

**The Village International School, Thodupuzha  
Model Examination 2  
Marking Scheme**

**CLASS: XII  
HOURS**

**SUBJECT: ENGLISH (301)**

**TIME: 3**

**MAX. MARKS: 80**

General Instructions:

1. This Question Paper contains- five sections A, B, C, D and E. Each section is compulsory .However, there are internal choices in some questions.
2. Section A has of 18 MCQs and 02 Assertion - Reason based questions of 1 mark each
3. Section B has 5 very short answer (VSA)-type questions of 2 marks each
4. Section C has 6short answer (SA)-type questions of 3 marks each
5. Section D has 4 Long answer (LA)-type questions of 5 marks each
6. Section E has 3 source based/case based/passage based/integrates units of assessment of 4 marks each with sub-parts.

**MARKING SCHEME**

**Q1.**

1. C. There were lesser companies searching for intern profiles earlier, as compared to those in the recent five years.
2. B. Knowing more about internships
3. D. Management internships' popularity is more than twice that for Media.
4. B. I have real-time experience in managing a team and many companies consider it more meritorious than a degree in Management.
5. A.

	cause	effect
A.	Several students had courses to complete	Students applied for online internship

6. C. most interns were offered around ₹7,000.
7. C. sizeable number of visitors to the portal per month.
8. D. (1) is true and (2) is the reason for (1)
9. Seek
10. Reluctant

**QII. (I)**

1. filling in the words into them
2. Secret Garden, Enchanted Forest, Lost Ocean
3. on the social media
4. therapist's counsel

**(II)**

1. The newest stress buster is paper yoga and makes use of colouring books for adults.
2. Adult colouring books contain mandala drawings, elaborate landscapes, and cultural tableaux

3. The publishers are forced to import stock because there are not enough titles available in India.
4. The latest trend in this line is self-publishing by illustrators and the asking of customers to bring their own inputs into the book.
5. The leading author in this field is Johanna Basford who has achieved success within a matter of two years.
6. Indu Harikumar who self-published colouring book 'Beauty needs space' comprising of 12 artworks at a price of Rs 1500 and sold 155 of the 200 she printed and which people wrote back to say they connected with.

(III)

1. elaborate
2. multilingual

**QIII.** Institution Name, NOTICE, date , Heading

All the members of the Executive Committee of the Old Students' Association are requested to attend a meeting to finalise the programme for the celebration of Annual Alumini Meet on ....., at ..... In the School Auditorium. Members are requested to be on time and make the Alumini meet a success.

Name

Secretary

OR

Institution Name, NOTICE, date, Heading

This is for the information of all students that a charitable organization, Nehru Education Society is coming to the school at 11am on ...<sup>th</sup> August 2023 to distribute books to the needy students. Interested Students are requested to drop the list of the books they need in the box kept outside the Principal's office latest by ...<sup>th</sup> August 2023.

Name

Head Boy

**QIV.** From Address, date, To Address Salutations

Subject : Improving the living conditions of slum workers

Through the columns of your esteemed newspaper, I would like to draw the attention of the authorities to the miserable living conditions of the slum dwellers. There is no proper drainage systems, no lights, there are huge garbage dumps and these slum dwellers lack basic civic amenities. These slums in the cities are overcrowded as more and more people are moving to cities due to lack of job opportunities in the rural areas.

I would like to suggest that the state governments should create more job opportunities and should provide infrastructure to check the mass migration. Another area that needs serious attention is the sanitation and health sector. NGO's should come forward and lend support in terms of adopting a few villages.

OR

Subject: Application for the Post of Chartered Accountant

This is in response to your advertisement in The National Daily on ..... , I wish to offer my candidature for the same.

Yours faithfully

Name

Sign

Biodata

Name:

Father's Name:

Date of Birth:

Marital Status:

Educational Qualifications:

Working Experience:

Languages Known:

References: 1)

2)

Date:

Place:

#### **QV. Hard work and punctuality**

Hard work and punctuality is the key to get success in life. In the student's life, the importance of both is very exemplary. Students are taught to be disciplined and to be on time for a genuine reason because success deserves those who care for the value of time. A student who has a habit of doing things on time never fails. Being punctual saves you from unnecessary troubles. Being on time helps them to get rid of laziness and negative attitude.

Achievements without hard work are impossible. An idle student can never gain happiness and success in his/her life and will always blame time or other people for their failures but hardworking people never give up even after experiencing failures in their life. Work is a privilege and a pleasure to those who don't consider work as a burden. Working is a part of living which is considered as worship. Students who work hard and make the best use of their time can really achieve their dreams which they have aimed for.

OR

A rise in prices, economists say, is a sign of development and prosperity. However, during the last two decades, prices of almost all the essential commodities have been increasing at an alarming rate. These soaring prices have caused great unrest and frustration among the people. The people belonging to the middle class and the salaried people are hit hard.

The prices of petrol, cooking gas, kerosene oil, and several other items of daily use are increasing every year. Not only that, railway fares, airfares, and bus and taxi charges are also increasing regularly. There are many causes of the unprecedented rise in prices. Inflation, black marketing, hoarding, faulty credit system, overpopulation and improper system of distribution are some of the major causes of hike in prices.

