

**KANNUR JILLA PANCHAYATH – DIET KANNUR
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ENGLISH**

Time: 2½ hours

Maximum Score: 80

Instructions:

- Cool – off time is 20 minutes.
- Use cool – off time to read the questions and plan your answers.
- Attempt the questions according to the instructions.
- Keep in mind the score and the time while answering the questions.
- The maximum score for questions from 1 to 45 will be 80.

Questions 1 – 5: Read the following excerpt from ‘The Best Investment I Ever Made’ and answer the questions that follow.

As he regained his strength, he told us his story. His parents were dead. An uncle had found him a position as clerk in a 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 his uncle help Mr John after the death of his parents? 1
2. Why did Mr John begin to bet on horses? 1
3. What was Mr John’s hope when he took a sum of money from the office safe? 1
4. His parents were dead. Identify the noun phrase in the sentence. 1
5. Did Mr John have any companion in the city? How did it affect him? 2

Questions 6 – 9: Read the lines from the poem ‘The Ballad of Father Gilligan’ and answer the questions that follow.

The old priest Peter Gilligan
Was weary night and day;
For half his flock were in their beds,
Or under green sods lay.
Once, while he nodded on a chair,
At the moth-hour of eve,
Another poor man sent for him,
And he began to grieve.

6. Why was Father Gilligan weary? 1
7. What does the word ‘flock’ in the context refer to? 1
8. When did Father Gilligan nod on a chair? 1
9. Identify the rhyme scheme of the second stanza. Pick out a pair of rhyming words. 2

10. Read the lines from the poem ‘Lines Written in Early Spring’ and prepare a note of appreciation focussing on its theme, imagery and other poetic devices. 6

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.

11. Read the lines from the poem ‘The Ballad of Father Gilligan’ and prepare a note of appreciation focussing on its theme, imagery and other poetic devices.

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'He Who hath made the night of stars
For souls who tire and bleed,
Sent one of His great angels down
To help me in my need.

'He Who is wrapped in purple robes,
With planets in His care,
Had pity on the least of things
Asleep upon a chair.'

Questions 12 – 17: Read the passage and answer the questions that follow.

Veena wanted to buy her mother a birthday gift. She didn't know what to buy for her. There was only one day left. So she went out window shopping. She walked by a pet store window. She thought to herself, 'What a lovely idea for a gift! My mother is so lonely and she needs a pet.' Veena went into the store and saw many wonderful pets. Puppies, fluffy cats, gold fish, cute mice... But she didn't think that these were special enough. She asked the manager if they had a pet that was really special. The manager thought for a moment. He replied, 'Yes, but it costs Rs. 5,000. It's a parrot. It can speak seven languages. Chinese, English, French, Korean, German, Russian and even Hindi'.

'Perfect' Veena thought. She bought the parrot. She sent it by special delivery to her mother, so that she would get it the next day. The next evening after work, Veena called her mother and asked. 'Did you like the birthday gift?'

Her mother replied, 'Thank you dear, it was delicious!'

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| 12. What did Veena want to buy for her mother? | 1 |
| 13. Why did Veena think that a pet could be a good gift for her mother? | 1 |
| 14. What was special about the parrot? | 1 |
| 15. How did Veena send the gift to her mother? | 1 |
| 16. What did the mother do with the parrot? | 1 |
| 17. Give a suitable title to the passage. | 1 |

Questions 18 – 22: Answer in about 120 words. (7 score each)

18. The homeopath in the story 'The Snake and the Mirror' reaches his friend's house at night. He narrates the entire incident to his friend. Prepare the likely **narrative**.

19. Satyajit Ray had to face so many obstacles after he had decided to shoot a film with a tiger. Prepare a **write-up** on the difficulties faced by Ray during the shooting.

20. Joann was recommended by Mr Boone for the scholarship jacket. Eventually it was Martha who won the jacket. **Narrate** the events that led to Martha's winning the scholarship jacket in the end.

21. Imagine Mr John in the story 'The Best Investment I Ever Made' has been invited to your school as the chief guest for an awareness programme against drug addiction. You are asked to deliver a speech introducing Mr John. Prepare the likely **speech**.

22. Vanka is a representative of all the children in the universe who are denied of their rights. Prepare a **write-up** on 'child rights and the development of a nation'.

Questions 23 – 27: Answer in about 80 words. (6 score each)

23. Write a short **profile** of Majid Majidi using the details given below.

Born	:	April 17, 1959
Occupation	:	Film director, producer and screenwriter
Place of birth	:	Tehran, Iran

Nationality : Iranian
 Notable works : The Color of Paradise, The song of Sparrows etc.
 Awards and honours : Grand Pix of America Best Award in 1999
 Nominated for Academy Award in 1998

24. The sergeant was much moved by the tragic incidents in the life of Mr John which prompted him to end his life. Anyway he was happy that he could save the life of that young man. Draft the likely **diary** entry by the sergeant on the day of his suicidal attempt.

