

First Terminal Evaluation - 2016

ENGLISH

Standard X

Time : 2½ hrs
Total Score : 80

Instructions

1. The first 15 minutes is given as 'cool off time'. Use the 'cool off time' to read the questions and plan the answers.
2. Attempt all questions according to the instructions.

Questions 1 - 4. Read the excerpt from the story 'Vanka' and answer the questions that follow.

Vanka raised his eyes to the dark window-pane, in which the reflection of the candle flickered, and in his imagination distinctly saw his grandfather, Konstantin Makarich, who was a night watchman on the estate of some gentlefolk called Zhivarev. He was a small, lean, old man about sixty-five, but remarkably lively and agile, with a smiling face and eyes bleary with drink. In the daytime he either slept in the back kitchen, or sat joking with the cook and the kitchen-maids, and in the night, wrapped in a great sheepskin coat, he walked round and round the estate, sounding his rattle. After him, with drooping heads, went old Kashtanka and another dog, called Eel, on account of his black coat and long, weasel-like body. Eel was wonderfully respectful and insinuating, and turned the same appealing glance on friends and strangers alike, but he inspired confidence in no one. He was an adept at stealing up to snap at a foot, creeping into the ice-house, or snatching a peasant's chicken.

1. Write a short description of grandfather, Konstantin Makarich. 2
2. What did Konstantin Makarich do during daytime and at night? 1
3. How is Eel described in the passage? 1
4. Pick out a word from the passage that means 'skilled at doing something'. 1

Questions 5-8. Read the following lines from 'Blowin' in the Wind' and answer the questions that follow.

How many roads must a man walk down
Before you call him a man?
How many seas must a white dove sail
Before she sleeps in the sand?
Yes, and how many times must the cannon balls fly
Before they're forever banned?
The answer, my friend, is blowin' in the wind
The answer is blowin' in the wind.

5. What does the word 'roads' suggest? 1
6. Pick out the lines from the poem which give you the sense of 'war'. 1
7. What does the poet mean when he says 'The answer is blowin' in the wind'? 1
8. Pick out an instance of alliteration. 1

9. Read the following lines from the poem 'A Girl's Garden' and prepare a note of appreciation focusing on the attitude of the father and daughter. 4

One day she asked her father
To give her a garden plot
To plant and tend and reap herself,
And he said, 'Why not?'

In casting about for a corner
He thought of an idle bit
Of walled-off ground where a shop had stood,
And he said, 'Just it.'

10. Answer any ONE of the following in about 120 words. 7

- A) Satyajit Ray and his team decided to bring a tiger from Bharat Circus. It was very difficult for them to take a scene with the tiger. Narrate the incidents that had happened while trying to shoot the scene.

(Hints: a wire around tiger's neck - Notun Gram - the covered cage - two tigers - jumps out of the cage - tiger calmed down - completes the shooting)

OR

- B) 'Zahra, if you tell dad, he'll beat both of us. Because he doesn't have money to buy you a pair of shoes'- Do you think Ali's family is poor? Describe the condition of Ali's family on the basis of your reading of the screenplay 'My Sister's Shoes'.

(Hints: father - works at home - no permanent job - mother - not well - condition of the house - life of children)

11. Vanka suffered a lot at his master's house. He was ill-treated by the master, mistress and even by his fellow apprentices. Write a **letter** to Vanka consoling him. 6

12. Imagine you meet Zahra the next day on your way to school and talk to her. Write the likely **conversation** in about 5 exchanges. 5

13. Prepare a short **profile** of Malala Yousafzai using the hints given below. 6

Birth : July 12, 1997
Place of birth : Mingora
Nationality : Pakistani
Occupation : Humanitarian, former blogger for BBC Urdu
Known for : Activist for the right to education
Awards : Nobel Peace Prize, Sakharov Prize, National Youth Prize

14. The homeopath displays a sense of humour while narrating his experiences. Prepare a **character sketch** of the homeopath in the story 'The Snake and the Mirror'. 5
15. Suppose Konstantin Makarich comes to know about the pathetic condition of Vanka from the letter he receives. He feels very sad and writes his feelings in his diary. Prepare the likely **diary entry**. 6

Questions 16 to 20. Read the following passage and the answer the questions that follow.

