

KHM HIGHER SECONDARY SCHOOL VALAKULAM
SELF -EVALUATION -JAN 2021
ENGLISH

STD ; X

Time : 45 Minutes.

Max.Marks ; 20

Read the following passage and answer the questions that follow;

(4*1=4 marks)

As he regained his strength, he told us his story. His parents were dead. An uncle had found him a position as clerk in London solicitor's office. He had been in the city only six months. Utterly friendless he had fallen victim to the loose society of the streets, had made bad companions and like a young fool, eager to taste pleasure far beyond his means, had begun to bet on horses. Soon he had lost all his small savings, had pledged his belongings and owed the book- maker a disastrous amount. In an effort to recoup, he had taken a sum of money from the office safe for a final gamble that, he was assured, was certain to win. But this last resort had failed. Terrified of the prosecution that must follow, sick at heart, sunk in despair, he had shut himself in his room and turned on the gas.

- 1- How did the young man reach the solicitor's office?
- 2- How did the young man fall victim to the loose society of the streets?
- 3- Why did the young man steal money from his office safe?
- 4- Identify the *prepositional phrases* in the following sentences;
 - a) An uncle had found him a position as clerk in London solicitor's office.
 - b) Utterly friendless, he had fallen victim to the loose society of the streets.

Read the following stanza from ‘The Ballad of Father Gilligan’ and answer the questions given below;

The old priest Peter Gilligan
Was weary night and day
For half of his flock were in their beds
Or under green sods lay.

5 - Why was the priest ‘weary night and day’? (4*1=4marks)

6 - What does the word ‘flock’ mean here?

7 - Pick out the expressions which show the terrible consequences of a pandemic.

8 - Identify the rhyme scheme of the given stanza

9 - The boy was very much thrilled by his acquaintance with the squirrel. He writes a letter to his friend telling about the new friend. Prepare the likely **Letter** (1*4= 4 marks)

10 - Alfred Hitchcock needed a variety of birds, especially ravens in large numbers for his film *Birds*. Notices were placed in the press all over the United States. Draft the likely **Notice**. (1*4=4 Marks)

11- a) Mr. Thorat nodded (S+V)
b) This puzzled me. (S+V+O)

Write Two similar sentences using the patterns given above;

a)..... (2*1= 2 marks)

b).....

12- Edit the following passage;

Yesterday I **take** (a) a close look at my face in the **mirror** (b). I **made a important** (c) decision- I would shave daily and grow a thin moustache **to looking** (d) more handsome. (2*1/2= 2 marks)