25. The boy in the story ‘Adventures in a Banyan Tree’ was much excited after watching the fight between the mongoose and the cobra. Imagine he writes a letter to one of his friends narrating the dreadful fight. Prepare the likely **letter**.

26. The Literary Club of your school has decided to invite Chimamanda Ngozi Adichie to interact with the club members. Being the convenor of the club, you are asked to prepare some interactive questions. Prepare six **questions** to be asked.

27. The boy in the story ‘Adventures in a Banyan Tree’ loves to live in harmony with nature. Prepare a brief **character sketch** of the boy.

Questions 28 – 36: Answer in about 60 words. (5 score each)

28. The English club of your school has decided to organize a film festival of films directed by Sathyajit Ray. As the secretary of the club, draft a **notice** for the programme giving details.

29. Living in harmony with nature is very essential to nourish our soul. In the light of the reading of the story ‘Adventures in a Banyan Tree’, prepare a **paragraph**.

30. Mr Schmidt became very angry when he came to know that there had been a change in policy regarding the scholarship jacket. He went to the principal to talk about this. Prepare the likely **conversation** between Mr Schmidt and the principal.

31. One of the villagers who was present at the shooting location in the village called Notun Gram enjoyed the funny scenes of shooting. He met one of his friends and they had a conversation about the shooting experience. Prepare the likely **conversation** between the two.

32. Imagine that you are a press reporter and you have got a chance to talk to Vanka. Based on the information provided by Vanka, you decide to prepare a news report about his sufferings. Prepare the likely **news report**.

33. ‘My Sister’s Shoes’, an extract from the screenplay, focusses on the values like love, patience and affection which are important in family relationships. Prepare a **review** of the screenplay.

34. Nilakanta’s last hope of being proved innocent hit the dust. He decided to leave Kiran’s house. Imagine that before leaving he wrote his diary expressing his emotions. Draft the likely **diary** entry.

35. Aunt Jane in the one act play ‘The Never Never Nest’ is highly practical in her dealings. Prepare a brief **character sketch** of Aunt Jane.

36. Sunk in despair, Mr John decided to commit suicide. What could be the thoughts which flashed through his mind during that time? Prepare a **paragraph**.

Questions 37 – 42: Study the table given below and answer the questions that follow. 6

Mobile Applications installed by the people in various Asian countries in January 2021

Application	Sri Lanka	Bangladesh	Afghanistan
Telegram	2,65,000	4,67,000	1,94,000
TikTok	1,82,000	3,85,000	1,98,000
Signal	2,13,000	3,19,500	1,39,000
Facebook	1,21,000	2,93,000	1,24,000
Whatsapp	78,500	1,05,000	95,500

37. Which mobile application is least installed in all the three countries? 1

38. In which country is the number of people who installed ‘Signal’ above 3 lakhs? 1

39. Which application is the mostly installed one in Afghanistan? 1
 40. Name the country where the number of people who installed 'Telegram' comes the second. 1
 41. How many persons did install 'Facebook' in Bangladesh? 1
 42. Which application is mostly installed in Sri Lanka and Bangladesh? 1
 43. **Complete the conversation between Satyajit Ray and Mr. Thorat.** 6

Mr. Thorat : Good Morning Mr. Ray
 Ray : Good morning. You are Mr. Thorat.....:(a).....?
 Mr. Thorat : Yes(b).....?
 Ray : I want a tiger for the Shooting of my film
 Mr Thorat :(c).....?
 Ray : I need it for a couple of hours.
 Mr Thorat : Ok. I will bring the tiger.
 Ray : Can you make the tiger act the scene?
 Mr. Thorat : If I train the tiger(d).....
 Ray : How will you bring the tiger?
 Mr. Thorat :(e).....
 Ray :(f).....?
 Mr Thorat : No, you don't have to meet the manager again.

44. Edit the following passage. 5

It was at (a) April. The warm breeze of the approaching summer have (b) sent everyone indoors including grandfather. Suddenly I saw a snake out coming of (c) a group of cactus and slow (d) moving to the cooler part of the garden. I wait (e) there to see what was going to happen.

45. Fill in the blanks using appropriate phrasal verbs given in brackets. 4

I was a young doctor at the time and had just(a)..... a practice in a working class district of London. On a foggy November night, towards one o'clock, I(b)..... hearing a loud banging on the door. Hurriedly I(c)..... some clothes and went downstairs. There I(d)..... a sergeant of police on the door step.

(set up, put on, came across, got up)