English Core Class 12 Syllabus

Exam Structure

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| **Section** | **Area of Learning** | **Marks** |
| A | Reading Comprehension | 30 |
| B | Writing Skills | 30 |
| C | Literature & Long Reading Text | 40 |
|  | **Total** | **100** |

Section A: Reading Comprehension

**Reading Unseen Passages and Note making**

Two unseen passages with a variety of **very short answer / short answer or MCQ type questions** to test comprehension, interpretation and inference. Vocabulary such as word formation and inference of meaning will also be tested.

The total length of the two passages will be between 1100 - 1200 words. The passage will include two of the following:

1. Factual passages, e.g., instructions, descriptions, reports.
2. Descriptive passages involving opinion, e.g., argumentative, persuasive or interpretative text.
3. Literary passages, e.g., extract from fiction, drama, poetry, essay or biography. A poem could be of 28-35 lines.

The passages can be literary, factual or discursive to test comprehensions. The length of one passage should be  between 600-700 words.

A third passage of 400-500 words for note-making and abstraction.

Section B: Writing Skills

**Short Answer Questions**, e.g., advertisement and notices, designing or drafting posters, writing formal and informal invitations and replies.

**Long Answer Questions**: Letters based on verbal / visual input.

**Letter types include**

* Business or official letters (for making enquiries, registering complaints, asking for and giving information, placing orders and sending replies)
* Letters to the editor (giving suggestions or opinion on issues of public interest
* Application for a job

**Very Long Answer Questions:** Two compositions based on visual and/or verbal Input may be descriptive or argumentative in nature such as an article, a debate or a speech.

Section C: Literature and Long Reading Text

**Flamingo and Vistas**

* Very Short Answer Questions - Based on an extract from poetry to test comprehension and appreciation.
* Short Answer Questions - Based on prose / drama / poetry from both the texts.
* Long Answer Question - Based on texts to test global comprehension and extrapolation beyond the texts to bring out the key messages and values.
* Long Answer Question - Based on texts to test global comprehension along with analysis and extrapolation.
* Long Answer Question - Based on theme, plot and incidents from the prescribed novels.
* Long Answer Question - Based on understanding appreciation, analysis and interpretation of the character sketch.

Prescribed Books

1. Flamingo: English Reader published by NCERT
2. Vistas: Supplementary Reader published by NCERT

**Lessons Deleted**

Flamingo - 1. Poets and Pancakes; 2. The Interview; 3. A Road Side Stand (Poetry)

Vistas - 4. The Third Level; 5. Journey to the End of the Earth

Extended Reading Text: (either one)

* **The Invisible Man** by H.G. Wells
* **Silas Marner** by George Eliot