

 ST. JOSEPH PUBLIC SCHOOL Kota Barrage Road, Kota-6 (Raj.)	
C.B.S.E. New Delhi, ENGLISH	SOLUTIONS
Class: XII	2025-26
MM: 80	

NOTE

This Marking Scheme carries only suggested value points for the answers. The students can have their own expressions and if an expression is correct , then due marks should be awarded accordingly.

SECTION-A READING SKILLS

(22 Marks)

1. Passage

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(I) (b) daytime sleepiness affecting daily activities for a few days of each month. 1

(II) (c) Shift work forces you to sleep when activities all around you and your biological rhythms signal you to remain awake 1

(III) Everyone's individual sleep needs vary .Contrary to common myth, the need for sleep doesn't decline with age but the ability to sleep for six to eight hours at one time may be reduced. 2

(IV) b- A and R are true but R is not the correct explanation of A 1

(V) (c) delusion 1

(VI) Drinking alcohol or beverages containing caffeine in the afternoon or evening, exercising close to bedtime, following an irregular morning and nighttime schedule, and working or doing other mentally intense activities right before or after getting into bed can disrupt sleep. 2

(VII) (a) Informative 1

(VIII)

(a) He will experience a sense of apathy/ slowing of speech/ flattened emotions/ impaired memory / inability to multitask or to be novel.(ANY ONE) 1

(IX) (c) only 2 1

(X) b)Options 2,3and 5 1

2. Case based Passage **10**

(I). b) Developing the creative potential of every child 1

(II). c). Middle stage 1

(III) Two measures are- 2

- Secondary schools will also collaborate with ITIs, polytechnics, local industry, etc.
- Skill labs will also be set up and created in the schools in a hub and spoke model which will allow other schools to use the facility.

IV b) Engage in domestic activities	1
V a) Both A and R are true and R is the correct explanation of A	1

QUESTIONS FOR VISUALLY IMPAIRED CANDIDATES ONLY

IV. a significant number of children fail to complete their education and are compelled to leave it in between. 1

V. The medium of instruction until at least Grade 5, but preferably till Grade 8 and beyond, will be the home language/mother tongue/local language/regional language 1

VI . Socially and Economically Disadvantaged Groups (SEDGs). 1

VII .Two landmarks are- 2

- Board Exams on up to two occasions during any given school year, one main examination and one for improvement, if desired.
- Setting up of a new National Assessment Centre, PARAKH (Performance Assessment, Review, and Analysis of Knowledge for Holistic Development).

VIII d. Development of physical/life force energy/mind/intellectual layers and inner self. 1

SECTION-B

CREATIVE WRITING SKILLS (18 Marks)

3. Attempt any one of the two, (A) or (B), in about 50 words.

Format – 1 Content -2 Accuracy of Spelling and Grammar -1

DELHI PUBLIC SCHOOL, NEW DELHI

NOTICE

20th November, 2025

MEETING OF SCIENCE SOCIETY

On the occasion of National Science and Technology Day, The school has decided to organise a fair. All office bearers are requested attend a meeting in the School Library on 25th November 2025 at 10am to discuss the arrangements for the fair.

Vikram Singh

(Secretary, Science Society)

OR

STARLIGHT SECONDARY SCHOOL, MEERUT

NOTICE

12TH November, 2025

GRANDPARENTS' DAY CELEBRATION

All the students are hereby informed that the school will be celebrating Grandparents' Day to express gratitude and respect to them. Accordingly, all are requested to attend the celebration along with their grandparents on 18 November 2025 at 10:30 a.m. in the School Auditorium. Cultural performances will be conducted during the programme. For details, contact the undersigned.

Akshita/Akshat

<p style="text-align: center;">The Principal, Staff and Students Of PRABHAT PUBLIC SCHOOL, KANPUR request the pleasure of your company on ANNUAL SPORTS DAY on Monday, the 4th December, 2025 in the School Ground at 4:00 p.m. AIR MARSHAL S. K. SINHA, AVSM, has kindly consented to be the Chief guest of the grand celebration</p> <p>RSVP 09987XXXX</p> <p style="text-align: right;">With best compliments Principal</p> <p style="text-align: center;">** Guests are requested to take their seats by 4.30 p.m.</p>
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24, VigyanVihar

New Delhi

05 Nov.2025

The Principal

St. Anne's School

New Delhi

Subject: - Reply to the Invitation for Literary Competition.