There is a story of a man who thought he had a right to do what he liked. One day, this gentleman was walking along a busy road, spinning his walking-stick round and round in his hand, and was trying to look important. A man walking behind him objected.

'You ought not to spin your walking-stick round and round like that!' he said.

'I am free to do what I like with my walking-stick,' argued the gentleman.

'Of course you are,' said the other man, 'but you ought to know that your freedom ends where my nose begins.'

The story tells us that we can enjoy our rights and our freedom only if we do not interfere with other people's rights and freedom.

16. Why was the gentleman on the road spinning his walking stick round and round? 1
17. Who opposed the gentleman's action? 1
18. What was the argument of the gentleman? 1
19. What is the message of the story? 1
20. Suggest a title to the story. 1

Questions 21 to 25. Study the notice given below and answer the questions that follow:

STUDENT POLICE CADET WING
Kerala State
(Estd: 2011)
 announces the
Annual Passing out Ceremony of SPC Officers
 at Police Training Centre, Thycaud, Thiruvananthapuram
 on **20 July, 2016 Wednesday at 3 p.m.**

Highlights

- Passing out parade of SPC officials
- Honouring the officials with Medals

Sponsored by:
Kerala State Police Department

21. What is the programme mentioned in the notice? 1
22. Mention the venue of the programme. 1
23. How often is the passing out ceremony conducted? 1
24. When did the SPC Wing come into existence? 1
25. What are the highlights of the programme? 1
26. Complete the conversation suitably. 5

Zahra :(a).....?

Ali : Your shoes are not with me.

Zahra : You didn't take them from the shop,(b).....?

Ali : Not really. I had collected them from the shop.

Zahra :(c).....?

Ali : I kept them at the vegetable shop.

Zahra : Oh! How can I go to school tomorrow?

Ali :(d).....?

Zahra : No. I cannot use your shoes. It is too big.

Ali : Please adjust with them.

Zahra : If you don't bring my shoes,(e).....?

Ali : Please don't do it. I'll try to find your shoes tomorrow myself.

27. Read the conversation given and answer the questions that follow. 2

Thorat : How long do you need the tiger for?

Ray : I need it for a couple of hours.

- a. What did Thorat ask Ray?
- b. What was Ray's reply?

28. There are certain errors in the passage given below. They are underlined. Edit them. 4

Mr Thorat's men had fix (a) a five foot iron rod to the ground, about thirty feet from the area whom (b) the tiger was supposed to take a walk. They took a thin, long wire and fixed one end to the collar maid (c) of tiger-skin that the tiger was already wearing. The other end were (d) tied firmly to the visible portion of the iron rod.

29. Supply the missing words in the following passage. 4

Before tracing / (a) first letter, he glanced several times anxiously / (b) the door and window, peered at the dark icon, with shelves holding cobbler's lasts stretching on either side / (c) it, and gave a quivering sigh. The paper lay / (d) the bench, and Vanka knelt on the floor at the bench.

(at, of, by, the, on)

30. Complete the following passage choosing the right phrases given in brackets.

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Vanka wore (a) his shirt and went to the place where the post box was kept. He decided (b) to post the letter he had written. He walked quickly because he wanted to come back before his master and family returned (c) from church. He had to tolerate (d) the cold outside.

made up his mind, put with up, turned up, put on, gave away

31. Read the following sentences:

1. The lasts can be seen both on the shelf and on the floor.
2. You may either bring the shoes or tell the father.
3. I wrote the questions and Rani wrote the answers.

In the first sentence, the linker 'and' combines two prepositional phrases; in the second, the linker 'either... or' combines two verb phrases and in sentence (3), two sentences are combined by the linker 'and'.

Frame three sentences of the similar pattern using the same linking words as shown above.

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