

Mock Board Exam

ICSE X

English Language

Question 1

Marks are awarded for content and expression (12+8)

Value points	Guidance
Descriptive: Sense of touch, sense of smell, sense of sight, sense of hearing, sense of taste	<p>The student is expected to describe the most memorable day he/she has experienced so far in school. The student must keep the following in mind:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Description of the entire day 2. Highlights of how and why the day was memorable <p>For every sensory image, 2 marks are awarded. 2 marks are awarded for emotions expressed. (6*2)</p> <p>The student must use adequate figurative language, similes, metaphors, imagery to bring out the descriptive impact of the prompt given (8)</p>
Narrative: roles and responsibilities of a class monitor, tasks implemented, lessons learnt	<p>The student is expected to narrate in a coherent manner the following:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Who they helped and why (someone in 'need' must be highlighted) 2. How and why they felt proud after helping the individual 3. The past tense should be used for narration and the first-person perspective can be used as well. <p>Marks should be awarded for content based on logical and sequential narration. 12 marks for content+8 marks for linguistic ability</p>
Story writing: the story should be developed in sync with the opening line of the story.	<p>The story should have a plot, characters, dialogues, theme, setting, a logical ending</p> <p>For every component of the short story, 2 marks are awarded (6*2) 8 marks for linguistic ability</p>
Argumentative: The essay should have the stance clearly mentioned. The entire essay should have logical arguments with points substantiating and validating the stance chosen	<p>The student must make her/his stance clear in the introduction itself. The rest of the essay should be an attempt to validate the stance. Facts, anecdotes, statistics and so on can be used to validate and argument.</p> <p>6 valid points need to be mentioned (6*2=12)+8 marks for linguistic ability</p>

Picture composition: The story should be revolving around the picture provided	The student can either comment on and describe the picture provided or write a short story on the picture given. If the student chooses a short story, the elements of a short story needs to be conformed to.
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Please note:

1. Highest marks awarded for a flawless answer is 18. Lowest marks awarded is 8. Average essays is 13-16
2. Deduct 1 mark for not making a minimum of 3 paragraphs (show the deduction at the end and mention the reason)
3. In the content, deduct 1-2 marks if the students have missed out on any part of the question. Marks in the expression to be deducted on the basis of the errors they have made.
4. If a child has written a very short essay, deduct one marks from the overall marks that has been awarded. Mention 'short script' at the end. Do not penalize the same student for not making 3 paragraphs.
5. For argumentative essays, students should take a stand

Question 2

Value points	Guidance
<p>a. Informal letter: Format:2.5, content:2.5, expression:5 (maximum of 4 marks can be awarded for expression)</p>	<p>Format breakup: Address: 0.5 Date:0.5 Salutation:0.5 (Dear friend/name of friend) Subscription: 1 (Yours affectionately/lovingly-0.5, first name full stop:0.5)</p> <p>Points for content (2.5 marks) 0.5+0.5+0.5- moving to a new town (reasons of moving and the process of moving) 0.5+0.5- experiences on reaching the place and about the place</p>
<p>b. Formal letter: Format:3, content:2 expression:5 (maximum of 4 can be awarded for expression)</p>	<p>Format break up: Sender's address-3 lines (0.5 marks) Date: 0.5 marks Recipient's address-4 lines (0.5 marks) Salutation-0.5 marks (Dear Sir/Dear Madam)</p> <p>Subscription:1 (Thanking you (0.5 marks) yours faithfully/truly+ full name full stop: 0.5 marks)</p> <p>Points for content: (2 marks) 0.5 – occasion of your birthday 0.5- grandmother's gift to you 0.5+0.5- enquire about the parcel+ delivery at the earliest</p>

b. Exemplar Answer for Formal letter

34, Star Apartment,

Raja Basanta Roy Lane,

Kolkata-700023.

30th January, 2021.

The Post Master,

LaalBazaar Post Office,

Kolkata-700023.

Dear Sir,

My grandmother had sent me a parcel on the occasion of my birthday on the 20th of January. It has almost been about ten days since she has sent it and am yet to receive the parcel. I checked with my local postman a couple of times but he too has no information about the same. Sir, I hope you understand the sentimental value attached to the gift more so considering that she is ailing and lives alone in another city.

I would be grateful if you could kindly look into the matter and address the issue at the earliest.

Thanking you,

Yours faithfully,

XYZ

Question 3

Notice writing

Title:1

Event: 1 (0.5+0.5)

Date: 0.5

Venue:1 (0.5+0.5)

Expression/last lines:1

Exemplar Answer for Notice Writing

Speakers' of the Poets

English Elocution Competition

13th March 2022

9:00 am to 12:00 noon

Prattler's Auditorium, Silver Bell School

All pupils from class VIII and IX who wish to volunteer are to give their names to Mrs B. Collins on or before the 8 th of March, 2022.

E-mail

Email address:0.5

Subject:0.5

Dear Sir/Dear Madam:0.5

Opening line:0.5

Expression:2 (the student is expected to write the details of the event along with the rules)

Closing/last line/we look forward to getting permission: 0.5

Subscription: 0.5

Exemplar Answer for Email Writing

principal@silverbellschool@gmail.com

English Elocution competition

Dear Ma'am,

Some of the members of the Literary Society are interested in celebrating Robert Frost's 148th birthday by organizing an English Elocution Competition, "Speakers' of the Poets'. We were thinking of hosting the competition on 13th of March, 2022 from 9:00 am-12:00 noon in the Prattler's auditorium. The students who wish to volunteer for this event from classes VIII and IX will have to give their names to Mrs Biswas on or before 8th March, 2022. Further, the participants will be provided with the topic one day prior for preparation.

We would be grateful if you could kindly approve our initiative. Your support will encourage the students and help make this competition a great success.

Thanking you,

Yours faithfully,

XYZ

(Secretary of the Literary Society)