There should be an equitable distribution through fair price shops. Shopkeepers should be directed to display the stock of essential commodities along with their prices. Those people who buy things in the black market should be punished. Production of food should be increased. Sincere efforts should be made to stabilize the prices of essential commodities. Let us hope that the government will be able to bring down soaring prices. What is needed is the right intention and the force of will.

#### **QVI.**

Sunrise Global School

Agra

01 July, 2019

Sir

Our school is organising its Annual Sports Day on 30th July, 2019. Your gracious presence will act as a catalyst and inspire us all. You are requested to hand over the prizes to the budding sportspersons of the school in our school ground at 2 pm.

Kindly confirm your availability by 20, November.

Yours faithfully

Karuna

Sports Secretary

OR

PQR College  
XYZ Street PQ Colony New Delhi

1 March 2014

The Chairman National Book Trust Hauz Khas New Delhi

Subject :Inability to attend the inauguration of book exhibition

Thank you for your invitation I am honoured by your invitation However win not be possible for me to attend the programme I would have loved to join you of the auspicious occasion but because certain unavoidable obligations will not be able to join the occasion

Yours sincerely

Name

**QVII.** 1. William Douglas

2. When he was 3 or 4 years old the beach in California the waves knocked and swept over him. He was buried in water. He was frightened there was terror in my heart at the overpowering force of the waves.

3. He was drowned

4. It was safer.

5. revived

6. William Douglas

OR

1. Mukesh

2. a. reality but yet seemed distant

3. a. 1 & 5

4. Bangle making

5. Optical illusion

6. Anees Jung

**QVIII.** 1. b. invite readers as part of the poems larger call to humanity.

2. a. Atwood endorses Neruda's call to not speak in any language.

3. b. to emphasize the frenetic activity and chaos that usually envelops human life.

4. b. 1- (i); 2- (iii); 3-(ii), 4-(iv)

5. b. alliteration

6. Moment of stillness without rush, without engines.

OR

1. The narrator stood a few yards away and looked at her mother's face again.

2. The narrator's mother is old, frail and very pale like the moon in late winter.

Hence, the comparison.

3. It refers to the narrator's childhood fear of losing her parent or fear of separation from her.

4. The narrator said this to reassure her mother and herself that she would see her soon. After the pain of realizing that her mother had grown old, there is a mood of acceptance of reality.

5. The poetic device used in the line 'as a late winter's moon' is a simile.

6. (i) Pale; (ii) Wan

**Q IX.** 1. The reader

2. c. Orthodox, upper class

3. c. . Re-imagining a Warless Future: Technology for Peace

4. Galesburg Illinois in 1894 was a very beautiful and wonderful town. There were big houses with old frames, large lawns and many trees in the town. The town was symbolic of being romantic, leisure, freedom and reprising. The people of the town would enjoy the summer evenings by spending their time in their lawns.

**OR**

1. There was no grounds for doubt because the child identified himself that he was the speaker.

2. The child was 10 days old.

3. The chief astrologer took off his spectacles and gazed intently at the baby.

4. Intently

**QX.**

1. M Hamel taught the class about grammar, then writing and finally a lesson in history. He also made the class realise the importance of their native language and that they should hold fast to their language and never forget it.

2. Spring is the colourful season that gives hope and happiness to everyone. Similarly childhood of a person is the stage of life full of hopes, ambitions and happiness. The Lost Spring tells us about the miseries of innocent children who have lost their childhood in the web of poverty and illiteracy. Their poverty grind their present and future. Saheb and Mukesh represent the children who have lost joy and happiness and are doomed in a life of miserable life.

3. Made him practice 5 days a week an hour each. Put a belt around Douglas. A rope attached to the belt that went through a pulley. The trainer held on to the rope and pulled him back and forth across the pool. He taught Douglas to put his face under water and exhale and to raise his nose and inhale. Slowly and steadily he was able to shed his fear of water.

4. After the security check, 'all I did was smile, smile and smile and all I said 'see you soon amma'. The poet did so in order to hide her internal insecurity and fear. She was undergoing internal turbulence but did not want her mother to know it.

5. The earth is the symbol of nature that shows that keeping still is not total inactivity as when it is winter, everything on the earth seems to be dead. But later in spring, it is proved that the earth is alive and not dead It has new colours and beauty added to it.

6. Prussians put a ban on the French language - People realized the importance of holding onto their mother tongue. M Hamel was considered strict and the classes / work given by him were not taken seriously - After he was ordered to leave the country, villagers realized the importance of his contribution to the society.

**QXI.**

1. The Rattrap deals with the issues of human loneliness and the need to bond with others. Not only the peddler but also other characters like the crofter the ironmaster and Edla emphasise this fact. The peddler's conscience had left him because he had been lonely in his predicament for a long time.

