

## ISC ENGLISH 1 SYLLABUS (2024) ON DIRECTED WRITING AND PROPOSAL WRITING

### Question Two

There are two parts in this question and both parts are compulsory.

- (a) The piece of directed writing will be based on the information and ideas provided. The required length will be about **300** words.

The range of subjects may include **article writing, book review, film review, review of cultural programme, speech writing, report writing, personal profile and statement of purpose.**

Skills such as selecting, amplifying, describing, presenting reasoned arguments, re-arranging and re-stating may be involved. The candidates' ability in the above skills, including format, will be taken into account as well as their ability to handle language appropriately in the context of the given situation.

- (b) Candidates will be required to write a proposal (**150 WORDS**) based on a given situation. The proposal should include **an introduction, objectives and a list of measures to be taken. A concluding statement is desirable.** The candidates will also be marked on linguistic ability

## ISC YEAR-WISE QUESTIONS ON DIRECTED WRITING AND PROPOSAL WRITING ( ISC 2023- ISC 2010)

### Question 2

- (i) Your city was recently affected by devastating floods which left a trail of destruction in its path. Write a newspaper report in about 300 words on the floods, using the points given below. You may include other relevant details.

Date and time when the city started flooding – cause of the floods—areas affected – loss of life and property – rescue and relief measures taken – help from the government. [15]

- (ii) As a member of the Drama Club of The XYZ School, you have been given the responsibility of organising an Inter School Play competition. Write a proposal in not more than 150 words, outlining the steps you would take to make this event a success. **ISC SPECIMEN PAPER 2024**

### Question 2

- (a) You are the editor of your school magazine. You want to bring about awareness among the students on the topic - Noise Pollution: A threat to all life forms. Write an article in about 300 words based on the following points:

Causes of noise pollution-effects on humans-effects on other living creatures measures to reduce noise pollution-role of authorities-conclusion.

- (b) As a member of the Student Council of your school, you wish to set up a Food Club to promote healthy eating habits among students. Write a proposal in not more than 150 words, outlining the steps that you will take to make this club a success. **ISC 2023**

### Question 2

- (i) You are the Head Boy/ Head Girl of The XYZ School and you have been asked to give a speech at the morning assembly on the topic – Waste Not, Want Not. Use the following guidelines to write the speech:

Greeting and address to the gathering—importance of resources—careful use of food—careful use of money—conserving electricity—preserving the environment for the next generation. [15]

- (ii) As the President of the Student Council of The XYZ School, you have been asked to organise a food festival. The proceeds from the sale will be donated to an animal shelter nearby. Write a proposal in not more than 150 words, outlining the steps you would take to make this event a success. **ISC SPECIMEN PAPER 2023**

## **Question 2**

Your school organized an adult literacy camp recently. Write a report for your school magazine in 200-250 words, using the following points:

Location of the camp - people who participated timing and duration - volunteers from your school - lessons taught materials used - feedback from the participants - experience of the volunteers.

As the Head of the Science Club of your school, you intend to conduct an interclass competition, in which students will present creative experiments. Write a proposal in not more than 150 words, stating the steps you will take to make this competition a success. **ISC SEMESTER 2 -2022**

## **Question 2**

(i) You have recently watched an interesting film. Write a review of this film, in about 200 – 250 words, based on the points given below.

Name of the film and its director – actors in the film – type of film – plot –quality of direction / acting – cinematography / costumes / sets – reaction of audiences – recommended / not recommended

(ii) As a member of the Student Council of your school, you wish to start an old clothes collection drive. These clothes are to be donated to an orphanage nearby. Write a proposal in not more than 150 words, stating the steps you would take to make it a success. **ISC SPECIMEN PAPER SEMESTER 2 2022**

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(a) You are the Head Boy/ Head Girl of The XY School and you have been asked to give a speech at the morning assembly on the topic - Waste Not, Want Not. Use the following guidelines to write the speech: [15]

Greet and address the gathering-importance of resources careful use of food careful use of money-conserving electricity-preserving the environment for the next generation.