Sir,

Sincerest gratitude is hereby extended for the invitation to act as one of the judges for the Literary Competition being organised by St. Anne's School on 15th December 2025 at 10:00 a.m. The invitee gratefully acknowledges the invitation and confirms to be available at the venue at scheduled date and time.

Regards to all concerned

Madhu/Mohan

5. FORMAL LETTER :

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Format – 1 ,Organisation of ideas -1, Content-2, Accuracy of Spelling and Grammar-1

28, Vasant Marg Bhilai 4900XX

Chhattisgarh

2 June 20XX

The Principal
Bal Vidya Public School
Ravidas Marg
Bhilai 4900XX
Chhattisgarh

Subject: Application for the post of a postgraduate teacher (Geography)

Dear Sir

This is with reference to your advertisement in the The Bhilai Express dated 10 May 20XX for the post of postgraduate teacher in Geography. I wish to submit my application for the above mentioned post. I have enclosed my Biodata herewith for your perusal.

If given an opportunity, I would make sincere efforts to align my potential with the organisational goals, for best output.

Yours faithfully

Encl

1.BIO DATA 2. ACADEMIC RECORD

Sanjay Sharma

(SANJAY SHARMA)

BIODATA

- Name : Sanjay Sharma/Sanjana Sharma
- Father's Name : Shri A.K. Sharma
- Place of birth :Pune, Maharashtra
- Date of birth :21 September 19XX
- Address for communication : 21, Vasant Marg, Bhilai, Chhattisgarh
- Contact Number :981002XXXX
- Email ID : sanjay2012@gmail.com
- Marital Status : Unmarried

Educational Oualifications : BA (Geography) & MA (Geography), B.Ed, from
Delhi University

CCC From IISDT New Delhi

- Languages known : Hindi, English
- Work Experience : Worked as PGT (Geography) in SKB Public School,
Bhilai from March 20XX to February 20XX
- Last salary drawn : 65,000 per month (gross)
- Reference : Sh. N.K. Goyal, Principal, SKB School ,Bhilai

DECLARATION

I do hereby declare that all the above information furnished under different categories
is accurate and I own full responsibility for the correctness of the information.

LOCATION

SIGNATURE

DATE

NAME

OR

3/89, Krishna Apartment

Shastri Nagar, Kanpur

20 November, 2025

The Editor

The Tribune

Kanpur

Subject: Garbage problem across Kanpur.

Sir,

Through the columns of your esteemed newspaper, I would like to draw the attention of the civic authorities to the miserable problems of garbage and choked drains across Kanpur.

Heaps of garbage and choked drains are a common sight everywhere in Kanpur. The accumulated garbage and clogged drains produce unpleasant smells and carry germs and various deadly diseases with them taking a toll on the health of the city dwellers. The rising number of people and lack of civic sense among the city dwellers are the reasons behind these perennial problems.

We have approached the civic authorities several times with disappointing results. A little positive effort from everyone can solve this unhealthy problem. We must segregate the garbage as advised several times and dispose accordingly. We can get in touch with government departments to learn how garbage can be recycled, compost clean peels of vegetables and fruits can be sent as fodder to various cow shelters.

I welcome suggestions from fellow citizens on the subject. I hope the authorities concerned will take immediate remedial action for the eradication of this problem.

Thanking you

Yours truly

Partha/Paromita

6. 6. Attempt any one of the two, (A) or (B), in about 120-150 words. 5

ROLE OF POLICE IN MAINTAINING LAW AND ORDER

By Smith / Smitha

Every morning, people start their day by reading the news of crime prevailing almost everywhere. The rising population in the big cities has led to a resource crunch, which in turn gives rise to crime. The law-and-order machinery needs to be changed as per the changing society. Ways of crime too have become even more horrific and evil now.

The police need to be trained in new methodology of combating crime besides changing the mindset. The police have to shed their anti-people image and work out strategies to regain the trust of the people. They should not have a bad attitude towards people who are ready to help them. Today, anyone witnessing a crime or an accident refrain from coming forward to help as it will involve a very stressful interaction with the police.

The police play the main role in the maintenance of law and order in the metropolitan cities and thus, they really need to re-invent their image to gain the trust of the populace.

OR

FIRST AID TRAINING

-By Sagar/Sagarika

Shimla, 18th November 2022: The students of Pineview Higher Secondary School attended a training camp on First Aid which was organised at Mission Hospital, Shimla by the Red cross society. It was a one- day camp.

