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**Second Year – JUNE 2016
SAY / IMPROVEMENT**

Time : 2½ Hours
Cool-off time : 15 Minutes

Part – I

ENGLISH

Maximum : 80 Scores

General Instructions to Candidates :

- There is a 'cool-off time' of 15 minutes in addition to the writing time of 2½ hrs.
- You are not allowed to write your answers nor to discuss anything with others during the 'cool-off time'.
- Read questions carefully before answering.
- All questions are compulsory and only internal choice is allowed.
- When you select a question, all the sub-questions must be answered from the same question itself.
- Electronic devices except non-programmable calculators are not allowed in the Examination Hall.

(Questions 1-3) : Read the following passage and answer the questions given below :

When my parents found out that I was dabbling in the rickshaw sector as well, they pulled me aside and asked me to stop doing it and concentrate on my studies. So I shelved it, but my interest never waned. (taken from "The Three Wheeled Revolution")

1. The meaning of 'shelved it' means _____.
(decide to do it, to put aside, take as a challenge, find an answer) **(Score : 1)**
2. Find out the word which means 'to become weaker'. **(Score : 1)**
3. Based on the passage, complete the conversation between Irfan Alam and his father.
Irfan : _____ (requesting father to give permission to continue his business.)
Father : No, _____ (use phrases expressing an obligation)
_____ (use phrases for giving an advice) **(Scores : 3)**
4. The experience of Ogden Nash is given below. Fill in the blanks with the appropriate adjectives/adjective clauses. **(Scores : 4)**
Ogden Nash _____ (who apprehensively, who was apprehensive, whose apprehension) of pain came to the dentist. He was having a _____ (harsh, desperate, rotten) tooth. The doctor applied an anesthetic _____ (which quickly numbs, who quickly numbs, that numbness) the gum. The dentist _____ (who was mainly, who was skilful, who was experimental) quickly pulled out his tooth.

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5. "Son, we've stopped working on all the rice/ It was quite inconvenient. The farmer gained nothing / only fools turn to rice farming for gain."
This is a pathetic situation pointed out by Prof. Chemmanam Chacko. Can you give two suggestions that will revive paddy cultivation in this state? (Scores : 2)

6. Martha : It doesn't seem right to me to send an old friend to jail...
Do you agree with Martha, based on the situation in the play "The Hours of Truth" ?
State your opinion with reasons. (Scores : 3)

7. 'Excitement over what drugs can do has led people to believe that any ailment, infective or psychic can be relieved by taking a pill. At the first sign of nervousness, they try pep pills.' (taken from "Dangers of Drug Abuse")
Do you think that drug abuse is a social problem ? Express your opinion in about 30 words :
(Hints : addiction, health problems, medical expense, prevention)
pep pill = medicines that give energy. (Scores : 3)

8. A programme chart of the International Women's Day celebration in a Higher Secondary School is given below. Imagine that you are the school leader. Prepare a report to be included in the school magazine. (50 Words)

8 th March, 2016 :	International Women's Day Celebration
Venue :	School Auditorium
Programme	
Time : 10 am	
Prayer Song	– School Choir
Welcome Speech	– Miss Soumya Hassan (School Leader)
Presidential Address	– Mr. Rahul S. Gopal (Principal)
Keynote Address	– Adv. Remya Jayasankar (Member, State Vanitha Commission)
Felicitations	– Mrs. Suja Kumari (President, Grama Panchayat) Mr. Joy Varghese (Vice-President, PTA)
Vote of Thanks	– Mrs. Sheela N. (Secretary, Staff Club)
Time : 11.30 a.m.	
Competition (Essay Writing, Elocution)	

(Scores : 4)

9. There is an African adage that goes : "If you educate a boy, you train a man. If you educate a girl, you train a village."
Prepare a write up explaining the meaning of this passage. (40 Words) (Scores : 3)

10. Your school has decided to stage the play "The Hour of Truth" by Percival Wilde in your school.
You are asked to introduce the play to the audience. Prepare a script for the introduction including details like theme, duration, cast and credit etc. (50 words) (Scores : 4)

