There will be one paper of three hours duration, which will consist of two sections:

**Section A: Language (50 marks)**

**Section B: Prescribed Textbooks (50 marks)**

**SECTION A**

**LANGUAGE – 50 Marks**

This section will consist of three questions, all of which will be compulsory.

1. **COMPOSITION:** One composition of 400 words approximately, in the language, to be written out of a choice of 6 topics set within the experience and mental maturity of the age-group of the candidates. (20 Marks)

2. **COMPREHENSION:** An unseen passage of about 300 words to be set with questions and/or summary (with heading to test the ability to summarise and/or to expand an idea given in the passage). (20 Marks)

3. **GRAMMAR:** Functional grammar - correction of sentences and using words/idioms in sentences, viz. correct structure with proper agreement of the subject and verb according to the number, gender, case, tense and voice. (10 Marks)

**SECTION B**

**PRESCRIBED TEXTBOOKS – 50 Marks**

Candidates will be required to answer four questions from any three of the prescribed textbooks.

**NOTE:** The Class XII - ISC examination paper will be set on the entire syllabus prescribed for the subject.

The Class XI examination is to be conducted on the portion of this syllabus that is covered during the academic year.

The Council has not prescribed bifurcation of the syllabus prescribed for this subject.

**Note:** No reduction has been made in the list of prescribed textbooks for Assamese, Dzongkha, Khasi, Manipuri, Marathi and Lepcha.

For list of Prescribed Textbooks, see Appendix 1.3.