



Class No. : .....

Name : .....

**FIRST YEAR HIGHER SECONDARY SECOND TERMINAL  
EVALUATION, DECEMBER 2019****Part – I****ENGLISH****Maximum : 80 Scores**

Time : 2½ Hours

Cool-off Time : 15 Minutes

**General Instructions to Candidates :**

- There is a 'Cool off time' of 15 minutes in addition to the writing time of 2½ hrs.
- You are not allowed to write your answers nor to discuss anything with others during the 'cool off time'.
- Use the 'Cool off time' to get familiar with questions and to plan your answers.
- Read questions carefully before answering.

**Score****(Question Nos. 1 – 4) Read the passage and answer the questions that follow.****Noushad : The Real Hero**

"If one doesn't help now, then when? We came with nothing and will go with nothing," says Noushad, a garment seller at Mattancheri in Ernakulam. He has donated all the dress material he was going to sell for Bakrid to flood relief.

According to a news report, a group of volunteers led by actor Rajesh Sharma were collecting relief material for the Malabar region that has suffered widespread damage due to the devastating floods and landslides.

Noushad, who knew about the collection drive, invited them to his shop and donated all the new clothes, mostly for women and children. In a video posted online, one can see Noushad filling up sacks and sacks of clothes; children's dresses, sarees, new trousers, many of them still with the tag on.



Though Eid would be a dim affair in his house this year, the clothes-seller has already lit up his home with the blessings of the people who have lost almost everything.

1. What is the most inspiring aspect of Noushad's act? (1)
2. What could one see in the video posted online? (1)
3. What do you feel about this act of heroism? (1)
4. Did you contribute to the rehabilitation of the affected ones during the time of the recent floods? How? (1)

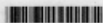
(Question Nos. 5 – 7) Rewrite as directed :

5. Take care ! Hold fast ! You will be safe.  
(Connect the sentences using 'If ....') (1)
6. Fogs have hidden it from us until then.  
(Begin with 'It ....') (1)
7. May I request you to guide me to see the sights here ?  
(Begin with 'Would you...') (1)

(Question Nos. 8 – 11) Read the lines given below and answer the questions that follow :

And England, and Ireland, and Scotland, and Wales,  
Proved there to the World : Their valor ne'er fails,  
'The women and children first', was their cry,  
And every one of the Crew, stood by.

8. What is the context in which these lines could be placed? (1)
9. The word 'valor' indicates
  - a) bravery
  - b) fear
  - c) timidity
  - d) feebleness
10. How did the act of the crew become historic? (1)
11. Identify the rhyming words. (1)



(Question Nos. 12 – 13) Answer all questions in one or two sentences. Each carries

2 scores.

(2×2=4)

12. The young seagull's parents did not respond to his cries first.  
Why did they behave so ?

13. Mr. Gupta told Mrs. Clifford that her son was alive and added that he was well.  
In fact, it was a lie. Why did he tell this lie ?

14. It is raining heavily in your area. You are worried about the safety of your friends. Give three instructions to your friends to keep themselves safe :

You can make use of these phrases :

- It's better to . . .
  - You could . . .
  - It is advisable . . .
- (3)

15. Report this narration in the 'Trip of Le Horla' in your own words for a local newspaper :

(3)

"At five O'clock sharp, I entered the gas works of La Villette. The balloon is lying in the courtyard and has the appearance of a cake made of yellow cloth, flat on the ground under a rope. Two or three hundred people are looking at it, sitting or standing and some are examining the basket, a nice little square basket for a human cargo, bearing on its side in gold letters, on a mahogany plate, the words : Le Horla."

16. The following narration contains some errors. Edit the narration : (3)

'Look, my dear ! Do you ever in your life see such an absurdly comic creature !'  
A smartly dressed women, first-class passenger on the Ranaganji, about to sail from Liverpool on the long voyage to Calcutta, make this remark, in a high 'well-bred' voice, to her companion as they stood before me in the liner's upper deck.

Write a letter to the editor of 'The Hindu' news paper, expressing your opinion about the statement given above.

