

SECOND TERMINAL EVALUATION 2017-18

ENGLISH

Standard IX

Maximum Score: 80

Time: 2½ hrs

Instructions

1. 15 minutes is given as cool-off time
2. This time is to be used for reading the question paper.
3. You are not supposed to write anything during the cool-off time.
4. Attempt the questions according to the instructions

1-5. Read the excerpt from the play 'Listen to the Mountain' and answer the questions that follow. Each question carries one score. (1x5=5)

Suddenly there is a terrific rumble and roar, like rocks falling. It lasts for thirty seconds. Tremendous noise of horns blaring, voices screaming and shrieking.

Voices offstage : Landslide! Landslide!(Dixit and Sagar look around in panic, they stagger about, then run offstage.)

Narayan : (shouts) Let us get help! We must help the injured. Hurry! Hurry!
(The injured are carried away on makeshift stretchers by children. Some hobble and limp. Slowly, the commotion dies and noise fades.)

Grandmother : (in a sad, slow voice to audience) Finally the mountain spoke loud enough for everyone to hear. (pauses) For our village, it was a tragedy. Ten houses buried beneath the landslide. Eleven people killed, including two children... (wipes her eyes) I knew it all along. Nature always speaks if we care to listen...

1. How did the mountain respond, for everyone to hear?
2. "We must help the injured." What attitude of Narayan is revealed in this statement?
3. 'Dixit and Sagar look around in panic, they **stagger** about, then run offstage.' Choose the function of the word given in bold from the options given.
(noun phrase, verb phrase, adverbial phrase)
4. 'The injured are carried away on makeshift stretchers by children'. Write any other help the children might have given to the injured. (Write any one.)
5. Pick out the words that indicate the terrific sound of the landslide.

6-9. Read the lines from the poem 'Another Chance' and answer the questions that follow. Each question carries one score. (1x4=4)

How often we wish for another chance
To make a fresh beginning.
A chance to blot out our mistakes
And change failure into winning.

It does not take a new day
To make a brand new start,
It only takes a deep desire
To try with all our heart.

6. Why do we wish for another chance?
7. Explain the expression 'blot out our mistakes'.
8. What does it take to make a brand new start?
9. Identify the rhyme scheme of the above stanzas.
10. Read the lines from the poem 'Song of the Rain' by Khalil Gibran and attempt a brief appreciation focusing on the theme, imagery and language used by the poet. (4)

I am dotted silver threads dropped from heaven
By the Gods. Nature then takes me, to adorn
Her fields and valleys.

I am beautiful pearls, plucked from the
Crown of Ishtar, by the daughter of Dawn
To embellish the gardens.

When I cry, the hills laugh
When I humble myself, the flowers rejoice:
When I bow, all things are elated.

11-15. Read the following story and answer the questions given below. Each question carries one score. (1x5=5)

A little girl was fond of asking new questions day after day. One day she asked her mother, "Mom, which one is good — an apple or a pear, a rose or a jasmine, a ball or a doll?"

The mother usually answered her questions easily but this time she was confused. How could she definitely say that one thing was good and the other was not? She evaded the answer somehow. But after a few days the little girl posed another question, "Mom, is a story good or a song?" This time the mother was well prepared, and told the little girl that she would ask her a question first to which she should give a thoughtful reply. The mother then asked, "Tell me, is the sun good or the sky?"

The little girl thought and thought but could not find a right answer. She looked at the sky and then at the sun. It was indeed very difficult for her to decide in favour of either of the two since both were so close and inseparable.

The little girl now understood the point. Thereafter she never asked which one was good—this or that. Now she began to ask, "What is good in stories? What is good in songs?". And the mother answered her questions happily.

11. What was the little girl fond of?
12. Why was the mother confused to give a right answer to the little girl's question?
13. How did the mother tackle the problem?
14. Why was it difficult for the little girl to give a right answer?
15. Pick out the word from the passage which means 'to avoid giving a direct answer.'

