

# **ENGLISH LANGUAGE AND LITERATURE**

## **(Code No. 184) (2020-21)**

### **1. Background**

Traditionally, language-learning materials beyond the initial stages have been sourced from literature: prose, fiction and poetry. While there is a trend for inclusion of a wider range of contemporary and authentic texts, accessible and culturally appropriate pieces of literature should play a pivotal role at the secondary stage of education. The English class should not be seen as a place merely to read poems and stories in, but an area of activities to develop the learner's imagination, which is a major aim of language study, thus equipping the learner with communicative skills to perform various language functions through speech and writing.

### **2. Objectives:**

Objectives of the course are to enable learners to:

- build greater confidence and proficiency in oral and written communication;
- develop the ability and knowledge required in order to engage in independent reflection and inquiry;
- use appropriate English to communicate in various social settings;
- equip learners with essential language skills to question and to articulate their point of view;
- build competence in the different aspects of English;
- develop sensitivity to, and appreciation of, other varieties of English, like Indian English, and the culture they reflect;
- enable the learner to access knowledge and information through reference skills (consulting a dictionary / thesaurus, library, internet, etc.);
- develop curiosity and creativity through extensive reading;
- facilitate self-learning to enable them to become independent learners;
- review, organise and edit their own work and work done by peers;
- integrate listening and speaking skills in the curriculum;
- give a brief oral description of events / incidents of topical interest;
- retell the contents of authentic audio texts (weather reports, public announcements, simple advertisements, short interviews, etc.);
- participate in conversations, discussions, etc., on topics of mutual interest in non-classroom situations;
- narrate a story which has been depicted pictorially or in any other non-verbal mode;

- respond, in writing, to business letters, official communications email etc.;
- read and identify the main points / significant details of texts like scripts of audio-video interviews, discussions, debates, etc.;
- write without prior preparation on a given topic and be able to defend or explain the stand taken / views expressed in the form of article, speech, or a debate;
- write a summary of short lectures on familiar topics by making / taking notes;
- write an assessment of different points of views expressed in a discussion / debate;
- read poems effectively (with proper rhythm and intonation);
- transcode information from a graph / chart to a description / report and write a dialogue, short story or report.

### **3. Language Items**

In addition to consolidating the grammatical items practised earlier, the courses at the secondary level seek to reinforce the following explicitly:

- sequence of tenses
- reported speech in extended texts
- modal auxiliaries (those not covered at upper primary)
- non-finites (infinitives, gerunds, participles)
- conditional clauses
- complex and compound sentences
- phrasal verbs and prepositional phrases
- cohesive devices
- punctuation (semicolon, colon, dash, hyphen, parenthesis or use of brackets and exclamation mark)

### **4. Methods and Techniques**

The methodology is based on a multi-skill, activity-based, learner-centered approach. Care is taken to fulfill the functional (communicative), literary (aesthetic) and cultural (sociological) needs of the learner. In this situation, the teacher is the facilitator of learning, She/he presents language items, contrives situations which motivates the child to use English for the purposes of communication and expression. Aural-oral teaching and testing is an integral feature of the teaching-learning process. The electronic and print media could be used extensively. A few suggestive activities are:

- Role play
- Simulating real life situations
- Dramatising and miming

- Problem solving and decision making
- Interpreting information given in tabular form and schedule
- Using newspaper clippings
- Borrowing situations from the world around the learners, from books and from other disciplines
- Using language games, riddles, puzzles and jokes
- Interpreting pictures / sketches / cartoons
- Debating and discussing
- Narrating and discussing stories, anecdotes, etc.
- Reciting poems
- Working in pairs and groups
- Using media inputs - computer, television, video cassettes, tapes, software packages

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**SYLLABUS CLASS – IX (2020-21)**  
**SECTION - WISE WEIGHTAGE**

| Section |                                                    | Total Weightage<br>80 |
|---------|----------------------------------------------------|-----------------------|
| A       | Reading Skills                                     | 20                    |
| B       | Writing Skills with Grammar                        | 30                    |
| C       | Literature Textbook and Supplementary Reading Text | 30                    |

**Note-The annual examination will be of 80 marks**

**There will be internal assessment of 20 Marks.**

**SECTION A: READING**

**50 Periods**

This section will have two reading passages.

**20 Marks**

1: A Factual passage 300-350 words with eight Objective Type Questions (including Multiple Choice Questions). 8 marks

2 A Discursive passage of 350-400 words with four Short Answer Type Questions to test inference, evaluation and analysis and four Objective Type Questions (including Multiple Choice Questions) to test vocabulary. 12 marks

## **SECTION B: WRITING SKILLS AND CONTEXTUAL GRAMMAR**

**(30 Marks)**

60 Periods

For writing tasks there will be internal choice.

