

Second Terminal Evaluation 2016-17

ENGLISH

Standard X

Time : 2 ½ hours

Total Score : 80

Instructions

- 15 minutes is given as cool-off time.
- This time is to be used for reading the question paper.
- You are not supposed to write anything during the cool-off time.
- Attempt all questions according to the instructions.

Questions 1 to 5: Read the following passage and answer the questions given.

I answered quickly; maybe there was a chance. 'It means you've earned it by having the highest grades for eight years and that's why they're giving it to you.' Too late I realized the significance of my words.

Grandpa knew that I understood it was not a matter of money. It wasn't that. He went back to hoeing the weeds that sprang up between the delicate little bean plants. It was a time-consuming job; sometimes the small shoots were right next to each other. Finally he spoke again as I turned to leave, crying. 'Then if you pay for it, Martha, it's not a scholarship jacket, is it? Tell your principal I will not pay the fifteen dollars.'

I walked back to the house and locked myself in the bathroom for a long time. I was angry with Grandfather even though I knew he was right, and I was angry with the Board, whoever they were. Why did they have to change the rules just when it was my turn to win the jacket?

1. How did Martha become eligible for the scholarship jacket? (1)
2. What was grandfather doing when Martha approached him? (1)
3. 'Then if you pay for it, Martha, it's not a scholarship jacket, is it?' Why does Grandfather say so? (1)
4. Find out the word from the passage that means 'digging out.' (1)
5. Why was Martha angry with the board? (1)

Questions 6 to 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 in a chair
At the moth-hour of the eve
Another poor man sent for him,
And he began to grieve.

'I have no rest, nor joy, nor peace,

For people die and die;
And after cried he, 'God forgive!
My body spake not I!'

6. Why was Father Gilligan weary? (1)
7. Pick out the lines which say that many of his people in the parish were buried. (1)
8. Why did the father seek forgiveness from God? (1)
9. What is the rhyme scheme of the poem? (1)

Question 10 : Read the following lines from the poem 'Poetry' carefully.

I did not know what to say, my mouth
had no way
with names,
my eyes were blind,
and something started in my soul,
fever or forgotten wings,
and I made my own way,
deciphering
that fire,
and I wrote the first faint line,
faint, without substance, pure
nonsense,
pure wisdom
of someone who knows nothing,
and suddenly I saw
the heavens
unfastened and open,
planets,
palpitating plantations,
shadow perforated,
riddled
with arrows, fire and flowers,
the winding night, the universe.

Prepare a note of appreciation of the given lines focusing on the main idea, the mood, the imagery and the figures of speech. (4)

Question 11: Answer any one of the following in 120 words. (7)

- A) The story 'The Best Investment I Ever Made' tells us, how bad habits and bad companions destroy the life of an individual. Prepare a **speech** on the topic 'Good friends build good character'. You may use the hints given.

(Hints: bad habits - mental and physical problems - leads to crime - bad friends - anti social activities - good friends help - good lessons - real wealth - good character)

OR

- B) "I could hardly believe my ears. I spoke in a trembling rush. 'Oh! Thank you sir!' Suddenly I felt great." These words of happiness show how much the scholarship jacket means to Martha. **Narrate** her story in your own words. You may use the hints given.

(Hints : wishes to get the scholarship jacket - works hard - overhears the conversation between Mr. Boone and Mrs. Schmidt - principal asks her to pay for the scholarship jacket - grandpa refuses - finally awarded)

Questions 12 to 16: Read the following passage and answer the questions that follow.

A guru got a flash of vision about what he would be in his next birth. Immediately, he called his favourite disciple* and asked him what he would do for his guru in return for all he had received. The disciple said he would do whatever his guru asked him to do. Having received this promise, the guru said, "Then this is what I'd like you to do for me. I've learned that I'm going to be reborn as a cat after my death. Do you see the cat there? I'm going to be reborn as its fourth kitten. You'll recognise me by a mark on my brow. When you find the kitten with a mark on its brow, with one stroke of your knife, kill it. I'll then be released from a cat's life. Will you do this for me?"