(b) As the President of the Student Council of The XY School, you have been asked to organise a food festival. The proceeds from the sale will be donated to an animal shelter nearby. Write a proposal in not more than 150 words, outlining the steps you would take to make this event a success. [10] **ISC 2021**

## **Question 2**

(a) You are Nitin / Nita from XYZ School. You wish to start applying to various colleges for admission after your ISC examination. In about 300 words, draft your personal profile using the guidelines given below:

Your name, years spent in the school you are passing out from– academic interests and performance – cultural and sports activities you participated in — positions of leadership held during your stay in the school – your future plans and goals – one characteristic that you consider to be your strength and one characteristic that sets you apart from the others. [15]

(b) As a member of the Student Council of your school, you wish to start an old clothes collection drive. These clothes are to be donated to an orphanage nearby. Write a proposal in not more than 150 words, stating the steps you would take to make it a success. **ISC SPECIMEN PAPER 2021**

## **Question 2**

(a) As the Secretary of the Creative Arts Club of XYZ School, you organised an inter-school drama competition. Write a report for the school magazine in not more than 300 words, detailing the success of the event based on the following points:

Date, time and place – objective of the event – inauguration – schools involved –judges invited – response of participants – reaction of audience – plan for similar events in future. [20]

(b) As a member of the Student Council, you have been given the responsibility of arranging for a career guidance workshop. Write a proposal in not more than 150 words, stating the steps you would take to make the workshop a success. [10] **ISC 2020**

**Question 2.**

(a) An earthquake hits a state in your country. Write a newspaper report in about 300 words using the given points:

Date, time, areas affected - damage caused to life and property immediate rescue work - visit of dignitaries - relief camp set up-national and international reaction and concern - fear of epidemic and measures to control it-fund raising effort.

(b) As the President of the Social Service Club of your school, you want to arrange a visit to an elder care centre and spend a day with the residents. Write a proposal in not more than 150 words, stating the steps you would take to successfully brighten their day. **ISC XI FEBRUARY 2020**

**Question 2.**

(a) Heavy rains in your city has led to the rise in water levels in certain localities. Some parts of your locality have been submerged. Write a report in about 300 words, using the notes given below:

Duration and areas affected - damage to property - immediate and subsequent rescue work - temporary shelter-chances of widespread disease - reaction at the national level - visit of dignitaries - aid for the victims.

(b) As a member of the Student Council of your school, you plan to conduct an inter-school art competition. Write a proposal in about 150 words stating the steps you will take to conduct this event. [10] **ISC XI NOVEMBER 2019**

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**Your name, years spent in the school you are passing out from– academic interests and performance – cultural activities you participated in – sports – positions of leadership held during your stay in the school – your future plans and goals – two characteristics that you consider to be your strengths – two characteristics that set you apart from the others. [20]**

(b) As a member of the Student Council of your school, you wish to start an old clothes collection drive. These clothes are to be donated to an orphanage nearby. Write a proposal in not more than 150 words, stating the steps you would take to make it a success. **ISC 2019**

**Question 2**

**(a) Write the review of a play which you recently saw. Use the notes given below:**

**Name of play and playwright – type of play – message / theme – plot – acting – directing – lights / sound / costumes / make-up / props and sets – reaction. [20]**

(b) A group of your friends have decided to start a Kindness club in your school where the students and teachers can donate books and other goods to be sent to underprivileged children. Draw up a proposal for the setting up of the club, in not more than 150 words, stating the steps you would take to successfully establish it. [10] **ISC ( XI ) SPECIMEN PAPER 2019**

**Question 2**

You are the editor of your school magazine. You have recently attended a cultural programme in your city. Write an account of this programme (in approximately 300 words) using the points given below : (20)

