

**INDIAN CERTIFICATE OF SECONDARY EDUCATION  
EXAMINATION YEAR 2021**

**LIST OF PRESCRIBED TEXTBOOKS**

**CLASS X**

**1. ENGLISH (01)**

**PAPER 1.** (Language)

No specific book is being recommended for background reading.

**PAPER 2.** (Literature in English)

**DRAMA:** *The Merchant of Venice: unabridged play* by (Shakespeare's A.W. Verity) Only upto Act 4 to be studied.

**TREASURE TROVE:** *A collection of ICSE Poems & Short Stories* [Evergreen Publications (India) Ltd. New Delhi].

**POETRY:** (All poems to be studied)

1. *The Heart of the Tree* - Henry Cuyler Bunner
2. *The Cold Within* - James Patrick Kinney
3. *The Bangle Sellers* - Sarojini Naidu
4. *After Blenheim* - Robert Southey
5. *Television* - Roald Dahl
6. *Daffodils* - William Wordsworth
7. *The Patriot* - Robert Browning
8. *Nine Gold Medals* - David Roth

**PROSE (Short Stories):** (All short stories to be studied)

1. *Chief Seattle's Speech*
2. *Old Man at the Bridge* - Ernest Miller Hemingway
3. *A Horse and Two Goats* - R.K. Narayan
4. *Hearts and Hands* - O. Henry
5. *A Face in the Dark* - Ruskin Bond
6. *An Angel in Disguise* - T.S. Arthur
7. *The Little Match Girl* - Hans Christian Andersen
8. *My Greatest Olympic Prize* - Jesse Owens

**2. BENGALI (03):**

(Only two of the following books are to be offered)

**Sonkolita:** *A collection of ICSE Short Stories & Poems* (Power Publishers, Kolkata)

**(i) Short Stories:** (All short stories to be studied)

1. *Laloo* - Sarat Chandra Chattopadhyay
2. *Baama* – Bibhutibhusan Banadhyopadhyay
3. *Canvassar* - Banaphul
4. *Asohojogee* - Manik Bandyopadhyay
5. *Neel Manusher Kahini* – Sunil Gangyopadhyay
6. *Gandhota Baro Sandehojanak* - Shirshendu Mukhopadhyay
7. *Lokti* - Humayun Ahmed(X)

**(ii) Poems:** (All poems to be studied)

1. *Bangabhumir prati* – Madhusudan Dutta
2. *Kuli-Mojur* - Najrul Islam
3. *Siri* - Sukanta Bhattacharya(X)
4. *Phul Futuk Na Futuk* -Subhash Mukhopadhyay(X)
5. *Amalkanti* - Nirendranath Chakraborty (IX)
6. *Babu Bolen* - Shankha Ghosh
7. *Kho-Kho* - Amitabha Dasgupta

**(iii) Novel:** *Chander Pahar* – Bibhutibhusan Bandyopadhyay

**(iv) Drama:** *Jumbo* - Mohit Chattopadhyay

### 3. HINDI (05):

Recommended for background work:

*Saras Hindi Vyakaran* (Evergreen Publications, New Delhi)

(Only two of the following books are to be offered)

***Sahitya Sagar: A collection of ICSE Short Stories & Poems*** (Evergreen Publications, New Delhi)

(i) **Short Stories:** (All short stories to be studied)

1. *Baat Athanni Ki* - Sudarshan
2. *Maha Yagya Ka Puruskar* - Yashpal
3. *Netaji Ka Chasma* - Swayam Prakash
4. *Bade Ghar Ki Beti* - Premchand
5. *Bhede Aur Bhediyen* - Hari Shankar Parsai
6. *Do Kalakar* – Mannu Bhandari

(ii) **Poems:** (All poems to be studied)

1. *Sakhi* - Kabir Das
2. *Swarg Bana Sakte Hai* – Ramdhari Singh Dinkar

3. *Wah Janmabhumi Meri* – Sohanlal Dwivedi

4. *Megh Aaye* - Sarveshwar Dayal Saxena

5. *Sur Ke Pad* - Surdas

6. *Vinay Ke Pad* - Tulsidas

7. *Chalna Hamara Kam Hai* - Shivmangal Singh 'Suman'

(iii) **Novel:** *Naya Raasta* - Sushma Agarwal

(iv) ***Ekanki Sanchay: A collection of ICSE One Act Plays*** (Evergreen Publications, New Delhi)

1. *Sanskar Aur Bhavna* - Vishu Prabhakar

2. *Bahu Ki Vida* - Vinod Rastogi

3. *Matri Bhoomi Ka Man* - Hari Krishna "Premi"

4. *Sukhi Dali* - Upendra Nath "Ashka"

5. *Deepdan* - Ram Kumar Verma