11. Draft a letter to the District Medical Officer enquiring about the assistance they provide for organizing a medical camp in your school. (Add details). **(Scores : 4)**
12. Read the following excerpt from the play "Post Early for Christmas" :
- (a) Mrs. Jones : I don't want these presents damaged, miss, so please see that they are handled very carefully.
Assistant : We'll do our best madam...
- (b) Policeman : Where are you off to, miss ?
Assistant : I'm leaving the post office forever...
- Now begin the conversation in the following manner.
- (a) Mrs. Jones told the assistant that _____ and _____. The Assistant replied that _____. **(Scores : 3)**
- (b) Policeman asked _____.
Assistant replied that _____. **(Scores : 2)**

(Questions 13 – 16) : Read the following passage and answer the questions given below :

He has already made up his mind that he would confess and take the consequence, rather than stand the blackmail of this boy. It seemed less forbidding to throw himself at the mercy of the elders. (taken from "Crime and Punishment")

13. Who is the 'he' mentioned in the passage ? **(Score : 1)**
14. What is the meaning of the phrase 'made up his mind' ? **(Score : 1)**
15. The sentences in the passage are a bit long. Transform those sentences into four simple sentences. **(Scores : 2)**
16. Comment on the torture undergone by the teacher due to blackmail. **(Scores : 2)**
17. Your school has decided to provide free education to a group of poor children. You would like to inform Shaheen Mistry about this new venture and invite her to visit your school. Prepare an email to be sent. (40 words) **(Scores : 4)**
18. The letter to the editor given below is written by a student. It contains five errors. Find the errors and edit them.

Sir,

We celebrate Earth Day each year but we are not aware for our role as protectors of this planet. We do a lot of damage to earth, even to the remote corners of the earth.

Plastic bag is a big contaminating element. Even in the most developed countries, people use plastic bags. I know about the campaign to encouraged the use of seat belts and helmets in my state. Intense educational programmes were accompanied by strict monitoring by the police department. Now the majority of the people use seat belts and helmets. This is not out of compusion. Now it has became a habit.

One sure way to abolish plastic bags are to hit people in their wallet. I agree with the ideas in the article 'Plastic Bags can be Controlled'. Law should take the lead in the campaign. Let other methods come second.

Raul Rajan
GHSS Kambanadu

(Scores : 5)

19. (a) Comment on the friendship portrayed in the story "Amigo Brothers" in about 60 words. (Scores : 6)

OR

(b) Comment on the contrasting character of Gresham and Baldwin in about 60 words. (Scores : 6)

20. (a) Prepare a script for a short speech on the topic 'Role of women in the Modern Society'.

(Hints : role of modern education-out of the home-in work-place-all duties-independent-equality-leadership) (Scores : 6)

OR

(b) Prepare an essay on the topic "Women in Leadership".

(Hints : capable of taking leadership-in business, politics, various jobs-commonsense and evaluating ability-examples of leaders) (Scores : 6)

21. Prepare a job application letter and a resume in response to the advertisement given below :

Vacancy

CDS Industries invite application for the post of Administrative Assistants for their office in Ernakulam.

Eligibility

- (1) Graduation with 60% marks
- (2) Computer Literacy
- (3) Fluency in English
- (4) Excellent administrative and Interpersonal skills

Apply to : The Manager, HR Section, CDS Industries, Chennai-58

(Scores : 8)

22. Read the following poem :

A FENCE

Now the stone house on the lake front is finished and the workmen are beginning the fence.

The palings are made of iron bars with steel points that can stab the life out of any man who falls on them.

As a fence, it is a masterpiece, and will shut off the rabble and all vagabonds and hungry men and all wandering children looking for a place to play.

Passing through the bars and over the steel points will go nothing except Death and the Rain and To-morrow.

(Carl Sandburg)

(Hints : fence = structure made of wood or wire that makes a boundary; paling = a metal or wooden post that is pointed at the top; rabble = people considered to be of low social position; masterpiece = the best work; vagabond = a person who has no home)

Now compare the poem with 'Mending Wall' by Robert Frost.

(Hints : Theme, message, poetic devices etc.) (100 words)

(Scores : 8)