Date and venue – occasion – Chief Guest – other invitees – inauguration – events – other important features – highlights – reaction of audience – conclusion **ISC 2018**

### Question 2

As a reporter you have visited a number of hospitals in your city. Write a newspaper report entitled 'City' Hospitals', based on the following points: [20]

Buildings and infrastructure – maintenance of the hospitals – quality of services – Doctors –nursing staff – waiting period for treatment – emergency facilities – other facilities available –medical equipment – overall opinion. ISC 2017 / ISC SPECIMEN PAPER 2019

### Question 2

Imagine that you are the Head Boy/Head Girl of ABC Public School. You have to deliver a speech at the Farewell Party organized by your juniors. Prepare a suitable speech for the occasion using the notes given below :

Years spent – early memories – association with juniors – skills acquired – values learnt – memorable moment – gratitude to teachers – message for juniors – future plans – thanks giving. ISC 2016

### Question 2

Write an article for your school magazine on a competition that was recently held in your school. Write the article in about 300 words using the points given below :

Name of the competition – nature of event – organisers – number of participants – chief guest –judges – quality of the competition – criteria for judgement – winners – overall experience. [20] ISC 2015

### Question 2

You have recently visited a tourist destination. Write a description of it for a travel magazine in about 300 words using the points given below: [20]

Name of the place — location — means of travelling to the destination — climate — best season to visit — picturesque landscape — lodging and food — recreational facilities — places of interest in the area — local language/dress — handicrafts/products — overall experience. ISC 2014

### Question 2

Write a review of a book you have recently read (in approximately 300 words) for your school magazine. Make use of the given points. [20]

Name of the book — author — publisher — readership — cover and illustrations—plot — characters — insight into some interesting incidents — message if any — appeal the book holds for you. ISC 2013

### Question 2

A student, at the end of Class XII, requests the Principal of his school for a certificate or testimonial which he needs for his further studies. Imagine that you are the Principal and draft a certificate, keeping the following points in mind : [20]

Duration of acquaintance -student's academic record – student's conduct – involvement in co-curricular and extra-curricular activities – leadership qualities – feedback obtained from teachers and any other relevant information.

(Kindly note that writing a TESTIMONIAL is NO MORE A PART OF THE PRESENT ISC SYLLABUS) ISC 2012

### Question 2

You are the Secretary of the Drama Club of your school. Write a report in about 300 words of the activities of your club for your school magazine. You may use the following points:

Number of members in your club – office bearers – teacher – advisors – number of meetings held during the year – play-readings – drama projects undertaken– drama workshops – interaction with any eminent drama personality – a plan for the coming year. ISC SPECIMEN PAPER 2012

### Question 2

The Interact Club of your school held a week literacy campaign recently. As a member of the club, write a report for the school magazine in about 300 words on the activities undertaken by the club members during the campaign. Use the notes given below. You may include other relevant details.

Announcement about the campaign in the morning assembly – purpose of the campaign – banners and posters made – visit to a slum – interaction between members of the club and the children of the slum – books, notebooks and stationery distributed – children taught in groups – food packets distributed – response from learners. [20] **ISC 2011**

### Question 2

A devastating cyclone has hit your city recently and has left a trail of destruction in its wake. Write a report on the cyclone and its aftermath in about 300 words. using the notes given below. You may include other relevant details.

Cause of the cyclone - date and time when it struck warning issued by the meteorological department-intensity and wind velocity - destruction to people and property panic among the people - rescue and relief measures undertaken by the administration - role of media - compensation announced by government. **ISC SPECIMEN PAPER 2011**

### Question 2

Write a review of a film for a popular magazine. The film has aroused great public interest. The review should be approximately 200 words. Use the notes given below as a guideline. You may include any other relevant details : [20]

Name of the film – plot or narrative – the actors – cinematography – a description of the scenes and incidents that you thought particularly effective – unusual features – final assessment. **ISC 2010**