

Reg. No. : .....

**FY-201**

Name : .....

**FIRST YEAR HIGHER SECONDARY EXAMINATION, SEPTEMBER 2021**

Part – I

Time : 2½ Hours

**ENGLISH**

Cool-off time : 20 Minutes

Maximum : 80 Scores

***General Instructions to Candidates :***

- There is a 'Cool-off time' of 20 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.
- Keep in mind, the score and time while answering the questions.
- Electronic devices are not allowed in the examination hall.

**(Questions 1 - 8 : Answer any 4 questions. Each carries 1 score.)**

**(4 × 1 = 4)**

Read the given excerpt and answer the questions that follow.

“You must be careful. This disease is most contagious.”

1. Who does 'you' refer to ?
2. Who said these words ?
3. Which disease is mentioned here ?
4. In the poem 'To Sleep' the poet says,  
“Come, blessed barrier between day and day,”  
Identify a figure of speech used in the above line.

The exam is fast approaching and you feel confident. But you come to know that your friend is in despair and may skip the exam. As a true friend you wish to help him with good advice. Prepare two pieces of advice, using the expressions given, to help him solve his problem.

5. If you work hard, \_\_\_\_\_
6. If I were you, \_\_\_\_\_

Read the following excerpt and answer the questions that follow.

“Manhattan’s downtown is now a Disney-like string of malls, riverside parks and pretty upper middle class villages. But there was something else. And as I looked across the throngs on the pavements, I began to see why.”

7. Which word in the passage means ‘a large, densely-packed crowd of people or animals’ ?
8. Identify the author of the passage.

**(Questions 9 -12 : Answer any 2 questions. Each carries 2 scores.)**

**(2 × 2 = 4)**

9. Elaborate the idea in the given lines in two or three sentences.

“Sceptre and Crown  
Must tumble down,  
And in the dust be equal made  
With the poor crooked scythe and spade.”

10. After reading the essay ‘Disasters and Disaster Management in India’ you feel that man’s attitude to nature needs to change to prevent such disasters in future. Write at least two suggestions for the change.
11. Change the given sentences into indirect speech.  
Greta : I thought you could make real peaches.  
Greta’s father : No You have to go to the store for those.

12. Your class is organising a debate on the topic “Physical exercise and Games are important in Schools.” Write two arguments supporting the statement.

**(Questions 13 - 20 : Answer any 4 questions. Each carries 4 scores.)**

**(4 × 4 = 16)**

13. What message does the poet convey through the lines given below ?

“If thou art worn and hard beset  
With sorrows that thou wouldst forget,  
If thou wouldst read a lesson, that will keep  
Thy heart from fainting and thy soul from sleep,  
Go to the woods and hills! No tears  
Dim the sweet look that Nature wears.”

14. “Why, naturally it is I.” These words show that Hasan is ever ready to shoulder any responsibilities happily. As a responsible citizen, you might also have volunteered in similar situations in your life. Narrate one such incident in a paragraph.
15. Imagine that the village or city you live in has many tourist attractions. You wish to publish travel info on your Facebook page so that your friends or other tourists will benefit from the information. Prepare the same.
16. “His call of action was two-fold.” Write a paragraph on Gandhiji’s two-fold action.
17. The first and final journey of the Titanic ended in tragedy. But it also exposed some of the greatest acts of courage and heroism in the history of sea voyages. Prepare a write-up on the acts of courage and heroism shown by the men on board of the ship.
18. “I realised that superstition was not confined to India.” Describe the circumstances that led the narrator to form this opinion.

19. The passage given below contains a few errors. Identify the errors and edit appropriately. What's unique about cyberspace are that it liberates us in the tyranny of power structures, where everyone live by the rule of majority.
20. How does James Shirley establish death as a leveller in the poem 'Death the Leveller' ?

**(Questions 21 - 28 : Answer any 4 questions. Each carries 5 scores.)**

**(4 × 5 = 20)**

21. Prepare a profile of Stephen Hawking from the hints given below.

Born	–	8 <sup>th</sup> Jan. 1942, Oxford, UK
Parents	–	Frank and Isabel Hawking
Education	–	St. Albans School, Hertfordshire (BA) Oxford, PhD (Cambridge)
Fields	–	General relativity, Quantum gravity
Health/challenge	–	Contracted amyotrophic lateral sclerosis in 1960
Profession	–	Professor of gravitational physics at Cambridge in 1977
Works	–	<i>A Brief History of Time</i> (1988), <i>Superspace and Supergravity</i> (1981), <i>The Very Early Universe</i> (1983), <i>The Universe in a Nutshell</i> (2001), etc.
Awards and Honours	–	Copley Medal (2006), Presidential Medal of Freedom (2009)
Children	–	Timothy Hawking, Lucy Hawking, Robert Hawking
Spouse	–	Jane Hawking, Elaine Mason
Died	–	14 <sup>th</sup> Mar. 2018, Cambridge, UK

22. Maggie in 'The Price of Flowers' reveals her unique personality in the story. Attempt a character sketch of Maggie in your own words.

