

Reg. No. :

Code No. 9001

Name : ....

Second Year – March 2018

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.
- Use the 'Cool-off time' to get familiar with questions and to plan your answers.
- Read questions carefully before answering.
- Read the instructions carefully.
- 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 to 6) : Answer all the questions as directed.**

Read the lines from the poem 'Stammer' and answer the questions that follow :

Stammer is the silence that falls  
between the word and its meaning  
just as lameness is the  
Silence that falls between  
the word and deed

1. What is common to 'stammer' and 'lameness' ? (Score : 1)
2. Identify the figure of speech employed in the lines. (Score : 1)
3. What does the poet think of 'stammer' ? (Score : 1)
4. Your class is conducting a debate on the topic 'Nature conservation is more important than development.'  
Write four arguments either in favour of or opposing the topic. (Scores : 4)

5. Shaheen Mistri felt dejected when all the 20 schools in Mumbai refused permission to conduct classes for slum children in their classrooms for 3 hours in the evenings. If you were a friend of Shaheen Mistri, how would you offer sympathy and encouragement to her ?  
Write 3 sentences expressing your sympathy and support for her. You may use expressions like : I am sorry to \_\_\_\_\_, It is unfortunate that \_\_\_\_\_, etc. (Scores : 3)
6. The passage given below contains a few errors in concord and in the use of tenses, prepositions and articles. Edit the passage for these errors.

There was termites in the wooden box. They grew upwards from the bottom left corner in the shape of serpent. It was quite sometime since he had opened the box. What could he do about the trail of mud created by the termites ? If he did not destroyed it immediately, it would spread over the whole box and eat up everything that was at it.

(Scores : 4)

**(Questions 7 to 12) : Each question carries 4 scores. Answer any 5 questions.**

(Scores :  $5 \times 4 = 20$ )

7. A grand function is organized by the authorities of St. Xaviers College to felicitate the former student, Shaheen Mistri. The Principal himself introduces her to the audience. How would he introduce Shaheen Mistri ? Draft the speech for him.
8. "Antonio and Felix were well liked and respected. Each had his own loyal following." says Piri Thomas in 'Amigo Brothers'. How did these adolescent boys become the role models of the residents of Manhattan ? Attempt your answer in a paragraph of 80 words.
9. Elaborate the idea in the lines given below :  
This is better money-what good times !  
The government gives rice to those who don't have paddy fields.
10. Poet critic K. Satchidanandan has won the Ezhuthachan Award for his contribution to literature. Your class has decided to send an e-mail congratulating him on this achievement. As the leader of the class, what would you write in the e-mail ? Draft the e-mail.
11. Your class is conducting a group discussion on the topic 'Discipline at home and in the school creates good citizens'. As the first presenter of the topic, write your script for the presentation.
12. Do you agree with Irfan Alam that "It is important to dream, but it is equally important to take calculated risks to achieve your dream" ? Express your own opinion in a paragraph of 80 words.

**(Questions 13 to 18) : Answer any 5 questions. Each question carries 6 scores.**

(Scores :  $5 \times 6 = 30$ )

13. In connection with Anti-narcotics Day, your school is holding an elocution competition on the topic 'Drug abuse destroys the individual, the society and the nation'. You are one of the competitors. Prepare your speech.

14. A reporter who happened to visit the post office at the time of the incidents in 'Post Early for Christmas' started writing a news report in this manner :

Commmotion in Post Office over a Hoax Bomb Alert

East London : A hoax bomb alert caused much panic and confusion in a rural post office .....

Complete the report.

15. The dialogues of John, son of Robert Baldwin, at the beginning and in the middle of the play are given below :

	<b>Beginning</b>	<b>Middle</b>
1.	He wanted you to lie to save his skin.	It's going to be a nasty mess if they put John Gresham in jail.
2.	I'd have told him to go to the devil.	Nobody loses a cent. Nobody wants to see him punished.
3.	Wasn't satisfied with underpaying his employees; had to rob his depositors !	A hundred thousand is a lot of money.

Now, attempt a character sketch of John Robert Baldwin in about **100** words.

16. "God has given me two ears to listen to others. I hear them out with sympathy and without any judgement. When a person in trouble or under a lot of strain finds an outlet for his worries, it relieves half his burden."

These words of Ratna inspired Sudha Murty. She wants to report Ratna's words to her own children. Write down the report.

17. A 'Female Films' Festival was held in your school to focus on women empowerment in the arts. Read the notice and prepare a report of the film festival.

ABC School	
'Female Films' Festival	
Venue : School Auditorium	Date : 7-12-2017
Time : 9.30 a.m.	
<b>Programme</b>	
Prayer : School Choir	
Welcome Speech : Dr. Sujatha. S., Principal	
Presidential address : Smt. Devi N., PTA President	
Inaugural address : Vidhu Vincent, Director	
Felicitation : Sri M. Raju, Panchayat Member	
Vote of thanks : Smt. Sreekala N., Staff Secretary	
Film Show :	
10.30 a.m. : Udaharanam Sujatha	
1 p.m. : English Vinglish	
4 p.m. : Chak De! India	
National Anthem : School Choir	

18. The literary club of your school has decided to visit the poet satirist Chemmanam Ghacko and interview him. What would you ask him ?  
Frame 6 relevant questions for the interview.

**(Questions 19 to 21) : Answer any 2 questions. Each question carries 8 scores.**

**(Scores : 2 × 8 = 16)**

19. Read the following advertisement put forward by the Research and Development wing of Sammaan to recruit Junior Assistant. Draft an application letter and a resume.

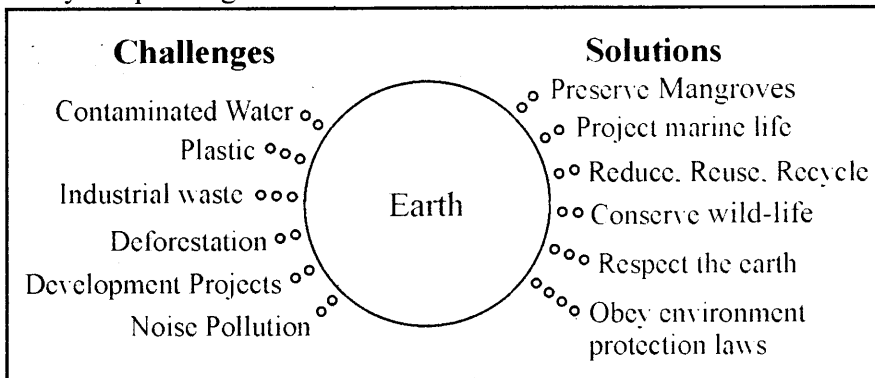
**VACANCY**  
Junior Assistant  
Sammaan Foundation, P.B. No. : 395. Bihar

Qualification : Graduation in any discipline  
Age : Between 20 and 30  
The ideal candidate should :

- \* Possess good communication skills.
- \* Be well groomed, friendly and energetic.

Previous experience will be an added advantage  
Interested candidates, please submit your application and bio-data within ten days.

20. Study the poster given below :



Now, write an essay on 'Co-existence of man and nature for sustainable living' in about 150 words.

21. Read the poem carefully. Compare the poem with 'Any Woman'.

**The Heart of a Woman**

The heart of a woman goes forth with the dawn  
As a lone bird, soft winging, so restlessly on  
A far o'er life's turrets and vales does it roam  
In the wake of those echoes the heart calls home.

The heart of a woman falls back with the night,  
And enters some alien cage in its plight,  
And tries to forget it has dreamed of the stars  
While it breaks, breaks, breaks on the sheltering bars.

Georgia Douglas Johnson