(Question Nos. 17 – 22) Answer any 4 of the following questions, each in about 60 words.  
Each carries 4 scores. (4×4=16)

17. Imagine that the men of Nabukelevu, come to meet the women of Namuana and they engage in a debate. Four arguments put forth by the men of Nabukelevu are given herewith :
- Yes, we regret what we have done. But it was done to perform a ritual.
  - Why your princess and her daughter went along to the coral reef for fishing ?
  - We didn't know that it was the princess and her daughter.
  - Where were you men ? Why didn't they try to save the princess and her daughter ?
- Now prepare four arguments in favour of the women of Namuana.
18. You have witnessed so many natural disasters around you for the last two years. When this year these disasters revisited Kerala, you were totally helpless. You were so sad that you opened up your mind sharing your fears and feelings about it in your personal diary. Prepare that brief diary entry on natural disasters.
19. As a tourist guide you have been asked to take a group of foreign tourists to a beach in your locality. Prepare a short introductory speech to the tourists, projecting the specialities of the beach.
20. Bring out the meaning of the following lines of the poem "Sunrise On The Hills" in your own words :
- I stood upon the hills, when heaven's wide arch  
Was glorious with the sun's returning march,  
And woods were brightened, and soft gales  
Went forth to kiss the sun-clad vales.

21. Prepare the draft of a letter to your friend from the fisher men community, thanking him and his community for their services rendered during the time of the recent floods in Kerala.
22. Inspired by the poem 'Sunrise on the Hills', you visited one of the places near your locality, famous for its natural beauty. Briefly share the experience with your English teacher through an email.

**(Question Nos. 23 – 28) Answer any 4 questions each in about 80 words. Each carries 6 scores. (4×6=24)**

23. The drama club of your school has decided to present a play based on the Fijian legend of Tinaicoboga and Raudalice. Suppose you are assigned to write the script of the play. Prepare a brief narration of the Fijian legend, as if narrated by Tinaicoboga, for that play.
24. The SSLC exam is nearing. Most of the students of your school lack the confidence, especially in appearing for the English examination. You, as the secretary of the English club is asked to motivate your little brothers and sisters with a short motivation speech. Prepare the draft of the speech to be presented there.
25. "Heroes are people who act selflessly and silently at the moment of crisis." Prepare a write up about the character of Hasan, the Serang of Ranaganji, in the light of the statement given above.
26. You are assigned to report the ritual 'Turtle Calling', live from Kadavu Island. Prepare a Live TV report about the ritual, to broadcast in a leading news channel.
27. "Children now a days don't get enough chances to see nature and enjoy all its beauty. They are to be provided chances for visiting places immersed in natural beauty" Write a letter to the editor of 'The Hindu' news paper, discussing your point of view about the statement given above.

28. Making use of the following hints, prepare a profile of Captain Smith, the captain of the legendary ship 'Titanic'.

**Captain Edward J. Smith**

- Born on January 27, 1850, in Hanley, Staffordshire, England.
- Earlier, a British naval officer
- Served as master of numerous White Star Line vessels.
- In 1912, became the captain for the *Titanic*. It was heralded as one of the biggest and most luxurious ships of the time.
- He was the captain of the RMS Titanic, and perished when the ship sank on its maiden voyage.
- Played a role in one of the most famous disasters at sea in history when it sank in 1912.
- Lives in the minds of many, for his heroic acts.

(Question Nos. 29 – 32) Answer any 2 questions each in about 120 words. Each carries 8 scores.

(2×8=16)

29. Prepare a seminar paper on the topic 'Braving the Hazards : A Kerala Model', in the light of the recent floods in Kerala, to be presented in the seminar being organised by your local Grama Panchayath.
30. Write a travel essay about a different travel experience you had in your life time. Focus on the visual, auditory and kinesthetic images you had experienced during the entire travel.
31. Prepare a speech on the topic; 'Every individual is unique', for the Dr. APJ Abdul Kalam memorial elocution competition to be held in your school.



32. Read and enjoy the following poem and prepare a critical appreciation.

**A Still Moment**

— Abimbola T. Alabi

Take a moment.

Put the worries behind.

Take in the beauty around.

Let it relax your mind.

Watch the golden glow

Of the rising morning sun.

Embrace the peaceful aura

Of the break of dawn.

Spare a still moment

Every once in a while.

Take in the beauty around.

Take it in with a smile.