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**FIRST YEAR HIGHER SECONDARY
MODEL EXAMINATION, FEBRUARY 2020**

Part – I

Time : 2½ Hours

ENGLISH

Cool-off time : 15 Minutes

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.
- Write answer to the specific number of questions as instructed.

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

1 Score each.

(4 × 1 = 4)

Without Thee, what is all the morning's wealth ?

Come, blessed barrier between day by day

Dear mother of fresh thoughts and joyous health.

1. 'Thee' is the old form of the word _____
 - (a) me
 - (b) you
 - (c) it
2. Whom does the poet call 'mother of fresh thoughts' ?
3. Identify the poetic device used in the second line.
4. Identify the rhyming words.

(Question Nos. 5-8) : Rewrite as directed. 1 score each.

(4 × 1 = 4)

5. What a beautiful smile you have !
(Begin with 'You')

6. You should treat triumph and disaster just the same. Then you will be a man and the earth will be yours.
(Connect the sentences using 'if')

7. Mr. Gupta was very busy. Yet he decided to visit Maggie's house.
(Connect the sentences using 'though')

8. "I want work that will make me use my head, brain work", said Maggie to Mr. Gupta.
(Begin with : Maggie told Mr. Gupta that)

(Question Nos. 9-12) : Read the piece of writing below and answer the questions that follow :

The devastating flood in 2018 followed by the series of landslides in 2019 in Kerala was indeed surprising. More surprising was the courage and determination shown by the people of Kerala in both the rescue operations and the rehabilitation activities. All the people, forgetting all disparities and differences, plunged into action with a spirited sense of unity.

Needless to say, this great event is an exemplification of the age old saying, 'Unity is strength'. What else have we learnt from this ? Undoubtedly, the Law of Nature. Yes, before Nature all are equal, irrespective of caste, creed, colour, religion, region, money, etc. All the walls built by man – 'high or low', 'strong or weak', 'costly or cheap' – were collapsed by Nature within seconds.

But alas! Even after learning the good lesson, man has started repairing and rebuilding those broken walls! He goes on sticking to the conventional saying, 'Good fences make good neighbours'. Herein lies the irony. Modern man has knowledge. He has discretion. But unfortunately he is not ready to apply them in real life!

9. What was more surprising than the occurrence of flood and landslides ? (1)

10. What, according to the writer, does the Law of Nature say ? (1)

11. Find out the word which means 'traditional'. (1)
12. Suggest a suitable title to the piece of writing. (1)
13. Prepare a precise summary of the above piece of writing, reducing it to one third of its length. (4)
14. The passage given below contains a few errors. Edit the passage.

Young Stephen is no prodigy. He was just a ordinary English boy, slow for learning to read, his handwriting the despair of his teachers! He ranked no more than halfway up in his class. (4)

(Question Nos. 15-16) : Answer all questions. Each carries 2 scores. (2 × 2 = 4)

15. "Country life has its advantages", Nicholay used to say.
Write two advantages of living in countryside.
16. According to Esther Dyson, Cyberspace has many wonderful possibilities.
Mention two such possibilities.

(Question Nos. 17-19) : Answer any 2 questions in 2 or 3 sentences. Each carries 3 scores. (2 × 3 = 6)

17. Dr. Kalam wants every youth to be unique. What does he mean by 'being unique' ?
18. In his article 'Is Society Dead ?' Andrew Sullivan refers to the 'i-Pod people'.
Who are 'i-Pod people' ?
19. Max Beerbohm's objection to 'walking for walking's sake' is that it stops the brain.
Why does he say so ?

(Question Nos. 20-25) : Answer any 4 questions in about 60 words. Each carries 4 scores. (4 × 4 = 16)

20. 'Computers can never substitute human brain'.

Two points of argument in favour of the above statement are given below :

- Human brain is the most powerful device in the world.
- Computers themselves are the products of human brain.

Write four points opposing the statement.

21. Imagine, you happen to visit the Fijian village of Namuana and meet the women there. Out of curiosity, you would like to know more about the strange ritual of turtle calling. Write four questions.

