



CBSE Syllabus

Class XI

ENGLISH ELECTIVE



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Course Structure

Units	Topics	Marks
1	Reading Skills	20
2	Writing Skills and Grammar	30
3	Literary & Long Reading Texts	30
4	Speaking and Listening Skills	20
Total		100

Unit I: Advanced Reading Skills

MCQs, very short answer and short answer questions: to test comprehension, analysis, inference, evaluation and literary appreciation

- 450-500 words in length for note-making and summarizing
- 400-450 words in length (comprehension and vocabulary)
- In the case of a poem, the text may be shorter than 200 words or 20-24 lines

The passages or poems could be of any of the following types:

- Factual passages, e.g., instructions, descriptions, reports.
- Discursive passages involving opinion, e.g., argumentative, reflective persuasive, etc.
- Literary texts, e.g., poems, extracts from fiction, biography, autobiography, travelogue, etc.

Unit II: Writing Skills and Grammar

- Short Answer Questions:
 - Messages
 - Notices
 - E-mails (formal)
 - Description of people.
- Long Answer Question: Based on a verbal or visual input:
 - a) Official letter for making inquiries, suggesting changes, registering complaints, asking for and giving information, placing orders and replies
 - b) Letters to the editor on various social, national and international issues
- Very Long Answer Question: Sustained writing tasks such as writing:
 - a speech
 - an article for a magazine or report based on a verbal or a visual input.

Note: Though e-mail is included as one of the writing tasks, it is suggested that it may be tested as a part of internal or formative assessment.

Grammar

- Drafting questions/questionnaires based on verbal/visual input
- Composing a dialogue based on the given input
- Recognizing consonant and vowel values in pronunciation/ sentence and word stress
- Correction of errors in sentences

Note: A variety of questions through MCQs and Very Short Answer type questions may be asked to test grammar items in context (not as isolated sentences). Though only modals, determiners, voice and tense forms are being dealt with in Class XI, other grammar items

such as prepositions, verb forms, connectors which have been learnt earlier would also be included.

Section C: Literature Textbooks and Long Reading Texts

Questions are asked to test local and global comprehension involving interpretative, inferential, evaluative and extrapolatory skills.

- Very Short Answer Questions: Any two out of three extracts based on different poems to test theme, setting and literary devices
- Short Answer Questions: Based on different prose / drama / poetry / pieces to test Local and Global comprehension of ideas and language
- Long Answer Question: Based on prose or play to test comprehension of characters, actions and plot appreciation of literary conventions and reasoning.

Note:

- Short answer questions or long answer questions based on values can be given in the writing section or in the literature section
- Long Answer Questions: To test understanding, appreciation, analysis, inference in the plot of the long reading text and writing a character sketch

Assessment of Speaking and Listening Skills (ASL)

- It is recommended that speaking and listening skills should be regularly taught in the class.