



Class No. :

SSE 01

Name :

**SECOND YEAR HIGHER SECONDARY SECOND TERMINAL
EVALUATION, DECEMBER 2019**

**Part – I
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 the instructions carefully.*
- *Read the questions carefully before answering.*

Score

(Question Nos. (1-4) Read the passage below and answer the questions that follow :

(4×1=4)

I firmly believe in C. K. Prahalad's idea that businesses can be successful by targetting the bottom of the pyramid.

1. Identify the speaker.
2. What does 'target' mean ?
 - a) look at
 - b) keep at
 - c) aim at
3. 'The bottom of the pyramid' here refers to _____.
 - a) the unemployed
 - b) the poor
 - c) the ignorant
4. Do you believe in this idea ? Give reason.



Score

(Question Nos. 5-7) Fill in the blanks with suitable words from the box : (3×1=3)

but, so, or, although

5. Sensual drugs are those that the body has no need for, _____ that give the user a strong sense of pleasure.
6. The drug should also have restorative effects, _____ it will unbalance healthy functions of the brain and body.
7. _____ real dangers exist, the drug user often assumes they do not.

(Question Nos. 8-9) Rewrite as directed : (2×1=2)

8. "Keep your heads up", said the referee to the amigo brothers.
The referee instructed...
9. The referee signalled the ring doctor to check the fighters out.
The ring doctor was ...

(Question Nos. 10-13) Read the poetic lines below and answer the questions that follow : (4×1=4)

God too must have stammered
when He created man.
That is why all the words of man
carry different meanings.
That is why everything he utters
from his prayers to his commands
stammers,
like poetry.

10. Identify the poem and the poet.
11. Who does 'he' in the fifth line refer to ?
12. Identify the poetic device used in the last line.
13. What, according to the poet, is the reason for words carrying different meanings ?

(Question Nos. 14-16) Answer all questions in two or three sentences. Each carries 2 Scores : (3×2=6)

14. Ashapura Debi compares women to matchboxes. Do you agree with her ? Give reason.
15. Sudha Murthy's grandfather and Ratna are considered as 'human horegallus'. What do you think ?
16. The narrator in the poem 'Rice' expected to have a meal of athikira rice. What happened in reality ? Was he happy ?



Score

(Question Nos. 17-19) Answer all questions. Each carries 3 Scores :

(3×3=9)

17. Edit the passage :

The academic system at Xavier's was different from the system in U.S. Here, a for more bookish form of learning replaced the academic rigour and intellectual stimulation I received in Massachusetts.

18. Drug-related health disorders are many and varied. Mention any three of them.

19. Elaborate the idea conveyed in the following poetic lines :

My father says, with obvious pride :

"Son, we've stopped working on all the rice.

It was quite inconvenient".

(Question Nos. 20-24) Answer any three questions. Each carries 4 Scores :

(3×4=12)

20. A debate on the topic 'Are leaders born or made?' is to be conducted in your class. Write four points either in favour of or against the topic.

21. The series of landslides that occurred recently in Kerala is a repeated warning against man's exploitation of nature. Imagine, you were there in Kavalapara during the disaster. How would have you written the diary that day? Prepare the diary entry.

22. "Those three words would choke me if I tried to speak them. For some other man, perhaps it would be easy", bursts out Robert Baldwin. Analyse the character of Baldwin and prepare a brief character sketch.

23. In the poem 'Mending Wall', the poet believes that there is no need for a wall. He tells that nature also supports his argument. Why does he think so?

24. Just as the mother in 'Any Woman', your mother too, must be striving a lot to take care of you. What is your attitude towards her? How much do you love her? Express your thoughts and feelings in a short paragraph.

(Question Nos. 25-30) Answer any four questions. Each carries 6 Scores :

(4×6=24)

25. Imagine, you get a chance to interview Wangari Maathai, the Nobel Prize winner. Prepare 3 questions you would ask her and write their possible responses.

26. As a Graduate in Mechanical Engineering, you are ignited by Irfan Alam's idea of creating solar powered fibre rikshaws. You decide to write an email, presenting your innovative ideas for the same. Prepare the email.

27. Amazon rain forest, popularly known as the 'lungs of the planet', is thought to be responsible for around 20% of the world's oxygen supplies. But unfortunately, it suffered a devastating loss owing to the raging wild fires. As the reporter of a popular daily, prepare a newspaper report.

(Hints : Gravity of the disaster – animals and trees burnt – collapse of the eco-system – need for restoring, etc.)



Score

28. Shaheen Mistri, the founder of Akanksha Foundation, has influenced you so much that you decide to spend your spare time helping the poor children in getting proper education. Write a letter to an NGO, seeking help to educate the poor children in your locality.
(NGO : Non-governmental Organization)
29. Stray dogs remain a constant threat to our state. Dog bites have become a recurring incident now-a-days. But on the other side, the sick, injured and abused animals have to be taken care of. Write a blog on the need for caring the abandoned and wandering animals.
(Hints : Animals' right to live – need protection – prevention of cruelty against animals, etc.)
30. "The poem 'Rice' is a contrast between expectation and reality. Write a short essay, substantiating the statement.

(Question Nos. 31-34) Answer any two of the following. Each carries 8 Scores : (2×8=16)

31. 'Make a Difference' (MAD) is a youth driven organisation initiated by six passionate friends in Kochi. It helps the poor children to realize their dreams and break the vicious circle of poverty. You decide to work as a volunteer in this organisation. Prepare an application with biodata, expressing your interest in helping children and presenting the aspects of the job.
32. 'Vimukthi' is an anti-narcotic campaign launched by the Government of Kerala to highlight the dangers of using alcohol and drugs. As a volunteer, prepare a speech, presenting your ideas on how to eradicate all sorts of substance abuse from our state.
(Hints : Sensitizing the youth – protection teams in schools and colleges – strict enforcement of laws – rehabilitation of the affected, etc.)
33. "It is time to create a world where all women can meet their potential without impediment or prejudice and the world will reap the benefits". Based on your reading of Christine Lagarde's speech, write an essay on how women can realize their true potential.
34. Read the following poem and compare it with 'Stammer' by Satchidanandan.

My Disjointed Voice

I speak with no words spoken
My voice has always been broken
It is a record player that has skipped
Since the day it was made and can never be fixed

I speak through the words you read
Your mind speaks my voice with perfect clarity
I let you inside my thoughts through your thoughts
You see me without the need for me to breathe

I speak through eyes wide open
My mind has never been broken
It never slows or skips a beat
Since the days before I could speak

– Kelly Severseike