23. 'His First Flight' discusses the story of a young seagull who was afraid to make his first flight, and how the seagull's parents goaded him into action, equipping him to face the challenges of life. Have you ever felt or understood the role of your parents in making you what you are today ? Write your experience in a paragraph.
24. Your school is organizing a seminar on the topic "Gandhiji's India and the India of Today." Three of your classmates presented papers on the topic. Prepare a brief report of the programme to be published in the school magazine.
25. Selfless citizens like Hasan can help in any disaster or epidemic. You notice that to handle COVID 19, the government has imposed several restrictions on people, and advised them to follow health and safety protocols. But many people in your locality neglect this. Write a letter to the editor on the subject.
26. You are appointed as a tourist guide on the island of Kadavu. A group of tourists have landed there for the first time. How would you welcome them ? Prepare the script of the speech you will make to introduce the new entrants to the island.
27. Abdul Kalam exhorts students to be unique. You think that you are unique in many ways. Prepare a write-up highlighting your uniqueness.
28. The narrator in 'The Price of Flowers' returned to India. Every year he goes to Frank's grave to place a wreath of flowers. On one such visit he happened to see Maggie there. Both of them are very much excited at the meeting. Prepare the likely conversation between them. (Write at least 5 exchanges)

**(Questions 29 - 32 : Answer any 2 questions. Each carries 6 scores.)**

**(2 × 6 = 12)**

29. The news about Hasan's selfless service during the epidemic was brought to light by Dr. A. J. Cronin, the chief physician on the Ranaganji. You wish to conduct an interview with Hasan for the school magazine. Prepare at least 6 questions for the interview.
30. Imagine that you are a reporter of a daily and a friend of Captain Jovis, who flew the air balloon in 'The Trip of Le Horla.' Jovis gives you a detailed description of the thrilling journey to be published in your daily. Prepare a newspaper report about the journey, [when and where - heading - preparing the balloon - the flight - the aerial view - the landing - remarks of viewers]
31. After reading the chapter 'I Will Fly,' you realise that you have also the same problems as the student who talked to Abdul Kalam. You would like to share your problems with your class teacher by email. Write the email.
32. Imagine that you are the wildlife reporter on a television channel. You are near the cliff on which the seagull family lives. You witness all the events of the young seagull's first flight. Prepare a live report of the first flight of the seagull.  
[Hints : the seagull's hatches - struggle to walk - parents' motivation - strives - hunger - determined to fly - makes his first flight]

**(Questions 33 - 38 : Answer any 3 questions. Each carries 8 scores.)**

**(3 × 8 = 24)**

33. You and your friend visit the Kadavu Island on one of your vacations. Write a travel essay on the tour.  
[Hints : the voyage - the landscape - the cuisine - the culture - the special attraction – personal impressions]

34. The poem 'If' describes the traits of a perfect man. Prepare an appreciation of the poem focussing on the qualities of such a man.
35. Gandhiji dreamt of an India in which all communities could live in perfect harmony. What are your dreams about the future India ? Prepare a speech on the topic to your school assembly on Gandhi Jayanthi.  
[Hints : India political field - racial discrimination - casteism - superstition - technology - advance in economic and scientific fields - defence - harmony among people]
36. Self-confidence, self-reliance and determination determine the success of a person. The story of the young seagull is an example. Write an essay on the need for these qualities to overcome the challenges of life.
37. After he became an estate/farmhouse owner, Nicholai places an advertisement in the newspaper in search of a Manager for his estate. Imagine that you have all the required qualifications mentioned in the advertisement given below and you apply for the post. Prepare an application letter (with CV) to be sent to the address mentioned.

**Situation Vacant**

Post - Estate/Farmhouse manager

Essential qualification - SSLC/PLUS TWO

Desirable - skills in agriculture, poultry, fish farming, maintaining records, etc.

Experience - 2 years as estate manager/manager trainee

Please send a detailed Curriculum Vitae with contact number and mailing address to

The Managing Director

Himalayskoe Farm House

Moscow

38. Read the poem given below and write an appreciation :

**His Journey's Just Begun**

(Ellen Brenneman)

Don't think of him as gone away  
his journey's just begun,  
life holds so many facets  
this earth is only one.

Just think of him as resting  
from the sorrows and the tears  
in a place of warmth and comfort  
where there are no days and years.

Think how he must be wishing  
that we could know today  
how nothing but our sadness  
can really pass away.

And think of him as living  
in the hearts of those he touched...  
for nothing loved is ever lost  
and he was loved so much.

[Hints : theme, message, style, tone, poetic devices, etc.]