



ST. JOSEPH PUBLIC SCHOOL

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C.B.S.E. New Delhi, **ENGLISH**

SOLUTIONS

Class: **X**

2025-26

MM: 80

SECTION A – READING SKILLS (20 Marks)

Q1 (The Impact of Social Media on Youth)

Total 10 Marks

Q. No.1	Expected Answer	Marks
I	Through fake news, manipulated images, and misleading posts shared without verification.	1
II	Anxiety/depression	1
III	media literacy	1
IV	B. Balanced and thoughtful	1
V	It can be beneficial for education, awareness, and self-expression but harmful when overused, causing distraction, stress, and reduced academic focus.	2
VI	By setting time limits and encouraging offline activities or open discussions about online habits.	1
VII	Momentum	1
VIII	Society can promote digital literacy in schools, enforce stricter online safety policies, encourage responsible behaviour, and provide guidance through parents, teachers, and awareness campaigns to help young people use social media wisely and safely.	2

2 (Teen Sleep and Screen Time)

Total 10 Marks

Q. No.2	Expected Answer	Marks
I	3,000	1
II	Melatonin	1
III	5.8 hours	1
IV	B. Digital Detox Days	1
V	Introduce regular Digital Detox Days or “No Screen Evenings.”/ Conduct workshops on healthy screen habits and encourage outdoor games or reading hours.	1
VI	Excessive screen time reduces sleep duration, causes eye strain, and leads to fatigue. These factors reduce alertness and concentration, negatively affecting learning and overall wellbeing.	2
VII	Fatigue	1
VIII	As screen time increases, average sleep duration decreases. Students using screens for over six hours sleep only 5.8 hours, compared to 7.4 hours for those using screens for less than three hours. This shows an inverse relationship between screen use and sleep quality	2

SECTION B – WRITING & GRAMMAR (20 Marks)

Any ten correct –

Total 10 Marks

Q. No.3	Expected Answer	Marks
I	designed	1
II	knew → know	1
III	were	1
IV	to post that letter for him	1
V	with	1
VI	not to forget to call her when he arrived	1
VII	Is	1
VIII	The news is good.	1
IX	how long I had lived there	1
X	any	1
XI	Each	1
XII	had left	1

4. Letter Writing (5 Marks)

Format (Sender's address, Date, Receiver's, Subject, Salutation, Closing) | 1 |
Content (requesting cooperation, permissions, awareness drives / problem & solutions for noise pollution) | 2 |
Expression, Fluency & Accuracy (clarity, coherence, tone, grammar) | 2 |
(Accept either formal letter option; both carry equal weight.)

5. Analytical Paragraph (5 Marks)

Format (intro-analysis-conclusion) | 1 |
Content (comparison with justification using data) | 2 |
Expression (organization, fluency, grammar) | 2 |
(Accept either Q5A or Q5B response.)

SECTION C – LITERATURE (40 Marks)

6. Extract (Any one) – 5 Marks

Part	Answer	Marks
From A Letter to God		
I	Rural valley setting / Hill with cornfields	1
II	Shows simple, hardworking farmer life	2
III	C. Beauty	1
IV	Calm, hopeful mood	1

OR – From Invisible Man

I Stranger's invisibility / money floating in air | 2 |
II Curious and hospitable | 1 |
III Clergyman | 1 |

7. Poetry Extract (Any one) – 5 Marks

Part	Answer	Marks
From Fire and Ice		
I	Fire—desire, Ice—hatred	2
II	Desire and hate	1
III	Reflective / ironic	1
IV	Irony / understatement	1

OR – Tiger in the Zoo

I	He is caged and helpless	2
II	Contrast between silence of cage and sound of forest	2
III	abcb	1

8. Short Answers (Any 4 × 3 = 12 Marks)

Question	Answer (Based on students' response)	Marks
Content-1,	Organisation-1, Fluency & Accuracy-1	
I	Out of goodwill; to preserve Lencho's faith	3
II	Obligation to family and to country	3
III	Speaker is dominating, perfectionist, lacks empathy	3
IV	Materialistic; values wealth and status over emotions	3
V	Fog moves silently like a cat; personification	3

9. Short Answers (Any 2 × 3 = 6 Marks)

Question	Answer (Based on students' response)	Marks
Content-1,	Organisation-1, Fluency & Accuracy-1	
I	Thief learns honesty; decides to return money	3
II	Realizes value of honesty and contentment	3
III	Brilliant but immoral and selfish scientist	3

10. Long Answer (Any one) (Based on students' response) – 6 Marks

Criteria	Marks
Content -	3
Coherence & Expression	2
Fluency and Accuracy	1

A. Theme of tourism / regional culture in Coorg, Tea from Assam, Glimpses of India
 B. Comparison of “freedom” in The Trees and A Tiger in the Zoo

11. Long Answer (Any one) (Based on students' response) – 6 Marks

Criteria	Marks
Content -	3

Coherence & Expression

| 2 |

Fluency and Accuracy

| 1 |

A. The Midnight Visitor – Ausable's calm wit defeats Max, creates suspense & humour.

B. The Triumph of Surgery – Dr. Herriot's practical care saves Tricki, shows compassion & wisdom.