English Core Class 12th Syllabus

Unit-wise Weightage

Section	Unit/Area of Learning	Marks
A	Reading Comprehension	30
B	Writing Skills	30
C	Literature & Long Reading Text	40
	(i) Flamingo + Value Based	
	(ii) Supplementary Reader - Vistas	

Section A: Reading Unseen Passages and Note-making

Two unseen passages with a variety of **very short answer / short answer or MCQ type questions** to test comprehension, interpretation and inference. Vocabulary such as word formation and inference of meaning will also be tested.

The total length of the two passages will be between 1100 and 1200 words. The passage will include two of the following:.

a. Factual passages, e.g., instructions, descriptions, reports.
b. Descriptive   passages involving opinion, e.g., argumentative, persuasive or interpretative text.
c. Literary passages, e.g., extract from fiction, drama, poetry, essay or biography. A poem could be of 28-35 lines.

The passages can be literary, factual or discursive to test comprehensions. The length of one passage should be between 600-700 words.

A third passage of 400-500 words for note-making and abstraction.

Section B: Writing Skills

Short Answer Questions, e.g., advertisement and notices, designing or drafting posters, writing formal and informal invitations and replies.

Long Answer Questions: Letters based on verbal / visual input.

Letter types include

- Business or official letters (for making enquiries, registering complaints, asking for and giving information, placing orders and sending replies)
- Letters to the editor (giving suggestions or opinion on issues of public interest
- Application for a job

Very Long Answer Questions: Two compositions based on visual and/or verbal Input may be descriptive or argumentative in nature such as an article, a debate or a speech.

Section C: Literature and Long Reading Text

Flamingo and Vistas

- Very Short Answer Questions - Based on an extract from poetry to test comprehension and appreciation.
- Short Answer Questions - Based on prose / drama / poetry from both the texts.
- Long Answer Question - Based on texts to test global comprehension and extrapolation beyond the texts to bring out the key messages and values.
- Long Answer Question - Based on texts to test global comprehension along with analysis and extrapolation.
- Long Answer Question - Based on theme, plot and incidents from the prescribed novels.
- Long Answer Question - Based on understanding appreciation, analysis and interpretation of the character sketch.

Prescribed Books

1. Flamingo: English Reader published by NCERT
2. Vistas: Supplementary Reader published by NCERT

Lessons Deleted

Flamingo - 1. Poets and Pancakes; 2. The Interview; 3. A Road Side Stand (Poetry)

Vistas - 4. The Third Level; 5. Journey to the End of the Earth

Long Reading Text/Novel (either one)

- The Invisible Man by H.G. Wells
- Silas Marner by George Eliot

English Elective Class 12 Syllabus

Unit-wise Weightage

Section	Unit	Marks
A	Reading Skills	20
B	Writing Skills and Grammar	40
C	Literary Texts & Long Reading	40
	Total	**100**

Section A: Reading Skills

Very short answer / Short answer and MCQ type questions:

Two unseen passages (including poems) with a variety of questions including 04 marks for vocabulary such as word formation and inferring meaning. The total range of the two passages including a poem or a stanza, should be around 1000-1100 words to assess comprehension, analysis, inference, evaluation and literary appreciation.

1. 550-600 words in length (for note-making and summarising)
2. 450-500 words in length (to test comprehension)

The passage 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., poems, 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

Short Answer Question: Notices, advertisements, factual description of people, places and objects, drafting posters, drafting, accepting and declining invitations.

Long Answer Question: Letter of any of the following types based on a verbal or visual input:

- a) Official letters for making inquiries, suggesting changes - registering and responding to complaints, asking for and giving information, placing orders and sending replies.

- b) Letters to the editor on various social, national and international issues.
- c) Application for a job including CV (Curriculum Vitae) / Resumé.

Very Long Answer Question: Sustained writing task such as writing a speech, an article for a magazine or a report based on verbal / visual input.

Grammar

A variety of questions, as listed below may be asked, involving the application of grammar items in context (i.e., not in isolated sentences). The grammar syllabus will be sampled each year. Though only modals, determiners, voice and tense forms have been dealt with in class XI, however, other grammar items such as prepositions, verb forms, connectors which have been learnt earlier would also be included.

Very Short Questions and Multiple Choice Questions
- Reordering of words and sentences
- Composing a dialogue based on a given input
- Error correction in sentences
- Drafting questions / questionnaires based on given input

Section C: Literature: Prescribed Books and Long Reading Text (Novel)
Questions to test comprehension at different levels and of different kinds - local, global, interpretative, inferential, evaluative and extrapolatory.

Very Short and Short Answer Questions: Two based on out of three extracts from different poems to test theme, setting and literary devices.

Short Answer Questions: Based on different prose / drama / poetry / pieces from the Literature Reader; to test local and global comprehension of ideas and languages used in the text.

Long Answer Question: Extended questions based on one of the prose texts or play in the Literature Reader to test global comprehension and for extrapolation beyond the text.

Long Answer Questions: To test understanding, appreciation, analysis, inference in a plot and writing a character sketch.

Note: Values based questions for 4 marks may be asked in Sections - B or C

Prescribed Books

1. Language Skills book - Class XII English Elective CBSE published by Central Board of Secondary Education, Delhi.

2. Literature Reader - Class XII English Elective CBSEpublished by Central Board of Secondary Education, Delhi.

3. Novel (either one)

- i) The Invisible Man (unabridged) by H.G. Wells
- ii) Silas Marner (unabridged) by George Eliot