

English can fetch you some real happiness if you learn the techniques that will get you high scores. Here are a few tips.

1. Gather Your Study Material

You have been provided summaries and explanations of all lessons and poems and the novel. There are samples of all writing tasks. Please check the school website. Click on the class XII link. Also access your dashboard by entering your log in Id. In fact, the class XI handouts on writing skills will also work for you. Before you get started make sure you have printouts of all study material provided to you. If your CW register is complete it will add to your material. If not ask a friend for photocopies. There is no requirement for expensive guide books.

2. Follow a Method

- a) Do the writing tasks one day. Do the lessons another day. Reserve one day for the novel. Do not forget to practice unseen passages and note making.
- b) Remember that what you have learnt needs to be applied. Read the exam papers the school gave you. There are many questions that require that you apply knowledge. So once you know what goes into a letter of enquiry you should be able to write any letter of enquiry. Test yourself by writing different types of letters.
- c) As far as literature is concerned try to locate the central theme/s of each lesson and poem. This will help you answer many questions. You must know the characters of the story, the setting of the story to be able to understand what the writer is trying to say.
- d) Read old question papers to understand the types of questions asked.
- e) Make your own notes. This will help you be an active learner rather than a passive learner.

3. Work on your language skills.

Mind your spellings, understand the need for a proper layout and structure. Keep the language simple, direct and clear

4. Follow the word limit

Exceeding word limits is self-damaging for it will prevent you from completing the paper. Neither will it fetch you more marks.

5. Learn to Relax and Read the Questions Well.

CBSE examiners have observed that students do not patiently read the entire question especially if it has parts. Practice reading and understanding questions.

6. Practice Time Management

The English paper is a lengthy paper. It carries 100 marks. Ensure that you have practiced each section in a timed manner. Reading Section-1 hour, Writing Skill-1 Hour and Literature Section-1 Hour. Identify your weak areas. For example, if reading slows you down practice it.

7. Seek Help

If you feel unable to understand something seek help of your teachers.

8. Sleep Well and Remain Cheerful

Proper sleep ensures optimum brain functioning. Being happy helps you face obstacles well. Practice affirmations like- *I am a good student; I will study English well* etc. to achieve a positive state of mind.