The training was provided by a team of doctors from WHO through various lectures, presentations and demonstrations. The audio- visual aids used by the team made the programme effective and interesting for the students. In his inaugural address the head of the team, Dr. M. Kumar highlighted the importance of the first-aid. He said the knowledge of first aid can save many lives.

The camp was attended by more than 500 students from all over Shimla. The students were given certificates at the end of the day. The trainees were expected to use their knowledge from the programme for the welfare of the society.

SECTION C

LITERATURE

7. Read the following extracts and answer the questions for any one of the given two

-A or B

1x6=6

A.

Answers:

- (i) Option (b)
- (ii) Option (b)
- (iii) Option (b)
- (iv) the eternal joy that beautiful things give / the everlasting joy things of beauty bring.
- (v) Option (a)
- (vi) Option (c)

OR

B.

Answers: I –(b), II –(a), III – (c), IV –(b), V –(c), VI – (d).

8. Read the following extracts and answer the questions for any one of the given two-A or B **1x4=4**

a. Ans.

(a) that a child born under that star would one day have to die.

(c) It indicates the astrologers' fear, hesitation and anxiety

(c) At that very moment a miracle took place. An astonishing phrase emerged from the lips of a ten-day old Jilani Jung Bahadur. He said, "O wise prophets!"

(d) The word that means 'amazement' is 'stupefaction'.

OR

B. Answers: - 1. (a) Both A and R are true and R is the correct explanation of A.

2. (a) sociable

3. (b) gaze

4. (b) outlook

9. Read the following extracts and answer the questions for any one of the given two-A or B: **1x6=6**

1. d) he was late for class, and he feared being scolded by his teacher

2. b) A lot of noise because of activity

3. c) commotion

4. b) a hard taskmaster

5. c) strange and quiet

6. b) counted on

OR

1. b- Situation 2

2. b- The urgency of the issue and its alignment with his principles.

3. c- He accompanied Gandhi persistently, compelling him to take action

4. b - leadership

5. b-) He already had other appointments in different parts of India.

6. c- It demonstrated his commitment to addressing issues faced by ordinary Indians.

10. Answer any FIVE of the six following questions in 40-50 words each. **5x2=10**

Content-1 Expression-1

(I) The narrator's father thought his son was having fun when the waves knocked him down but the narrator was terrified because he couldn't breathe. He felt like he was being buried underwater. the narrator hadn't seen waves before and was just 4 years old whereas the father was an adult who knew that it wouldn't harm him)

Content

♦ States the reason for the contrast between the emotion of the narrator and his father

Expression

- ◆ Presents a logical connection between the ideas.
- ◆ Uses correct grammar, spelling and other language mechanics.

(II) I think Edla's treatment changed the peddler because she was a kind hostess to him even after she found out who he really was: a poor man who had lied about his identity. This acceptance is what motivated him to be better. she upheld her principles of kindness and charity in the face of actual events and chose kindness over discrimination.

Content

- ◆ States a reason for why Edla's treatment changed the peddler

Expression

- ◆ Presents a logical connection between the ideas
- ◆ Uses correct grammar, spelling and other language mechanics

(III) Subbu was very creative and could come up with ideas in an instant. If the producer was not very happy with the original idea, Subbu would come up with many other suggestions for shooting the scene. He could adapt to the director's need instantly and give an alternative storyline instantly.

Content

- ◆ States why the narrator says that film-making was easy with Subbu around

Expression

- ◆ Presents a logical connection between the ideas
- ◆ Uses correct grammar, spelling and other language mechanics

(IV) In the poem "Keeping Quiet" by Pablo Neruda , the phrase "green wars" refers to the wars fought against nature and the environment — such as destruction of forests, exploitation of natural resources, pollution, and harming the Earth in the name of progress. Ironically warring nations keep on developing new 'weapons' to wage war against the environment to maintain hegemony.

Content

- ◆ Deduces the meaning of the term 'green wars'

Expression

- ◆ Presents a logical connection between the ideas
- ◆ Uses correct grammar, spelling and other language mechanics

(V) The rich take their shoes for granted but poor people have to come up with justifications for not having shoes. Anees Jung tries to highlight the difference between the rich and the poor by showing how shoes are a luxury to Saheb and his friends who either don't own them or wear them only occasionally.

Content

- ◆ States a reason behind the author's focus on shoes.

