

# FIRST TERMINAL EVALUATION 2018

## ENGLISH

Max. Score : 80

Time : 2½ hrs

Standard : IX

### INSTRUCTIONS

- 15 minutes is given as cool-off time.
- This time is to be used for reading the question paper.
- Attempt the questions according to the instructions.

**1 - 5. Read the extract from 'Learning the game' and answer the questions that follow. Each question carries one score.**

One evening, Sir called my father and put forward his suggestion. Ajit was in the room with my father at the time and they both accepted that it was necessary, if cricket was to be my priority. My father sat me down and explained that while he did not have any objections to my changing schools, I should do so only if I was really serious about playing cricket. I assured him I was, and so it was agreed that I should move to Sharadashram Vidhyamandir, where Achrekar Sir was the cricket coach. All my excess energies were getting channelled into cricket, which acted as a kind of safety valve. My father always said that all he wanted me to do was give it my best effort without worrying about the results

In my first year at Sharadashram, I played fifty-five practice matches during the summer break of sixty days. My summer sessions used to start at 7.30 am and end at 4.30 pm. My evening session would start at 5 pm after only a thirty-minute break. During the break, Sir would often give me some money to go and have a vadapav (a popular Mumbai fast food).

1. What suggestion did Achrekar Sir make? (1)
2. Which sentence in the paragraph tells us that Sachin had only cricket in his mind?(1)
3. Explain the routine of Sachin at Sharadashram Vidyamandir. (2)
4. Fill in the following sentence using a phrasal verb from the paragraph. (1)  
A number of theories have been \_\_\_\_\_ about the possible causes of cancer.

**5-8. Read the following lines from the poem 'Twice a week the winter thorough' and answer the questions that follow. Each question carries one score. (4 × 1 = 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.

Try I will; no harm in trying:  
Wonder 'tis how little mirth  
Keeps the bones of man from lying  
On the bed of earth.

5. What does football do for the young man's soul?
6. During which season does he play cricket ?
7. Identify a pair of rhyming words from the second stanza.
8. Why does the young man say that there is 'no harm in trying'?
9. **Read the following lines from the poem 'Song of the Dream' and write an appreciation focussing on the theme, imagery and other poetic devices.**

(1 × 5 = 5)

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.

- 10-14. Read the story given below and answer the questions that follow. Each question carries one score.**

(5 × 1 = 5)

There once was a little boy who had a bad temper. His father gave him a bag of nails and told him that every time he lost his temper, he must hammer a nail into the fence. The first day the boy had driven 37 nails into the fence. Over the next few weeks as he learned to control his anger, the number of nails hammered daily, gradually came down. He discovered it was easier to hold his temper than to drive those nails into the fence. Finally the day came when the boy didn't lose his temper at all. He told his father about it and the father asked the boy to pull out one nail each day that he would be able to hold his temper. The days passed and the young boy was finally able to tell his father that all the nails were gone. The father took his son by the hand and led him to the fence. He said "you have done well, my son, but look at the holes in the fence. The fence will never be the same. When you say things in anger, they leave a scar just like this one." You can put a knife in a man and draw it out. It won't matter how many times you say I'm sorry, the wound is still there. Make sure you control your temper the next time you are tempted to say something you will regret later.

10. What did the father ask the boy to do whenever he lost his temper?
11. What did the boy discover over the next few weeks?
12. Why did the father ask the boy to pull out one nail each day?

13. What according to the father will happen if one says things in anger?
14. What message do you get from the story?
15. **Prepare a profile of Sachin Tendulkar using the hints given below. Use appropriate linkers wherever necessary.** (1 × 5 = 5)

Born	:	24 April 1974, Mumbai
Famous as	:	Indian cricketer and captain, one of the greatest cricketers of all time
Achievements	:	Only player to score one hundred international centuries
	:	First to score a double century in a one day international
	:	Only player to complete more than 30000 runs in international cricket.
Awards and Honours	:	Arjuna Award (1994), Padma Shri (1999), Padma Vibhushan (2008), Bharat Ratna (2013)
Autobiography	:	'Playing it my way'

**16-18. Answer any TWO of the following questions. Each question carries five scores.** (2 × 5 = 10)

16. Your school decides to invite Ram Narayan as the chief guest on school day. You are asked to prepare a letter, inviting him to the school day celebrations. Prepare the likely **letter**.
17. The English club of your school has decided to conduct a debate on the topic "Should Public servants accept gifts". Prepare a **notice** inviting everyone to attend the debate.
18. Kasturba Gandhi was very much upset after she had an argument with Mahatma Gandhi. She regretted about having a fight with her husband. She jotted down her feelings in her diary. Prepare the likely **diary entry**.

