

**ENGLISH COURSE 'A'**

**SAMPLE PAPER-I**

**Marking Scheme/Hints to Solutions**

**Note : Any other relevant answer, not given here in but given by the candidates, be suitably awarded.**

<b>Q.No.</b>	<b>Value points / key points</b>	<b>Marks allotted to each key point/Value point</b>	<b>Total Marks</b>
	<p style="text-align: center;"><b>Section-A (Reading)</b></p> <p><b>Reading Comprehension Passage 1</b></p>		
1.	(i) B. mundane uneventful	1	8
	(ii) A. dull and chosen for Mr. Elliot's convenience	1	
	(iii) A. Mrs. Elliot's incapacity to make their home beautiful	1	
	(iv) B. Confused	1	
	(v) B. Emphasises aesthetic contrast	1	
	(vi) Unexpectedly can be replaced with "accidentally"	1	
	(vii) arrange flowers	1	
	(viii) True	1	
	<p><b>Reading Comprehension Passage 2</b></p>		
2.	(i) C. Combating climate change and ensuring sustainability	1	
	(ii) B. Option (b) and (d)	1	

3.	<p>(iii) B. Converting sunlight into usable electricity 1</p> <p>(iv) Option (C) 1</p> <p>(v) C. Fossil 1</p> <p>(vi) A. Both (A) and (R) are True and (R) is the correct explanation of (A). 1</p> <p>(vii) Capturing the energy of flowing water—such as rivers 1</p> <p>(viii) True 1</p> <p>(ix) reducing dependence on fossil fuels/mitigating climate change / ensuring a sustainable energy future (any one) 1</p> <p>(x) generate / produce 1</p> <p>(xi) Biofuels 1</p> <p>(xii) Hydroelectric and wood 1</p> <p><b>Section-B (Writing Skills and Grammar)</b></p> <p><b>Notice</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Name of school / organisation</li> <li>• Date</li> <li>• Notice</li> <li>• Heading / Topic</li> <li>• Content</li> <li>• Name</li> <li>• Designation</li> </ul> <p>*Put in a box</p>	<p>Format-1</p> <p>Content-2</p> <p>Accuracy-1</p>	<p>12</p> <p>4</p>
<b>OR</b>			

## EMAIL

**\*To be put in a box**

EMAIL

Date :

From :

To :

Subject :

Salutation (Sir / Madam)

Content

Greetings

Subscription

(Regards)

Format-1

Content-2

Accuracy-1

4.

## Formal Letter

**Format :**

- Sender's address
- Date
- Receiver's address (receiver's designation, name of the national daily and address)
- Subject
- Salutation (Sir/Madam)
- Content/Body – 3 Paragraphs [Reference and purpose of writing, Problem 2-3 and their consequences, Solution, Request to publish]
- Subscription (Yours truly)

Format-1

Content-4

Fluency-2

Accuracy-1

**Value Points :**

1. Recognize the increasing number of old age homes as a symptom of a societal shift.

2. Emphasise on the shift away from caring for elders within families.
3. Voice concern about the implications of this shift on the well-being of elders.
4. Stress the importance of reverting to a culture of caring for elders within families.
5. Encourage readers to reflect on the value of caring for elders and to take steps towards ensuring their well-being within family structures.

**OR**

**Article**

**Format :**

- Heading
- By line
- Content (to be divided into three-four paragraphs)

**Value Points :**

1. Introduction :
  - Introduce the quote “Nature Is Your Best Teacher” and its significance.
  - Set the tone for the article by emphasising on the wisdom nature holds.
2. Lessons from nature :
  - Discuss various lessons one can learn from nature, such as resilience, adaptability and interconnectedness.
  - Highlight examples from the natural world to illustrate each lesson (e.g., trees bending but not breaking in a storm, animals adapting to their environment).

