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SUBJECT: ENGLISH

Reading

Comprehension: *Questions on extracts from fiction or non-fiction texts will be given to assess comprehension and understanding of ideas, events, situations, characters, vocabulary, grammar, punctuation, writer's use of language, structure and literary techniques to create various effects.*

Questions will focus on:

- Identifying and explaining main ideas.
- Summarising ideas using own words.
- Deducing and inferring information, ideas, characters' feelings, thoughts, reasons for actions with evidence from the texts.
- Justifying inferences with examples from the given texts.
- Expressing opinions and preferences about characters, situations, events with evidence from the texts.
- Justifying opinions and viewpoints with reasons and evidence.
- Explaining the meaning of words from context.
- Explaining writer's use of figurative language - simile, metaphor, personification, alliteration.
- Awareness of grammar and usage - nouns, pronouns, verbs, adverbs, prepositions, conjunctions, adjectives.
- Present tense, past tense, future tense. Active and passive voice.
- Types of sentences - statements, questions, imperative sentences, exclamatory sentences.
- Simple, compound, complex sentences
- Awareness of punctuation - capital letters, full stops, commas, question marks, exclamatory marks, apostrophe, dash, ellipsis, inverted commas or speech marks (*direct speech*).

Writing

Writing questions will focus on a topic.

Writing questions will focus on any of the following:-

- *Writing about personal experiences; autobiographical recounts.*
- *Writing journal entry or diary entries, describing their experiences, their thoughts, feelings about a given situation.*
- *Letter writing - formal and informal letters*
- *Writing descriptions of a place, a person, an event*
- *Writing arguments for or against a given topic expressing views*
- *Writing to advice; Writing to persuade*
- *Travel writing*

Writing questions will assess students ability to:-

- **communicate variety of ideas, descriptive details, informative details;**
- **organise ideas into meaningful sentences; paragraphs; use appropriate connectives**
- **use accurate grammar, punctuation, spelling**
- **use neat, legible joined handwriting**