

Class No: .....



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**FIRST YEAR HIGHER SECONDARY  
SECOND TERMINAL EVALUATION : DECEMBER-2018  
ENGLISH  
Maximum : 80 Scores**

Time : 2½ Hours  
Cool-off Time : 15 Minutes

**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.

Read the following excerpt from the story 'His first flight' and answer the questions that follow:

His mother had picked up a piece of fish and flying across him with it. He leaned out eagerly, tapping the rock with his feet, trying to get nearer to her as she flew across. But when she was just opposite to him, abreast of the ledge, she halted, her legs hanging limp, her wings motionless, the piece of fish in her beak almost within reach of his Peak.

1. The word ..... in the excerpt means stopped.

(Score : 1)

2. What was the mother bird trying to do? Did she achieve in her attempt? Explain your answer in three or four sentences. (Score : 3)
3. Suggest a suitable title to the excerpt. (Score : 1)
4. Identify the figures of speech used in the following lines. (Score : 2)

Death lays his joy hands on kings

Sceptre and crown

Must tumble down

And in the dust be equal made,

With the poor crooked scythe and spade.

5. Write a precis of the following passage to one third of the original length and also give a suitable title. (Score : 4)

Today there are 3000 million people in the world. Fifty years ago about 2000 million people lived in it. If earth's population were evenly distributed over its land surface, there would be about 550 persons to the square mile. But earth has vast areas of forest, mountains and deserts which are almost totally inhabited. On the other hand it has great cities each with millions of people living in a few square miles.

To feed the fast growing population of our earth, scientists and planners have to discover new ways to produce more. One possible way is to bring more land not under cultivation. This can be done only in places where there is lot of land used for productive purposes. In many places it is no longer possible as all the available land is already cultivated. A second way is to make use of new types of seeds to produce more. Already a number of new strains of paddy and wheat have been developed in different parts of the world. India is one of the countries where a lot of useful work has been done in the field of agriculture research.

6. Edit the following passage. (Score : 4)

The women of Namuana village still preserves a very strange ritual ; that of calling turtles from the sea. If you visits Namuana village in sea the turtle calling, your schooner anchor in beautiful day right under the cliff.

7. Attempt a profile of Dr. A.P.J. Abdul Kalam using the following information. (Score : 5)

Born : 15 October 1931, Rameswaram.

Died : 27 July 2015, shillong.

Parents : Jainulabdeen (Father)

Ashiamma (Mother)

Education : Madras Institute of Technology (1955-1960)

St. Joseph's college, Thiruchirappalli (1954)

11<sup>th</sup> president of India, Distinguished scientist, Missile man of India.

Awards : Bharat Ratna, Padma Bhushan, Padma Vibhushan, and more.

8. It is necessary for Le Horla to descend within a minute or two and captain Jovis looks for a favourable landing. Imagine that he announces the imminent descent of Le Horla to the crew. Prepare the announcement that captain Jovis would make. (Score : 3)
9. Nature is the everlasting source of consolation for a worried mind. Have you ever experienced the healing power of nature. Describe briefly. (Score : 3)

**Questions from (10-17) Answer any six. (5 score each)**

**(6 × 5 = 30)**

10. In the light of your reading the story, 'His first flight' prepare a write up on the support of parents in overcoming hardships in life.
11. It's an apt saying that "fire is the test of gold and adversity that of man". The undying qualities of every successful person in this world are perseverance and the will power to fight against the handicaps and overcome them. Keeping this in mind, prepare the script of a speech you would deliver on the occasion of the commemoration ceremony of Stephen Hawking, the British Astrophysics Giant.
12. Hasan is the real hero of Ranaganji. He acted selflessly in the moment of a crisis. Kerala has witnessed rare acts of heroism during the devastating floods. You felt overwhelmed by the silent and selfless service rendered by the people of Kerala, especially the youth and fisher men. You would like to send an e-mail about this to your friend in Tamil Nadu. Prepare the e-mail.
13. Travel is an experience which broadens the boundaries of knowledge. Have you got any such travel experience which provided you both knowledge and entertainment. Narrate your travel experience to a place.  
(Physical features of the place, experiences, personal impressions)

14. Adolescence is the most beautiful period of girl's life. Maggie in her teens has to shoulder the responsibility of her family. Attempt a character sketch of Maggie.
15. You are the reporter of a local daily who witnessed the abduction of Tinaicoboga and Raudalice by the fishermen of Nabukelevu. You prepare a newspaper report on the incident to be published in the daily. What would you write?
16. Imagine yourself to be a travel guide. A group of tourists visits one of the most popular tourist spots of your locality. How would you welcome them? Prepare the script of a speech you would deliver introducing the tourist spot to the visitors.
17. That together, we could make something worth while ; For stephen, that made ali the difference, stephen Hawking could become the supernova of physics with the family help and support of Jane. It is said that there is a woman behind every successful man. Do you agree? Express your opinion - in a paragraph.

(Questions 18-21) Answer any **three** questions. Each carries eight scores (3×8=24)

18. Gandhi says, I shall work for an India, in which the poorest shall feel that it is their country, in whose making, they have an effective voice, an India in which there shall be no high class and low class of people ..... What is the picture of India in your dreams. Prepare an essay on the topic "India of My Dreams".
19. You are asked to contribute an article to be published in year school magazine about being successful and unique in life. Prepare the article in the light of your reading the inspiring message of "I will fly" by Dr. A.P.J. Abdul Kalam.

20. In the wake of the recent floods in Kerala which spread massive damage and destruction, the concept of disaster management has gained great currency across the state. Examine the relevance of massive awareness programmes and the inclusion of the concept of disaster management in school curriculum to mitigate the effects of disaster. Prepare an essay on disaster management in India. (Hints – awareness about the damage – precautionary measures – science and Technology – )
21. Read the following poem and prepare a critical appreciation.

How Did you Die?

Did you tackle that trouble that came your way

with a resolute heart and cheerful?

or hide your face from the light of day

With a craven soul and fearful?

Oh, a trouble's a ton, or a trouble's an ounce,

Or a trouble is what you make it,

And it isn't the fact that you're hurt that counts,

But only how did you take it?

You are beaten to earth? Well, Well what's that?

come up with a smiling face.

It's nothing against you to fall down flat,

But to lie there \_\_\_\_\_ that's disgrace

The harder you're thrown, why the higher you bounce,

Be proud of your blackened eye!

If isn't the fact that you are licked that counts,

It's how did you fight and why?

And though you be done to the death, what then?

If you battled the best you could

If you played your part in the world of man,

why, the critic call it good.

Death comes with crawl, or comes with a pounce,

And whether he's slow or spy,

It isn't the fact that you're dead that counts,

But only how did you die?

Edmund Vance Cooke

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