

SECOND YEAR MODEL EXAMINATION FEBRUARY- 2018**PART I****ENGLISH****Maximum : 80 Scores**

HSE II

Time : 2 ½ hrs

Cool off time : 15 Minutes

General Instructions to Candidates :

- There is 'Cool off time' of 15 minutes to the writing time.
- Use the 'Cool off time' to get familiar with questions and to plan answers.
- Read questions carefully before answering.
- Write answer to the specific number of questions as instructed.
- Calculations, figures and graphs should be shown in the answer sheet itself.
- Give equations wherever necessary.
- Electronic devices except non programmable calculators are not allowed in the Examination Hall

(Questions 1-3) Read the Excerpt from ‘ Matchbox’ and answer the questions that follow.

“ An indigent widow, without husband or son, she was successful in consigning her daughter to a wealthy family’s house on the strength of looks alone. But the good lady has never stopped taking credit, at the slightest opportunity, for her skill in the matter”

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| 1. | ‘ Indigent’ in the excerpt means..... | 1 |
| 2. | How could she send her daughter to a wealthy family? | 1 |
| 3. | Why is it said that she never stopped taking credit? | 1 |
| 4. | Bring out the message of the following lines from the poem ‘Stammer’ by Satchidanandan
“When a whole people stammer
stammer becomes their mother tongue;
Just as it is with us now.” | 3 |
| 5. | It has been decided to conduct a debate in your school on the topic ‘ Women deserve equality and not reservation?’ Write one point to support the topic and one point to counter it | 2 |
| 6. | Edit the following Notice for errors | 4 |

NOTICE

Students requested to register their names for participate in the Mr. and Ms Kerala competition. Registration forms are available on the cultural Forum Office. The closing date for registration is 20 March 2018. The event will take place from the school auditorium on Friday, 23rd March

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7. An inter school Badminton singles match is being hosted by your school. You have been selected as the announcer. Prepare the announcement script to introduce the match and the players. 3
8. The poem 'Mending wall' presents the paradox in 'Something there is that doesn't love a wall' and 'good fences make good neighbours.' Both seem to be equally true but contrasting points of view. Substantiate your own view on this. 4

(Questions 9-13) Read the passage given below and answer the questions that follow.

The issue of road accidents requires serious attention. Day by day, it is becoming a matter of great concern. Call it the negligence of the government or the rashness of the drivers, the underlying fact is that at the end of the day, the common man is the one who suffers the most. The commoner, driving a two wheeler or walking along the side, who is hit by a speeding car, even though following the traffic rules, has nowhere to go to seek redressal for the grievances or injury.

Part of the problem lies in the attitude and mentality of the driver behind the steeringwheel. The car is a personal vehicle and one possesses the freedom to drive it at one's own will, But one must understand that the road on which one drives is open to the public. This blurring of the division between the public and the private leads to reckless behaviour on the roads. A little consideration for road rules and adoption of simple safety measures can go a long way in reducing road accidents.

9. Suggest a suitable title to the passage 1
10. Why does the common man suffer in instances of road accidents? 2
11. Find out the word which means 'making unclear', from the passage. 1
12. Give two solutions for reducing road accidents. 2
13. Prepare notes based on the above passage in the format 2

1. Reasons for road accidents

1.1 negligence of the government

1.2

2. The driver should

2.1 understand.....

2.2 follow road rules

14. The following is a conversation among the postal assistant, the policeman and the farmer in the post office of ‘ Post Early for Christmas’, when the parcel was suspected to be a time-bomb.

Assistant : It’s a time-bomb, constable

Policeman : Bert Higgins. have you been up to some more of your mischief?

Farmer : Look here, constable, there’s a time- bomb in that parcel.

Policeman : Don’t talk nonsense, Sir,

Farmer : Very well, then, listen for yourself.

Later Bert Higgins reported the scene to his friends. This is how he began his report:

The assistant told the constable that it was a time-bomb.....Complete Bert’s report.

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(Questions 15-19) Answer any four questions. Each questions carries 5 scores.

15. A teacher is a mentor and has great role in moulding the personality of a child. Analyse the character of the teacher in the story ‘Crime and Punishment’ by R.K. Narayan.
16. You are a participant in a Group Discussion on the topic ‘ India needs more job creators than job seekers’. What arguments would you raise? Draft the script for your presentation in about 80 words.
17. In the essay ‘The Three L’s of Empowerment’, Christine Lagarde suggests various means of empowering women. Write a paragraph on the 3 L’s of empowerment suggested by her.
18. You are fascinated by the innovative ventures undertaken by Irfan Alam, and decide to invite him to your school for a career orientation talk. Write an email to him inviting him to talk to the students and teachers of your school.
19. In ‘Horegallu’, Sudha Murthy shows how a burden of troubles can be relieved by talking to a good listener. Comment on the suitability of the tittle ‘ Horegallu’

(Questions 20-22) Answer any two questions.Each question carries 6 scores.

20. Drug addiction is a problem that is increasing steadily in our society today. Prepare a write up in about 200 words on the physical consequences and the social impact of Drug Abuse.
21. An anti - corruption campaign is being conducted in your school. You are asked to deliver a speech. Draft a speech on the topic “ Corruption: the curse that ruins society.”

22. The following is an advertisement that came in a leading newspaper. You are qualified to apply for the same. Prepare a job application letter and a resume to apply for the post.

WANTED
for
ETHIHAD AIRWAYS
NEW AIRPORT ROAD, KHALIFA CITY
P.O BOX. 35566, ABUDHABI. UAE

‘Onboard Food and Beverage Manager’

Qualifications

- * Bachelor Degree in Hotel Management from a recognized University.
- * 2-3 years of experience in a similar capacity.

Apply Before : 31 March 2018

(Questions 23-25) Answer any two questions. Each Question carries 8 Scores.

23. An Essay Writing Competition is being conducted in your school in connection with the Environment Day celebrations. Write an essay on the environment crisis, suggesting possible measures to overcome it.
24. You are deputed to cover the boxing match between Antonio Cruz and Felix Vargas for a local newspaper. Prepare a news report giving emphasis to the climax of the contest.
25. Read the following poem and prepare an appreciation of it, comparing it with ‘Any woman’ by Katherine Tynan.

Mother O’ Mine
- Rudyard Kipling.

If I were hanged on the highest hill,
Mother O’ mine, O mother O’ mine!
I know whose love would follow me still,
Mother O’ mine, O mother O’ mine.

If I were drowned in the deepest sea,
Mother O’ mine, O mother O’ mine
I know whose tears would come down to me,
Mother O’ mine, O mother O’ mine!

If I were damned of body and soul,
I know whose prayers would make me whole,
Mother O’ mine, O mother O’ mine!