**19-23. Answer any THREE of the following questions. Each question carries six scores.** (3 × 6 = 18)

19. The Race at Nehru Stadium on Children's day attracted a lot of public attention. Being a reporter of a leading daily, you are asked to prepare a news report on the event. Prepare the likely **news report**.
20. Imagine you get an opportunity to talk to Sachin's brother, Ajit, who gave up his dream of becoming a cricketer and chose to live it through his younger brother. Prepare **six questions** that you might ask him.
21. The character Tarun in the story 'The Race' appeals to all readers. Prepare the **character sketch** of Tarun.
22. Gandhiji in his memoir 'Nobility of service' stresses the importance of serving the community without any remuneration. In the light of your reading of the memoir,

prepare a **write-up** on the topic "The importance of selfless service in our present society"

23. The school sports club decides to invite Shri Ramakant Achrekar to inaugurate the sports day celebrations. You are asked to introduce him to the audience. Prepare the text of the **speech**.

**24-28. Given below are a few newspaper headlines. Read them carefully and answer the questions that follow. Each question carries one score. (5 × 1 = 5)**

- a) Seven new wasp species discovered in the Amazon forests
- b) Fish samples in Chennai test positive for formalin\*
- c) Rain wreaks havoc in Kerala
- d) Vettel drives Ferrari to an impressive win\*
- e) Minimum support price for paddy hiked by 200 a quintal

24. Which headline brings relief to farmers?
25. A headline informs us of food adulteration. Identify it
26. Sports enthusiasts cheer at the headline. Which is it?
27. Among these headlines, one is related to an insect. Which is it?
28. Identify the headline which may result in crop damage and disasters.

29. **Read the conversation between Tarun and Ram Narayan and answer the questions that follow.** (2 × 1 = 2)

Tarun: What is your condition?

Ram Narayan: If you participate and win the race, I will train you.

- a) What did Tarun ask Ram Narayan?
- b) What was Ram Narayan's reply?

30. **Here is an excerpt from Sachin's farewell speech. Supply the missing words in the following passage.** (4 × 1 = 4)

( at, in, in front of, for, since)

The most important person \_\_\_\_\_ my life was my father. I have missed him a lot \_\_\_\_\_ 1999 when he passed away. Without his guidance, I don't think I would have been standing here \_\_\_\_\_ you. He gave me freedom \_\_\_\_\_ the age of 11, and told me, 'Chase your dreams, but make sure you do not find short cuts.

31. **Some parts of the conversation between Tarun and his father are missing. Complete it suitably.** (5 × 1 = 5)

Father : You failed in the terminal exams, \_\_\_\_\_ a \_\_\_\_\_ ?

Tarun : Yes Dad.

Father : \_\_\_\_\_ b \_\_\_\_\_ ?

Tarun : I can't concentrate on my studies.  
 Father : Then, what is your plan about your future ?  
 Tarun : \_\_\_\_\_ c \_\_\_\_\_  
 Father : If you are really interested in becoming a good runner,  
 \_\_\_\_\_ d \_\_\_\_\_  
 Tarun : Thank you dad. Its my passion  
 Father : But I want you to pass the exams as well  
 Tarun : \_\_\_\_\_ e \_\_\_\_\_

32. **Given below is a passage with a few errors. Edit the passage.** (5 × 1 = 5)

As a child, I had only one set of cricket clothes and the routine **is(a)** to wash them as soon as I had returned from the morning session. While I had my lunch, the clothes **would out dry (b)** in the sun and I would **ware(c)** them again in the afternoon. The pattern **were (d)** repeated in the evening so that I **can(e)** use the same set of clothes the following morning. The system worked well — apart from my pockets.

33. **Choose the appropriate phrasal verbs to replace the underlined phrases in the passage.** (4 × 1 = 4)

Tarun could not **tolerate** the insults of his friends. He **decided** to run around the park to release his pent up emotions. He **met** Ram Narayan by chance who was sitting on the park bench. Tarun **communicated** his ideas and opinions to Ram Narayan. Ram Narayan agreed to train Tarun but on a condition.

( came across, made up his mind, put across, put up with)

34. **A word pyramid using the word 'flower' is given below.** (1 × 4 = 4)

flower  
 A flower  
 A beautiful flower  
 A beautiful flower in the garden  
 A beautiful flower in the garden which I plucked yesterday

**Now, Construct a word pyramid using the word 'boy'**