nothing to fear and that nobody would know that he had been involved in this matter. However, when the general did not send his men, Sadao assisted the American to escape.

Sadao reported the matter of the Americans escape to the General, who apologized profusely for having neglected to keep his promise offering the explanation that having fallen so ill, he had thought only of himself and his recovery and the promise to have the enemy killed had quite escaped his mind. He wanted Sadao to know that this lapse should not be mistaken for a lack of patriotic feelings on his part of the dereliction of duty and he hoped that should the matter come out into the open he would support his explanation. Sado understood at once that he had the General in his palm and had no cause for worry about his own role of having given refuge to any enemy. He assured the general that he did not for a minute question his loyalty to his country and his zeal to fight the enemy.

OR

In the story, 'Should Wizard Hit Mommy', the writer, John Updike examines the issues of parenting and the flaws that inadvertently creep in. The adult tendency to quell the questioning mind of a child and also the intrusion of the beliefs held by adults to represent the only valid viewpoint, are areas that find mention in the simple yet powerful story.

Jo, the four year old daughter of Jack, has been subjected to a ritual of bedtime story telling by her father ever since she was two years of age.

Now at six years of age, Jo wants the wizard to hit Mommy in retaliation for her having hit the Wizard. If Mommy got away with turning the skunk, which now smelled of roses into his old stinky self, he would lose his newfound friends. This violated Jo's sense of fairness, for why should the skunk not smell nice, have friends and thus be happy?

Jack insists that it is the wizard that should be hit and not the mother; he wants Jo to understand that the skunk's mother knew what was best for him. Also, Jack is a little taken aback to find that Jo has actually dared to question him. This appears like an act of defiance to him and he suddenly feels that he is on shaky ground, and needs to re-establish his authority. When he had started this story about the poor stinky skunk, he had been reminded of all the humiliations of his own childhood and in a way the stand that he takes regarding the skunk's mother is in defence of his own mother. This story illustrates the difference in the attitudes to life between children and adults.

### 13. Short Answers

2 x 4 = 8 Marks

- (a) The Psychiatrist told Charley that his visit to the Third level was actually a waking dream fulfillment, on account of him being unhappy. He said that the modern world with all its insecurities, fear, war and worry had made him want to escape, and that was all there was to it.
- (b) The Maharaja thought that he had killed the hundredth tiger but actually the tiger had fainted with shock. This was discovered by his villagers who not wanting to incur the wrath of the tiger got a hunter to kill it. Therefore not having killed the hundredth tiger the maharaja caught an infection from a toy wooden tiger and died.
- (c) The Antarctic offers a wealth of knowledge in the form of half million old carbon records held in its ice cores, trapped in the layers of ice. It gives scientists the opportunity to study the Earth's past present and future as not having sustained a human population, it is relatively pristine.
- (d) Through a little story he illustrates to Derry that one cannot go through life being scared and that he like the others who come to his house, he too is always welcome. The old man's kindness comes as a surprise as he is unaccustomed to any kindness and he cannot believe that the old man could treat him like a friend without knowing anything about him. Mr. Lamb also tells him that he has to think for himself and not let people decide what is best for him.