Expression

- ◆ Presents a logical connection between the ideas
- ◆ Uses correct grammar, spelling and other language mechanics

(VI) The poem 'Aunt Jennifer's Tigers' suggests that Aunt Jennifer is probably dominated by her husband and fears disobeying him. The poem mentions that, 'the massive weight of Uncle's wedding band sits heavily upon Aunt Jennifer's hand', which implies that she feels oppressed by her husband.

Content

- ◆ Infers any one characteristic of the marital relationship from the poem
- ◆ Supports the stated characteristic with evidence from the

Expression

- ◆ Presents a logical connection between the ideas
- ◆ Uses correct grammar, spelling and other language mechanics

11. Answer any TWO of three following questions in 40-50 words each. (2x2=4)

Content-1 Expression -1

I) The ecosystem of Antarctica is simple and not very diverse. Due to this, little changes in the environment can cause considerable impact that are noticeable. For example, if the phytoplankton, which is a microorganism, disappears, it will endanger the marine animals and birds in the entire region.

Content

- ◆ Explains why it is easier to study and measure effects of climate change in Antarctica
- ◆ Gives an example from the text

Expression

- ◆ Presents a logical connection between the ideas
- ◆ Uses correct grammar, spelling and other language mechanics

(II) When the General found out that Sadao had sheltered and cared for an American, his reason for not wanting to turn in Sadao was his concern for his own health. Thus, the General was selfish. He was also self-centred and hypocritical.

Content

- ◆ States a character trait of the General
- ◆ States a relevant example to support the answer

Expression

- ◆ Presents a logical connection between the ideas
- ◆ Uses correct grammar, spelling and other language mechanics

(III) Zitkala-Sa's protest against not having her hair shingled had little to do with aesthetics. It was a protest against losing her cultural identity as having short hair signified negative things in her culture.

Content

♦ States the deeper significance of the protest

Expression

♦ Presents a logical connection between the ideas

♦ Uses correct grammar, spelling and other language mechanics.

12. Answer ONE of the two following questions, in about 120-150 words. 1x 5 =5

Content -2, Expression-2 Accuracy-1

(I) In Deep Water, the narrator courageously confronts his intense fear of drowning. By taking swimming lessons, practising regularly, and refusing to give up, he ultimately wins over his terror and transforms himself into a confident person. The text shows fear can be challenged and conquered through persistent effort and self-belief. However, in Aunt Jennifer's Tigers, Aunt Jennifer does not gain such freedom. Patriarchal pressure continues to suffocate her spirit. Her own hands tremble even in art. Only the tigers she creates are bold, fearless and liberated — unlike her.

OR

(II) An interview is a well structured formal conversation in which a series of questions are asked from someone for media publication , entertainment ,showbusiness employment and research work etc.Sometimes the interviewer asks unpleasant questions or knowingly or unknowingly breaches the privacy of people. Probably that is why V.S Naipaul ,Lewis Carroll etc had negative views about an interview.An interviewer ought to be polite , ethical and selective in choice of his words.He should never be demeaning or humiliating in his tone.
(ANY OTHER POINT)

13. Answer ONE of the two following questions, in about 120-150 words. 1x 5 =5

Content -2, Expression-2 Accuracy-1

A. Modern world is full of fear, worry and stress undoubtedly.Like Charlie many anonymous ,unknown people are searching for 'the escape mode-The Third level' in their lives.Everyone has battles ,hardships and struggles .But there are ways to overcome them too.One can indulge in creative activities ,Yoga ,meditation and exercise etc.Proximity with nature and company of animals are also cherishable. Family ,friends and books can also be great stress busters. In other words, to overcome the stress and insecurity of the modern world, one can use mindfulness, meditation, and physical activity to stay grounded.
(ANY OTHER)

OR

B. Preservation of Nature is the Need of the hour
An article by.....

There is no doubt nature is the essence of our existence on the earth. It is nature which nourishes us and relieves us from the miseries of life. The beautiful flowers, tall green trees, water streams, valleys, birds, insects, animals all these are part of nature.

Nature is the perfect example of balance. But we human beings have no regard for it. In The story Too , the Tiger king thoughtlessly goes on a killing spree and hastens his own tragic fate.

With our relentless measures we are destroying nature which has resulted in a lot of catastrophies - earthquakes, floods ,famine, etc. all due to the prevailing imbalance in nature. The cause of this imbalance is the careless attitude and ruthless destruction of flora and fauna by human beings. It is high time we understood the importance of preservation of nature for the sustenance of humans on the earth.