22. The crew of the Titanic are considered real heroes. Why ? Describe the unusual courage shown by those heroes.

23. Elaborate the idea in the following lines :

Your heads must come

To the cold tomb;

Only the actions of the just

Smell sweet and blossom in their dust.

24. Prepare a brief profile of K. Sivan, developing the hints below :

Kailasavadivoo Sivan	
Birth	: 14 April 1957, Kanyakumari District, Tamil Nadu
Education	: S.T. Hindu College, Nagercoil (B.Sc.) Madras Institute of Technology (BE) Indian Institute of Science (ME) Indian Institute of Technology Mumbai (Ph.D.)
Positions held	: Director of VSSC Chairman of ISRO (15 January 2018)
Achievements	: 104 Satellites with PSLV. The Chandrayaan-2 mission

25. Imagine you are a TV reporter. Now you are standing at La Villette. Le Horla is about to take off. Prepare a live report of the event.

(Question Nos. 26-30) : Answer any 3 questions in about 120 words. Each carries 6 scores. (3 × 6 = 18)

26. 'Compassion' is the attitude of sharing the sufferings of others.

No doubt, Hasan is an embodiment of compassion. What other qualities does he have ? Analyze the character of Hasan.

27. 'Money like vodka can play queer tricks with a man', says Ivan Ivanich in 'Gooseberries'. Here money is compared to liquor. Like liquor, money makes a man play strange tricks. This is what we see in the present society. Modern man grows more and more selfish and greedy day by day. In order to make more money, he is ready to play any foul game. Unfortunately he forgets the fact that money is one of the important things in life, not the only important thing.

What do you think about this situation ? Prepare a blog, analysing your thoughts.

28. We can see some parents giving tab or mobile phone to their little children, just to make them eat a crumb of food. Is this kind of parenting good ?

Attempt a write up on good parenting in the light of the story 'His First Flight'.

29. In the Fijian legend, we see Tinaicoboga and Raudalice, being tortured by the cruel fishermen. Such atrocities and tortures, which started time immemorial are continuing even now, in the civilized society.

Write a letter to the editor of a newspaper, expressing your concern over the issue and suggesting some ways to correct it.

(Hints : Women – powerful – but treated otherwise – patriarchal society – remedies – empowering women – strict enforcement of laws – ensuring punishment, etc.)

30. Reading the story 'Conceptual Fruit', you become more sensitive to the thoughts and feelings of the children with special needs. You also become aware of the importance of inclusive education. Express your thoughts and feelings to one of your friends studying abroad, through an e-mail.

(Question Nos. 31-34) : Answer any 2 questions in 180 words. Each carries 8 scores. (2 × 8 = 16)

31. Next to flood, bloodshed caused by road accidents is the greatest disaster in Kerala. If flood occurs occasionally, accidents occur frequently. No day passes without an accident in the state. Kerala witnessed a higher number of road accidents in 2018 than in previous years.

Write an essay on how to avoid road accidents.

(Hints : Road accidents – man – made disaster – mostly human error – loss of lives – serious injuries – ways to avoid – traffic rules – strict action by police, etc.)

32. It is not surprising that this astonishingly vital man, full of self-confidence and an unusual kind of power, standing for equality and freedom for every individual, fascinated the masses of India and attracted them like a magnet.

Prepare a speech on the sublime qualities of the man mentioned above, to be delivered in a Function planned in your school in connection with Gandhi Jayanthi Celebration.

33. In the poem "If", Rudyard Kipling describes the qualities of an ideal person. How far do you agree with him ? What are your attributes of an ideal person ?

Prepare an article on 'The Qualities of an Ideal Person'.

34. Read the poem given below and write a critical appreciation of it :

Wind on the Hill

No one can tell me
Nobody knows,
Where the wind comes from,
Where the wind goes.

It's flying from somewhere
As fast as it can,
I couldn't keep up with it,
Not if I ran.

But if I stopped holding
The string of my kite,
It would blow with the wind
For a day and a night.

And then when I found it,
Wherever it blew,
I should know that the wind
Had been going there too.

So then I could tell them
Where the wind goes.....
But where the wind comes from
Nobody knows.

— A.A. Milne