

Board of Secondary Education Rajasthan, Ajmer Syllabus for the Examination - 2025

Class - XII

Subject: ENGLISH Literature (Optional) (20)

The Examination Scheme for the subject is as follows:

Paper	Time (Hrs.)	Marks for the Paper	Sessional	Total Marks
One	3.15	80	20	100

Time: 3.15 Hours Marks: 80

Area of Learning	Marks
Reading	16
Writing	16
Literary Terms	06
Text Book : Kaleidoscope	32
Fiction : A Tiger for Malgudi	10

1.	Reading	16
	(an unseen passage and poem)	
(a)	One literary or discursive passage of about 400-500 words	
	followed by short questions	08
(b)	A poem of about 15 lines followed by short questions to	
	test interpretation and literary appreciation	08
2.	Writing	16
(a)	An Essay on argumentative/discursive/reflective or	
	descriptive topic (150-200 words)	08
	(Students should be taught all kinds of essays. Any one can	
	be asked)	
(b)	A Composition such as an article, report, speech	08
	(150-200 words)	
	(Students should be taught all kinds of compositions.	
	Any one can be asked)	
3.	Literary Terms	06
	Metaphysical Poetry, Impressionism, Stream of Consciousness, Inte	rior
	Monologue, Anglo-Indian Literature, Indo-Anglian Literature (The	two
	out of four	
	terms are to be attempted)	2×3=6
	Text book for Detailed Study—Kaleidoscope	32
	ose:	
(a)	A passage for comprehension from the textbook with three s answer type questions testing comprehension,	hort
	• • •	2×3=6



(b)	One out of two textual questions to be answered in 100	
	words testing global comprehension, etc.	6
(c)	One out of two textual questions to be answered in about 60 words	
	testing comprehension, characterisation,	
	interpretation, etc. 0	4
Poetry	:	
(a)	One out of two extracts from the prescribed poems with three short	
	answer questions for comprehension,	
	interpretation and drawing inferences in poem. 3×2=6	5
(b)	One out of two textual questions to be answered in 100	
	words testing global comprehension, etc.	6
(c)	One out of two textual questions to be answered in about 60 words	
	testing comprehension, characterisation,	
	interpretation, etc. 0	4
5.	Fiction 1	0
(a)	One out of two textual questions to be answered in about	
	60 words seeking comments, interpretation, etc. 0	4
(b)	One out of two textual questions in about 100 words to test evaluation and	l
	appreciation of characters, events, episodes and interpersonal relationships	š.
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Books	Prescribed:	

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- 1. Kaleidoscope—NCERT's Book Published under copyright
- 2. A Tiger for Malgudi—Published by Rajasthan Textbook Board, Jaipur