2. The Maharaja wanted to prove that the prediction of the State astrologer was wrong. Hence, he restricted the hunting of tigers in all the tiger-rich forests of Pratibandapuram, so that he could hunt them down.
3. Sadao treated the American soldier even though it was an unpatriotic act as his moral and ethical duty as a doctor to treat people who are suffering in pain, injured, wounded, or ill irrespective of the person's origin.
4. Lamb spoke words of encouragement, hope and zest for life, which no one had ever spoken to him. He makes the boy aware of his physical strength and explains the importance of emotional well-being. This realization draws him closer to the old man.
5. Lewis Carroll considers interviews as an intrusion that is immoral and an offence. He had a 'just horror' of the interviewers and this is why he refused to be interviewed. He shunned interviews because he feared being projected as larger than life.

**QXII.** The author addresses the human nature of running away from a problem and seeking solace in an imaginary world in *The Third Level*. In *The Third Level*, the author or narrator, Jack Finney, creates a character named Charley who wishes to escape the problems in his life and walk into an imaginary world known as the third level.

Charley wants to escape from reality. One day, he was coming home from his office. He decided to travel by train and reached the Grand Central Railway Station. In the meantime, he lost himself in his thoughts and reached the imagistic third level, where he felt happy to see a different world. It is human nature to run away from the present, and sometimes it feels like a temporary relief, but it is not the solution to the problem. Charley also did the same thing and lost himself in an imaginary world where he wouldn't have any stress, anxiety, or fatigue from the modern world. Therefore, the author uses the medium of the third level to explain human apathy to have some consolation in the tense situation, like Charley's way of escapism. It would just mean running away, leaving, or ignoring a bad situation instead of dealing with it or being afraid of it.

OR

Maharaja's minions were servile towards him primarily because of his fury and obstinacy which might result in either losing their jobs for no apparent fault of theirs or facing unjustified punishments. No one dared to take the risk of explaining the consequences of the killings to the king or give him any right suggestion or advice. No one tried to argue any of his decision – be it annihilation of tigers or marrying for the sake of availing further opportunity for tiger-hunt. No one questioned his neglect of duties towards his people or state. They simply did not wish to interfere and were happy to comply lest they should face the consequences. They merely had to submit to his whims and fancies as they existed purely for that very reason. The simple reasoning was that if they cannot do an assigned job, they did not deserve to be in the job. Even his dewan was asked to resign from his post when he tried to point out the impracticality of doubling the taxes collected from people. All his subordinates lived in a piteous state of constant terror of him so much so that the shopkeeper couldn't communicate the original price of an item, the hunters couldn't inform him about the hundredth tiger being alive and even his dewan had to stealthily arrange for a tiger to be brought from Chennai. Their sincerity to him, if any, was always shown overpowered by the fear of their king.

Yes, there are lots of similarities between the Maharaja's story and the present political order. People are discontented as those in power seem to be indifferent to their welfare and that of the state and ecology. Selfish aims and concerns guide decisions, and mere whims and fancies can change the situation of law and order. Those who try to bring some positive reform may also not be able to do so as they fear losing their jobs or facing other dire consequences. Taxes taken from the public are also constantly misappropriated. Reforms either do not materialise or do so with an extremely slow pace. Yet, the best part is that the

real situation is not as bleak as in the story. There are people working for the benefit and welfare of their community and society, and positive changes do happen.

**Q.XIII.** 1. Bama and Zitkala Sa both faced discrimination in their childhood, but their experiences and responses to these challenges were different in some ways. Bama, an Indian Dalit writer, experienced the effects of caste discrimination and was forced to drop out of school at an early age. Despite the hardships she faced, she was determined to overcome them and went on to become a writer and advocate for the Dalit community. Zitkala Sa, on the other hand, was a Native American writer who experienced discrimination based on her indigenous heritage. She was taken away from her family at a young age and forced to attend boarding school where she was subjected to cultural assimilation and physical abuse. Despite this traumatic experience, Zitkala Sa found her voice as a writer and activist, fighting for the rights of Native American people. Despite these differences, both Bama and Zitkala Sa shared a strong sense of determination to overcome the discrimination they faced. Both women were successful in their respective fields and left a lasting legacy through their writing and activism. Their experiences and responses to discrimination serve as an inspiration to others and demonstrate the power of perseverance and resilience in the face of adversity.

OR

2. This maxim is very much significant as it warns us to maintain the ecological balance in nature. It specifies the need of caring the small things so that the big things may take care of themselves. The Antarctica has quite a simple eco-system but it lacks in bio-diversity. It is the most suitable place to study how small changes in the environment can have fatal consequences. With deforestation, different kinds of rare species have become extinct and the ecological balance is under disturbance. The danger of global warming starts from small things like burning of fossil fuels. Our ozone layer in the atmosphere is under threat. Thus the neglect of small things results in terrible danger.

The author points out small phytoplanktons. These are single celled tiny plants. They nourish and sustain the entire Southern Ocean's food chain. These plants use solar energy and assimilate carbon. They synthesise organic compounds and this process is called photosynthesis. The scientists are warning us that the further depletion of the ozone layer will affect the activities of phyto-planktons. The holes in the ozone layer will affect the lives of the all marine life. Thus the entire global carbon cycle will collapse. Accordingly there is an urgent need to check the depletion of resources. The writer is appropriate in his statement, "Take care of small things and the big things will take care of themselves."

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