

CBSE Class XI Syllabus

English Core Class 11 Syllabus

Unit-wise Weightage

Section	Area of Learning	Marks
A	Reading Skills	20
B	Writing Skills and Grammar	30
C	Literature & Long Reading Text	30
D	Assessment of Speaking & Listening Skills	20

Section A: Reading Comprehension

Very short answer and MCQ types questions:

Two unseen passages (including poems) with a variety of questions including 4 marks for vocabulary such as word formation and inferring meaning. The total range of the 2 passages including a poem or a stanza, will be around 900-1000 words.

1. 550-600 words in length (for note-making and summarising)
2. 350-400 words in length (to test comprehension, interpretation and inference)

An unseen poem of about 28-35 lines

The passages could be of any one of the following types:

- Factual passages, e.g., illustrations, description, reports
 - Discursive passages involving opinion, e.g., argumentative, persuasive
 - Literary passages e.g. extracts from fiction, biography, autobiography, travelogue, etc.
- In the case of a poem, the text may be shorter than the prescribed word limit.

SECTION B: Writing Skills and Grammar

Writing

- Short Answer Questions: Based on notice/ poster/ advertisement
- Long Answer Questions: Letters based on verbal/visual input. It would cover all types of letters.

Letter types may include:

- a. business or official letters (for making enquiries, registering complaints, asking for and giving information, placing orders and sending replies)

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- b. letters to the editor (giving suggestions on an issue)
 - c. application for a job with a bio-data or resume
 - d. letter to the school or college authorities, regarding admissions, school issues, requirements /suitability of courses, etc.
- Very Long Answer Question: Composition in the form of article, speech, report writing or a narrative

Grammar

Different grammatical structures in meaningful contexts will be tested. Item types will include gap filling, sentence re-ordering, dialogue completion and sentence transformation. The grammar syllabus will include determiners, tenses, clauses, modals and Change of Voice. These grammar areas will be tested using the following **short answer type and MCQ type questions**:

- Error Correction, editing tasks
- Re-ordering of Sentences
- Transformation of sentences

Section C: Literature and Long Reading Texts

Questions to test comprehension at different levels: literal, inferential and evaluative

1. Hornbill: Textbook published by NCERT
2. Snapshots: Supplementary Reader published by NCERT

The following lessons have been deleted:

1. Landscape of the Soul
 2. The Adventure
 3. Silk Road
 4. The Laburnum Top (Poetry)
 5. The Ghat of the only World (Snapshots)
- Very Short Answer Questions - Based on an extract from poetry to test reference to context comprehension and appreciation.
 - Short Answer Questions - Based on prose, poetry and plays from both the texts.
 - Long Answer Question - Based on prescribed texts to test global comprehension and extrapolation beyond the texts to bring out the key messages and values.

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- Long Answer Questions - Based on theme, plot, incidents or event from the prescribed novels.
- Long Answer Question - Based on understanding appreciation, analysis and interpretation of the characters.

Note: Values-based questions may be given as long answers in the writing or literature sections.

Long Reading Texts / Novels (either one)

With a view to inculcate the habit of reading among the students, CBSE has introduced compulsory reading of a Long Reading Text - Novel in the English Core Course and will be evaluated in the Term-end Assessments. Schools can opt for either one of the texts.

- i) The Canterville Ghost by Oscar Wilde (unabridged 1906 Edition)
- ii) Up from Slavery by Booker T. Washington (unabridged 2000 Edition)