

DEPARTMENT OF GENERAL EDUCATION

DIET ERNAKULAM

VAIBHAVAM 2021

SSLC-ACADEMIC SUPPORT

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ENGLISH TEST 1

Time: 45 Minutes

Total Score : 20

Questions 1-4: Read the following excerpt from 'Adventures in a Banyan Tree' and answer the questions that follow. (4 score)

Though the combatants were unaware of my presence in the banyan tree, they soon became aware of the arrival of two other spectators. One was a myna, and the other a jungle crow. They had seen these preparations for battle, and had settled on the cactus to watch, all would have well with both of them.

The cobra stood on the defensive, swaying slowly from side to side, trying to mesmerize the mongoose into making a false move. But the mongoose knew the power of his opponent's glassy, unwinking eyes, and refused to meet them.

1. Pick out the word from the passage that means 'to hypnotise'.
2. Who were fighting each other?
3. Which sentence proves that the cobra was a good fighter?
4. Who were the spectators at the battle?
5. Read the following poem 'The Lines Written in Early Spring' and prepare a note of **appreciation** focusing on its theme, imagery and other poetic devices. (4 score)

I heard a thousand blended notes,
While in a grove I sate reclined,
In that sweet mood when pleasant thoughts
Bring sad thoughts to the mind.

To her fair works did Nature link
The human soul that through me ran;
And much it grieved my heart to think
What man has made of man.

Through primrose tufts, in that green bower,
The periwinkle trailed its wreaths;
And 'tis my faith that every flower

Enjoys the air it breathes.

The birds around me hopped and played,
Their thoughts I cannot measure:—
But the least motion which they made
It seemed a thrill of pleasure.

The budding twigs spread out their fan,
To catch the breezy air;
And I must think, do all I can,
That there was pleasure there.

If this belief from heaven be sent,
If such be Nature's holy plan,
Have I not reason to lament
What man has made of man?

Questions 6-9 : Study the table and answer the questions that follow. (2 score)

Name	Occupation	Nationality	Year of Birth
Ruskin Bond	Novelist	Indian	1934
William Wordsworth	Poet	English	1770
Satyajit Ray	Film-maker	Indian	1921
A.J. Cronin	Novelist	Scottish	1896
W.B. Yeats	Poet	Irish	1865

6. Satyajit Ray was a _____ by profession.

7. Who is the Scottish novelist in the table?

Read the following questions (8-11) and answer any two.

8. Nilkanta was very upset with the arrival of Sathish. That night he wrote his feelings in a Diary. What would be his **Diary entry**. (5 score)

9. The boy in the story 'Adventures in a Banyan Tree' was thrilled by the fight scene between the cobra and the mongoose, **narrate** the scene in your own words. (5 score)

10. Prepare a **conversation** between Jack and Jill about EMI scheme for a child. (5 score)

11. The boy in the story 'Adventures in a Banyan Tree' enjoyed his company with birds and animals. Draft a **speech** about the importance of nature friendly life style. (5 score)