

EN 9101

## FIRST TERMINAL EVALUATION 2017

Class: IX

ENGLISH

Time: 2 ½ Hrs  
Total Score: 80Instructions

1. 15 minutes is given as cool-off time.
2. This time is to be used for reading the question paper.
3. You are not supposed to write anything during the cool-off time.
4. Attempt the questions according to the instructions.

**Questions 1-5. Read the excerpt from 'The Race' and answer the questions that follow:**  
(Each question carries one mark.) (1x5 = 5)

When Tarun failed in his terminal examinations, his father was very angry with him. His friends too made fun of him. It was a day he wanted to wipe out from his memory and so he took to running. He ran all around the park. The sun beat down to check his rage but nothing could stop Tarun. After about an hour, he was fully exhausted and his fury having subsided, he threw himself on a bench and started panting heavily.

1. What did Tarun do when he was exhausted after running?
2. Why was his father angry with Tarun?
3. How did his father and friends respond to Tarun's failure?
4. Pick out a word from the passage which means 'to become less strong'.
5. Pick out a sentence from the paragraph that shows the strong determination of Tarun.

**Questions 6-9. Read the lines from the poem 'Song of a Dream' and answer the questions that follow. (Each question carries one mark.)** (1x4 = 4)

Once in the dream of a night I stood  
Lone in the light of a magical wood,  
Soul-deep in visions that poppy-like sprang;  
And spirits of Truth were the birds that sang,  
And spirits of Love were the stars that glowed,  
And spirits of Peace were the streams that flowed  
In that magical wood in the land of sleep.

6. Where did the speaker stand in the dream?
7. How did the birds appear to the poet?
8. Pick out an example of metaphor from the poem.
9. Was there anyone with the poet? Pick out the expression that supports your answer.

**10. Read the following lines from the poem. 'Twice a Week the Winter thorough' and prepare a note of appreciation.** (4)

*Twice a week the winter thorough  
Here stood I to keep the goal:*

*Football then was fighting sorrow  
For the young man's soul.*

*Now in Maytime to the wicket  
Out I march with bat and pad:  
See the son of grief at cricket  
Trying to be glad.*

**Question 11 to 15. Read the passage given below and answer the questions that follow.**  
**(Each question carries one mark.)** **(1x5 = 5)**

Once upon a time there lived a very rich merchant. He stayed in a huge grand house with his three daughters. They were all pretty, but the youngest daughter was the prettiest. She had rosy cheeks, twinkling eyes and a dimpled smile. She looked so lovely and every one began to call her Beauty. Her sisters lazed about all day. They kept spending on clothes and make up. Most of their time was spent in front of the mirror admiring oneself. But beauty had better things to do. She would spend time visiting and helping the old and the poor. It would cheer those people greatly.

11. What kind of a house did the father and daughters stay in?
12. Pick out an expression from the passage which means 'to relax and enjoy yourself.'
13. Which of the following statement is true?
  - a. *The elder sister was the prettiest one.*
  - b. *Beauty spent time visiting and helping the old and the poor.*
  - c. *The father was an engineer.*

14. How did the elder sisters spend their time?
15. Why did the people call the youngest one Beauty?

**Questions 16-19. Answer any two from the following.** **(2 x 5 = 10)**

16. Though Tarun couldn't win the race, he decided to write a letter to express his gratitude to Ram Narayan. Draft the likely letter.
17. The Sports Club of your school has decided to organize a function to congratulate Ramakanth Achrekar who made Sachin Tendulkar 'The God of Cricket'. Draft a notice for the function giving necessary details.
18. Imagine you are the reporter of a leading T.V Channel. You have to interview Sachin on the day he completed his 100<sup>th</sup> century. Prepare five questions to interview Sachin.
19. Mikali could never forget the day his little brother was fed by the Chinaman's wife. He records his thoughts and feelings in his diary. Write the diary entry.

**Questions 20-25. Answer any three from the following.** **(3 x 6 = 18)**

20. After running for an hour Tarun was exhausted and he threw himself on a bench. Ram Narayan came at that time and both of them had a conversation. Prepare the conversation (at least 6 exchanges).
21. Gandhiji delivered a heartfelt farewell speech at the time of his departure from South Africa. Prepare the likely speech.

22. The life of Mikali was completely dedicated to his infant brother. Prepare a character sketch of Mikali.
23. Sachin Tendulkar describes his efforts to become a cricketer in 'Learning the Game'. As a news reporter you happened to watch the practice sessions of Sachin. Prepare the news report.
24. Imagine that Tarun is a student of your school. Narrate to one of your friends the events that made Tarun a hero.
25. You have read 'The Race' by Nisha Panjabi and understood the importance of motivation and encouragement in one's life. Prepare a write-up on the importance of motivation and encouragement in life.
26. A cover page (blurb) of a book is given below. Study it carefully and answer the questions that follow. (Each question carries one mark.) (1x5 = 5)

Ever loved  
Fairy Tales

*This book is a collection of three Fairy Tales, retold in simple language and with colourful illustrations. The magical concept and the wonderful characters open an imaginative world before the readers. It will help students build up language and imagination.*

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- a. How will the book help students?
- b. What is the title of the book?
- c. How many stories are included in the book?
- d. What category of literature does the book belong to?
- e. What are the special features of these stories?
27. Read the conversation and complete the sentences that follow. (2).
- Ram Narayan : *Why are you crying?*
- Tarun : *I failed in two subjects.*
- a) Ram Narayan asked .....
- b) Tarun replied that .....

28. Complete the conversation between the Chinaman and Mikali. (1 x 5 = 5)

- Chinaman : You are from the refugee camp, .....(a).....?  
Mikali : Yes, I am.  
Chinaman : .....(b).....?  
Mikali : Because I've been walking carrying my brother all day long.  
Chinaman : .....(c).....?  
Mikali : She died giving birth to my brother.  
Chinaman : Oh my God! .....(d).....  
Mikali : Thank you very much, Sir.  
Chinaman : .....(e).....

29. Edit the following passage. (1 x 5 = 5)

One of the gift(a) was a gold necklace worth fifty guineas. means(b) for my wife. But even that gift is given(c) because on(d) my public work, and so it could not be separate(e) from the rest.

30. Fill the blanks choosing from the phrasal verbs given in the bracket.

(1 x 5 = 5)

Sachin.....(a).....his new jersey and .....(b).....to the cricket stadium. On the way he .....(c).....his old friend Vinod who .....(d)..... to him that the match has been .....(e).....due to heavy rain.

(come across, put on, set out, put across, keep on, put off)

31. Fill in the blanks suitably with the words given in brackets. (1 x 3 = 3)

(impact, deprive, exhort, render, applaud)

Gandhiji .....(a)..... the people of India to practice non-violence. Its .....(b)..... was tremendous. People across the world .....(c) .....Gandhiji for his teachings.

32. Read the word pyramid given below.

(3)

Girl

A tall girl

A tall girl in the class

A tall girl in the class who got good grades

Now, prepare a word pyramid with the word 'flower.'

33. Prepare a short profile of Ramakanth Achrekar using the hints given below: (6)

- Year of birth : 1932  
Place of birth : Malvan, Maharashtra  
Occupation : Cricket Coach  
Founder : Kamath Memorial Cricket Club at Shivaji Park  
Famous Players : Sachin Tendulkar, Vinod Kambli, Ajith Agarkar  
Awards : Dronacharya Award in 1990, Padmasree in 2010.

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