16 -20. Given below are some newspaper headlines. Read them and answer the questions that follow. Each question carries one score. (1x5=5)

A. HIGH SALT INTAKE MIGHT DOUBLE RISK OF HEART FAILURE

B. MARYKOM ENTERS QUARTERS OF ASIAN CHAMPIONSHIPS

C. INCESSANT RAINS: EDUCATIONAL INSTITUTIONS TO BE SHUT ON MONDAY

D. RUBBER STAYS FLAT IN DULL TRADE

E. CRASH SURVIVOR KILLED WHILE CROSSING THE ROAD

F. PUNATHIL KUNJABDULLA PASSES AWAY

16. The headline which may upset a section of farmers is
17. The headline related to a road mishap is
18. The headline that highlights the sad demise of a writer is
19. The headline which is related to health and wellness is
20. Which news headline will make the boxing fans happy?

21. Prepare a **profile** of the eminent short story writer, **William Sydney Porter** using the hints given below. (5)

Pseudonym	: O. Henry
Born	: September 11, 1862, Greensboro
Father	: Dr. Algernon Sydney Porter, a physician
Famous short stories	: Whistling Dick's Christmas Stocking (first short story) The Gift of the Magi, The Skylight Room...
Short stories	: Known for wit, wordplay and clever endings
Honour in his name	: Annual American award given to short stories of exceptional merit -O Henry Award
Died	: June 5, 1910 New York

- 22-24. Answer any **TWO** questions. Each question carries five scores. (5x2=10)

22. The members of the English Club of your school is planning to make a documentary based on the anecdote 'The Jungle Air Crash' and requires a child artiste to play the role of Juliane. Prepare a **notice** inviting those interested to play the role. (Give necessary details like, age, acting skills, etc.)
23. The Grandmother in the play 'Listen to the Mountain' is desperate when she comes to know that Sagar is not ready to give up his decision to construct a hotel on the Dharmagiri. Many disturbing thoughts regarding the effects of this on the inhabitants of the village worries her. What would be her thoughts? Write in a **paragraph**.
24. The English Club of your school has decided to honour Juliane for the courage and determination which helped her overcome the perils of the jungle. Write a letter inviting her to the function. Prepare the likely **letter**.

- 25-29. Answer any **FOUR** questions. Each question carries 6 scores.

(6x4= 24)

25. Juliane Koepcke the lone survivor of the Lansa flight 580 had a miraculous escape. It was the information she gained from her parents which helped her overcome the perils of the jungle. Prepare a **write-up** on the precautionary measures one should adopt to survive in a jungle, in the light of your reading of the anecdote 'The Jungle Air Crash.'
26. The people of the village in the play 'Listen to the Mountain', are worried about the construction of the five-star hotel which could destroy the Dharmagiri mountain, the river, the trees and the animals there. A local newspaper wants you to report the environmental hazards, the construction could cause. Prepare the likely **news report**.

27. One of the ponds which is the main source of drinking water for many people and animals in your locality is contaminated with plastic waste and other materials. You decide to draft an email to the Secretary of the Panchayat, urging him to take necessary measures to clean up the pond. Draft the email.

28. Mikali in the story 'Maternity' suffers a lot for his brother. He stands for courage, determination and selfless love. Prepare a character sketch of Mikali.

29. The play, 'Listen to the Mountain' highlights the need for preserving nature. Prepare a speech on the topic, 'Care for Nature' in the light of your reading of the play.

30. Read the conversation and fill in the blanks. (2)

Journalist : How are the nights in the Jungle?

Juliane : Nights in the jungle are attractive only in films. In real life they are frightening.

The journalist wanted to know from Juliane(a)..... Juliane replied that(b).....and added that in real life they were frightening.

31. Read the following passage. A few words are missing in the given passage. Complete the passage choosing suitable words from those given in the bracket. (4)

I hope I am not very late...(a)... congratulating you on your birthday. I am sending you...(b).. small package...(c)... contains my birthday present - a silver watch. I don't know your likes and dislikes, but surely every boy likes a watch! I hope you will always keep this as a token...(d)... my affection for you.

(in, which, of, a, from)

32. Construct a word pyramid using the word 'Flower'. You can use the following pattern. (4)

Det + Noun phrase

Det + Adjective phrase + Noun phrase

Det + Adjective phrase + Noun phrase + Prepositional phrase

Det + Adjective phrase + Noun phrase + Prepositional phrase + Relative clause