3: Writing an Informal Letter on a situation /Descriptive Paragraph (person/place/event/diary entry) in about 150-200 words based on visual or verbal cue/s. 10 marks

4: Writing a story based on a given outline or cue/s in about 150-200 words. 10 marks

The Grammar syllabus will include the following topics-

- i. Tenses
- ii. Modals
- iii. Use of passive voice
- iv. Subject – verb concord
- v. Reported speech
  - a. Commands and requests
  - b. Statements
  - c. Questions
- vi. Clauses:
  - a. Noun clauses
  - b. Adverb clauses of condition and time
  - c. Relative clauses
- vii. Determiners
- viii. Prepositions

The above items may be tested through test types (grammar in context) as given below:

5: Cloze passage / Gap Filling / Editing. 4 marks.

6: Dialogue Writing/ Reporting dialogue on a given cue. 6 marks

## **SECTION C: LITERATURE TEXTBOOK & SUPPLEMENTARY READER TEXTBOOK**

**(30 Marks)**

There will be Internal Choice for every question.

60 Periods

7. One out of two extracts from prose/poetry/play for reference to the context. Two Short Answer Type Questions of two marks each based on interpretation. (2x2=4 marks)

8. Five Short Answer Type Questions out of seven short answer type questions from BEEHIVE AND MOMENTS (3 questions out of four from BEEHIVE and 2 questions out of three from MOMENTS) to test local and global comprehension of theme and ideas (to be answered in 30-40 words each)

(2x5=10 marks)

9. One out of two Long Answer Type questions to be answered in 100-150 words, from the book BEEHIVE to assess creativity, imagination and extrapolation beyond the text and across the texts. This can be a passage based question taken from a situation / plot from the texts. (8 marks)

- 10 One out of two Long Answer Type questions from the book MOMENTS on theme or plot involving interpretation, extrapolation beyond the text and inference or character sketch in about (100-150 words). (8 marks)

**Prescribed Books: Published by NCERT, New Delhi**

- BEEHIVE – Textbook for class IX
- MOMENTS – Supplementary Reader for Class IX
- Words and Expressions-I, Workbook

**NOTE: Teachers are advised to:**

- (i) encourage classroom interaction among peers, students and teachers through activities such as role play, group work etc.
- (ii) reduce teacher-talk time and keep it to the minimum,
- (iii) take up questions for discussion to encourage pupils to participate and to marshal their ideas and express and defend their views.

Besides measuring learning outcome, texts serve the dual purpose of diagnosing mistakes and areas of non-learning. To make evaluation a true index of learners' knowledge, each language skill is to be assessed through a judicious mixture of different types of questions.

1. Reading Section: Reading for comprehension, critical evaluation, inference and analysis are to be tested.
2. Writing Section: All types of short and extended writing tasks will be dealt with.
3. Grammar: Grammar items mentioned in the syllabus will be taught and assessed.

**INTERNAL ASSESSMENT**

Listening and Speaking Competencies

50 Periods

Assessment of Listening and Speaking Skills will be for 05 marks.

It is recommended that listening and speaking skills should be regularly practised in the class. Art-integrated activities like Role Play, Skit, Dramatization etc. can also be used.

**Guidelines for Assessment in Listening and Speaking Skills****i. Activities:**

- Activities for listening and speaking available at [www.cbseacademic.in](http://www.cbseacademic.in) can be used for developing listening and speaking skills of students.
- Subject teachers should also refer to books prescribed in the syllabus.
- In addition to the above, teachers may plan their own activities and create their own material for assessing the listening and speaking skills.

**ii. Parameters for Assessment:**

The listening and speaking skills are to be assessed on the following parameters:

- i. Interactive competence (Initiation & turn taking, relevance to the topic).
- ii. Fluency (cohesion, coherence and speed of delivery).
- iii. Pronunciation
- iv. Language (accuracy and vocabulary).

**iii. Schedule:**

- The practice of listening and speaking skills should be done throughout the academic year.
- The final assessment of the skills is to be done as per the convenience and schedule of the school.

**III. Record keeping:**

The record of the activities done and the marks given must be kept for three months after the declaration of result, for any random checking by the Board.

**No recording of speaking skills is to be sent to the Board.**

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(Code No. 184) CLASS – IX (2020 – 21) Marks-80

| Sections                                           | Competencies                                                                                                                                                                                                                           | Total marks | % Weightage |
|----------------------------------------------------|----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|-------------|-------------|
| Reading Comprehension                              | Conceptual understanding, decoding, analyzing, inferring, interpreting and vocabulary                                                                                                                                                  | 20          | 25%         |
| Writing Skill and Grammar                          | Creative expression of an opinion, reasoning, justifying, illustrating, appropriacy of style and tone, using appropriate format and fluency. Applying conventions, using integrated structures with accuracy and fluency               | 30          | 37.50%      |
| Literature Textbook and Supplementary Reading Text | Recalling, reasoning, appreciating, applying literary conventions illustrating and justifying etc. Extract relevant information, identifying the central theme and sub-theme, understanding the writers' message and writing fluently. | 30          | 37.50%      |
| <b>Total</b>                                       |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                        | <b>80</b>   |             |