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<td>1. Reading Skills</td>
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<td>(a) Text A Guided Reading</td>
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<td>(b) Text B The Web of Our Life</td>
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<td>(c) Reading for comprehension (unseen) prose passages</td>
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### SECTION A

**1. READING UNSEEN PASSAGES AND NOTE-MAKING, ABSTRACTION:**

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<td>Two unseen passages with a variety of question including 6 marks for vocabulary such as word formation and inferring meaning and 5 marks for note-making on either of the two passages.</td>
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The total length of the two passages will be between 1100-1300 words. The passages will include two of the following:

- a) Factual passage eg. instructions, descriptions, reports
- b) Discursive passage involving opinion eg. argumentative, persuasive or interpretative text.
- c) Literary passage eg. extract from fiction, drama, poetry, essay or biography.

1. First passage 700-800 words 12 marks
2. Second passage 400-500 words 08 marks
A.1 A passage to test reading comprehension. The passage can be literary, factual or discursive. The length of the passage should be between 700-800 words. 12 marks

A.2 A shorter passage (400-500) words for note-making and abstraction. 08 marks

II. ADVANCED WRITING SKILLS

A.3 Two Short compositions of not more that 50 words e.g. advertisements and notices. designing or drafting posters, filling in forms, writing formal and informal replies and invitations. (5+5) 10 marks

A.4 A report or a factual description based on verbal input provided (80-100 words) 5 marks

A.5 Writing letter based on verbal input. Letter types include business or official letters (for making enquiries, complaints, asking for and giving information, placing orders and sending replies; letters to the editor (giving suggestions on an issue, published letter); application for job. 10 marks

A.6 Composition based on a visual/verbal input (about 200 words). Output may be descriptive and argumentative in nature for a newspaper or articles for school magazines. 10 marks

SECTION B (TEXT BOOKS) 45 marks 100 Periods

Prescribed Books: 1. Guided Reading Published by CBSE, New Delhi.

2. The Web of Our Life Published by NCERT, New Delhi.

B.1 One extract from Guided Reading followed by four to five questions to test local and global comprehension of the set text 9 marks

B.2 Eight short answer type questions on the lessons from the prescribed text-books namely Guided Reading and The Web of Our Life.