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Time : 2½ Hours

Cool-off time : 15 Minutes

**SAY/IMPROVEMENT
JUNE 2019**

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.
- Certain sections of questions have choice. Follow the choice regulations.

(Question Nos. 1 – 3) : Read the following lines from the poem 'Mending Wall' and answer the questions given below :

'I let my neighbour know beyond the hill;
And one day we meet to walk the line
And set the wall between us once again,
We keep the wall between us as we go'.

1. What did the poet want to convey his neighbour ? (1)
2. Identify the poetic device used in the line, 'We keep the wall between us as we go'. (1)
3. Is it necessary to have walls in our neighbourhood ? Give your opinion in two sentences. (2)
4. The following passage contains some errors. Edit the passage.

Environment means the surrounding on which we all live. It include every form of living and non-living things on Mother Earth. One of the major issues we face these days are environmental pollution. Harmful pollutants contaminates the environment and pose serious threats to biotic and abiotic factors. (4)

5. The duty of youth is to stand against, corruption. As a representative of today's youth, prepare two pieces of advice you would give to your companions to remove corruption from the society ?

You may use the following expressions.

(It is better, you'd better.....,

I would suggest,)

(2)

6. The following conversation is from the play 'The Hour of Truth'.

John : Offered you money, Dad ?

Baldwin : Yes, a hundred thousand dollars.

Evie : What !

Baldwin : I've got only a few years to live, but i'll live those as I lived the rest of my life. I'll go to my grave clean !

Report the conversation.

You may begin as John asked his father whether...

(4)

(Question Nos. 7 – 11) : Answer any 4 of the following questions each in about 60 words.

Each carries 5 scores.

(4 × 5 = 20)

7. Bring out the elements of satire in the poem 'Rice' highlighting the change in the attitude of people with the changing times.
8. "Stop it ! What a common Vulgar man you are" Nomita tells: Do you agree with Nomita's statement ? Write down your impressions on the character of Ajit based on your reading of the story 'Matchbox'.
9. "I will never post anything in this country again. I shall see the Postmaster General about it," the tourist tells the assistant in 'Post Early for Christmas'. Suppose the tourist meets the Post Master General and narrates the incident to him. Write the narrative in a paragraph.
10. "I am their wall against all danger,
Their door against the wind and snow,
Thou whom a woman laid in a manger,
Take me not till the children grow !"
- The strength as well as the earnest request of a mother is portrayed in these lines. How important is your mother ? Prepare a diary entry highlighting her role in your upbringing.
11. In real friendship, hatred and competition give way to love and affection. How far is this statement true in the story 'Amigo Brothers'. Prepare a write up justifying your views.

(Question Nos. 12 – 17) : Answer any 5 questions each in about 80 words. Each carries 6 scores.

(5 × 6 = 30)

12. Money only brings with it isolation, punishment, deception, frustration and endless shame. Based on your understanding of the one-act play 'The Hour of Truth', write a paragraph on the corrupting influence of money on people.

13. The abuse of drugs has resulted in significant morbidity and mortality. Prepare a speech to be delivered in the school assembly in connection with Anti Narcotics Day on the adverse effects of drug among adolescents.

14. The role of Horegallu in Sudha Murthy's story is that of a silent listener. Imagine that the Horegallu narrates about its experience to us. What would it be ?
Prepare the narrative beginning, 'I am the Horegallu, in Sudha Murthy's village...

15. Mr. Gresham, the owner of the bank, has been arrested for misappropriating the funds of the depositors. Newspapers covered the news of Gresham's confession and arrest. Prepare a newspaper report on the incident.

16. There are people who are daring enough to go to any extent to pursue their dreams. Being inspired by the model set by Shabeen Mistri, write an email to your friend describing briefly the services rendered by her to the society.

17. The story 'Crime and Punishment' reflects the attempts of a teacher to please his troubled student. The writer narrates the story in a humorous manner. Write the review of the short story to be published in your class blog.

(Question Nos. 18 – 20) : Answer any 2 questions each in about 120 words. Each carries 8 scores.

(2 × 8 = 16)

18. "When the environment is destroyed, plundered or mismanaged, we undermine the quality of our life and that of future generations", says Wangari Maathai in her Nobel Prize acceptance speech. Write an essay on how environmental disruption and mismanagement has affected the lives of people in the backdrop of the recent floods in Kerala.

(Hints : Environment conservation in the past – biodiversity protected – mismanagement of resources in the present – urbanization – ecological imbalance)

19. No country can ever truly flourish if it represses the potential of its women and deprives itself of the contribution of half of its citizens.' In the light of your understanding of the ideas expressed by Christine Lagarde, prepare an editorial on the role played by women in the progress of the nation. .
20. Read the following poem. Compare and contrast it with 'Stammer' and prepare a critical appreciation.

I Was Born Different

Some people question
While others walk away.
Some people stare,
And let others snicker.
I was born different !

My fingers don't straighten
And elbows are bent
My ankles are weak
And my back is curved
A cast on my foot,
And thick glasses cover my eyes.
I was born different !

I never had many friends.
I used to be shy,
But not any more
I can take up a storm
I was born different !

Oh how I love to read and write !
I'm a special Olympics' athlete.
Figure scares no more;
Now have bowling and track
And basketball too
Just look at my medals !
So what if I was born different !