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For Scheme-I & Scheme-II Candidates

Second Year – 2015  
SAY / IMPROVEMENT

Time : 2½ Hours  
Cool-off time : 15 Minutes

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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.

1. "She placed her hand tenderly upon my shoulders." Richards Wright's teacher encouraged him to write his name and address on the blackboard. Write four sentences expressing your view on the teacher. Use the following expressions.

- (i) I think \_\_\_\_\_
- (ii) In my view \_\_\_\_\_
- (iii) It seems to me \_\_\_\_\_
- (iv) I feel \_\_\_\_\_

(Scores : 4)

2. Imagine that you are studying in a boarding school. The reading of the poem "Middle Age" reminds you of a quarrel you made with your mother at home during the last visit. It also arouses your feeling of sympathy for your mother. Immediately you feel like expressing your emotions to her. Write a diary entry regretting your mistake. (Scores : 5)

3. Abraham Lincoln in his poem "A Nice Citizen" asks his son's teacher to develop noble qualities in his son. As the Secretary of the Arts Club of your school you are asked to deliver a speech at 'Teacher's Day Celebration'. Prepare the speech in not more than 80 words.

(Hints : Teachers – makers of future citizens – various roles – guardians – models – guides – friends – imparting knowledge – social commitment.....)

(Scores : 6)

4. Nowadays, waste materials from houses and hotels are thrown carelessly on the busy roads of the city. If the situation continues, soon the city will become a garbage heap. Write a letter to the editor of a newspaper highlighting the seriousness of the issue. You may use the following points :  
(Environmental problems – suggestions for solution – need for creating public awareness – role of educational institutions, social organizations, etc.) (Scores : 6)

5. After Kalpana Chawla's first successful space flight in 1997, a congratulatory meeting was arranged in the Punjab Engineering College under the auspices of the Engineering Students Association. Prepare a press release in 60 words for the ceremony.  
(Hints : The function-the venue-date and time-chief guests and their roles etc.) (Scores : 4)

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6. "The video screen is helping children develop a new kind of visual literacy that they will need to thrive in a technological world." This is an extract from "On Viewing the Television". But viewing TV programmes have negative impacts too. Prepare a write up in about 80 words bringing out the negative influence of television programmes on children. (Scores : 6)

7. The following box contains a few qualities of a person. :

Smart, Intelligent, Imaginative, Quick-witted

Choose any two from the box which are applicable to Vera in "The Open Window" and write two sentences about her making use of expressions like 'because', 'so that', etc.

(Scores : 2)

8. Your school has decided to bring out a special issue of the School Magazine on 'The Great Sons of India'. You are asked to write a profile of Dr. A.P.J. Abdul Kalam, prepare it using the following details :

Birth : 15 Oct, 1937

Place : Rameshwaram, Tamil Nadu

Academic Specialization : Aeronautical Engineering

Careers at : DRDO, ISRO, Scientific Advisor to Defence Minister

Other roles : Principal Scientific Advisor to Govt. of India

: Professor of Technology, Anna University

Achievements : Writer, Thinker, Visionary, Educationist etc.

Honours : Padma Bhushan (1981)

Padma Vibhushan (1990)

Bharat Ratna (1997)

President of India – 2002-2007

(Scores : 5)

9. In spite of the various policies initiated by the government, there is no considerable change in the use of tobacco. As part of an awareness campaign organized by the NSS unit of your school, you are asked to prepare a few slogans against tobacco menace. Draft two slogans. (Scores : 2)

10. The science teacher asked her class to read 'Silent Spring', by Rachel Carson, the noted environmentalist and prepare a review of it. Following is the opening part of the review written by Anamika, a student. It contains a few errors. Correct them.

This is a book of pollution and degradation of the environment. Carson begin her book with a description of a imaginary town were pollution caused death and destruction.

(Scores : 4)

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11. Imagine you are the First Lady in the play "The King who Limped". After the dramatic happenings in the court on the arrival of the new king, you narrate the event to your friends, explaining the dispute regarding the ownership of the dog and the decision taken by the king. Narrate the incident for the First Lady. (Scores : 6)

12. The reading of the short story "The Lottery Ticket" led the class to a heated debate on the topic 'lottery should be banned'. Those who spoke against presented the following points :

- (i) Lottery provides job for the unemployed
- (ii) Increases revenue for the government
- (iii) If fortune favours, poor can become rich
- (iv) After all, we pay only a little to buy lottery tickets.

If you are to speak for the topic how will you contradict these arguments ? List your points. (Scores : 4)

13. After deciding to marry Mrs. John Shorrocks, Mr. Abel Merryweather sends a letter to one of his friends telling him about taking such a decision and his hopes and plans for future. He also invites him to the wedding. Draft a letter for Abel. (Scores : 6)

14. On the eve of the execution, a news reporter interviewed the patriot. Write three questions that the reporter would ask the patriot and the possible responses. (Scores : 6)

15. You are the Secretary of the School Film Club. Under its auspices Adoor Film Festival is being organized in a local cinema house. The following films are screened :

Swayamvaram

Kodiyettam Dec. 1

Elippathayam

Mukhamukham Dec. 2

Anantharam

Mathilukal Dec. 3

Draft a programme notice of the film festival. Give introductory remarks on Adoor, details of the films, date, time, venue of the show, etc.) (Scores : 6)

16. Read the following poem :

Success is counted sweetest  
By those who never succeed  
To comprehend a nectar  
Requires sorest need.

Not one of all the purple host  
Who took the flag today  
Can tell the definition,  
So clear, of victory.

As he, defeated, dying,  
On whose forbidden ear  
The distant strains of triumph  
Break, agonized and clear.

(comprehend = grasp, get, nectar = drink of the gods, sorest = greatest, host = army, forbidden – not allowed).

Write a note of appreciation (not exceeding 100 words) of the above poem based on its theme, relevance, mood, rhythm and style. Compare this poem with the "Patriot".

(Scores : 8)