Format-1

Content-4

Fluency-2

Accuracy-1



7.	<b>Passive Voice</b>		
	(a) are sautéed	1	
	(b) are added	1	4
	(c) is poured	1	
	(d) is simmered	1	
8.	<b>Gap Filling</b>		
	(a) walks	1	
	(b) has already left	1	
	(c) sighs	1	3
9.	<b>Do as Directed</b>		
	(a) could/would	1	
	(b) Walking through the forest, I saw a deer. It was a majestic sight.	1	
	(c) has celebrated	1	3
	<b>Section-C (Literature)</b>		
10.	<b>RTC Poem</b>		
	(a) The phrase suggests that Granny is assertive and values her independence.	1	
	(b) C. Alliteration	1	
	(c) warm / cordial / healthy/amicable relationship (any other suitable word)	1	4
	(d) B. Samiksha has been teaching for the last ten years.	1	
	<b>OR</b>		
	(a) A. Honour	1	
	(b) sacrifices	1	

	(c) The poet uses “head, heart, and hand” to symbolise devotion to the Motherland. “Head” signifies intellectual commitment, “heart” represents emotional attachment, and “hand” denotes practical action. These words collectively convey a holistic dedication involving intellect, emotion, and effort in serving the country.	1	
	(d) Option 4	1	
11.	<b>RTC Prose/Play</b>		
	(a) ‘I’ refers to the narrator, William Morris.	1	
	(b) they are known for selling high-end items and they do not undertake repair work.	1	
	(c) She was waiting outside and later brought a cheap brooch for repair.	1	
	(d) A. Doubtful	1	4
	<b>OR</b>		
	(a) B. Mr. Hill’s house	1	
	(b) assistant manager	1	
	(c) Option 1	1	
	(d) Briggs and Winter sought Mr. Hill’s resignation because he neglected his duties at the bank by spending excessive time lunching with clients instead of focusing on office tasks.	1	
12.	<b>Value Points :</b>		
	(a) • by offering to send a royal doctor and servants to take care of the wounded man. • promised to return his property too.	2	
	(b) • The author’s humour keeps readers entertained. • The story subtly critiques societal norms about class and etiquette. • Readers can empathise with the protagonist’s struggle with social situation. • on a limited budget	2	2×6 =12

<p>(c) • Dr. Abdul Kalam          • Walked miles before sunrise          • Attended Arabic school          • Delivered newspapers          • Balanced school and business responsibilities (any two)</p>	2	Any 6 out of 7
<p>(d) • Yes, he was justified.          • Swami feels guilty and uncertain about his description of Samuel.          • Swami wants to take back the letter but worries about his father's stubbornness.          • He regrets lying about his teacher and wishes he could undo it.          • Swami considers disposing of the letter but fears his father's reaction. (any two)</p>	2	
<p>(e) • By the end, the king realised that there is only one time that is important and that time is 'Now'. It is the most important time because it is the only time in which we have any power to act.</p>	2	
<p>(f) Charity must be the chief concern of all mankind. Other concerns which divert people's attention from this are religion, faith, hopes and beliefs.</p>	2	
<p>(g) • The headmaster was absent          • Samuel as acting vice-principal          • Letter is not delivered (any two)</p>	2	

13. **Value Points :**

- The narrator is a struggling writer living in a small apartment, indicating financial hardship.
- Flattered by the fan mail.
- Despite his financial situation, he invites the woman to an upscale lunch at Foyots, showing his desire to impress her.



- Assumption about the woman’s eating habits.
- He is too shy or polite to decline the invitation.
- Surprised over her eating habits.
- Throughout the meal, he worries about the bill and the potential financial burden it may impose on him.
- Disgusted and embarrassed by the awkward situation of potentially not having enough money to pay the bill.  
(any 3-4 value points)

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**OR**

“My Mother” by Dr. APJ Abdul Kalam

- Celebrates the speaker’s mother’s simplicity and strength.
- Highlights the valuable lessons passed down from elders through their actions and words.

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“Granny’s Tree Climbing” by Ruskin Bond

- Depicts the grandmother’s adventurous spirit and fearlessness.
- Illustrates the vitality and resilience of elders, regardless of age.

14. **Format of Diary Entry**

**Format :**

Day

Date

Time

Content : Value Points :

- King seeks answers, finds wisdom with hermit
- Learns to live in present

Content-3

Expression-2

Accuracy-1

6

- Shifts focus on simplicity over complexity
- Finds peace by letting go of power and success

**OR**

Format : Sender's address

Date

Salutation

Content :

Value Points

1. Acknowledge that you misrepresented your teacher, Samuel, to your father.
2. Apologise for the trouble caused and for painting a wrong picture of Samuel.
3. Promise your father that you won't repeat the mistake in future.
4. Ask your father for forgiveness for the mistake.

Content-3

Expression-2

Accuracy-1

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