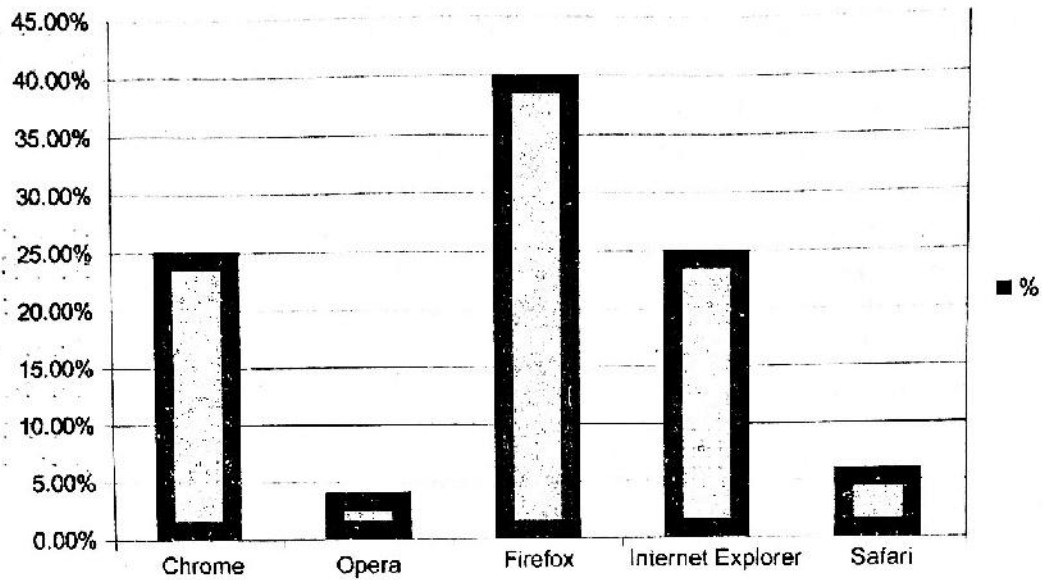
The disciple was sad to hear all this. Yet he agreed to do so. Soon after this conversation, the guru died. And the cat gave birth to four little kittens. One day, the disciple sharpened his knife and picked out the fourth little kitten, which had a mark on its brow. Just as he was about to bring down his knife, the little kitten suddenly spoke, "Stop! Don't kill me!" it screamed. Before the disciple could recover from the shock of hearing the little kitten speak in a human voice, it said again, "Don't kill me. I want to live on as a cat. When I asked you to kill me, I didn't know what a cat's life would be like. It's great! Just let me live." (*disciple - follower/supporter)

12. What did the guru see in the flash of vision? (1)
13. How could the disciple identify the reborn guru from the other kittens? (1)
14. Why does the guru ask the disciple to kill the kitten? (1)
15. Why, do you think, the disciple was sad? (1)
16. What message do you get from the words of the kitten? (1)
17. Martha overheard the conversation between Mr. Boone and Mr. Schmidt. She became sad and wept for a long time. Imagine that she notes down her feelings in a diary. Prepare the **diary entry** that she is likely to make. (5)
18. The narrator of the story 'The Best Investment I Ever Made' had an eventful voyage. After his meeting with John he decided to write a letter to his wife sharing his feelings. Draft the likely **letter** written by the narrator. (5)
19. Prepare a short **profile** of Leo Tolstoy using the details given below. (5)

Birth	:	Yasnaya Polvyana, Tula, Russia
Date of birth	:	September 9, 1828
Nationality	:	Russian
Occupation	:	Short story writer, novelist and playwright
Works	:	<i>War and Peace, Anna Karenina, The Death of Ivan Illychi</i>
Awards	:	Yochovich Award, Bosnica Award
Death	:	November 20, 1910
20. Mr. John in the story 'The Best Investment I Ever Made' changed a lot after he was saved from the suicide attempt. Prepare a **character sketch** of Mr. John. (6)

21. The Health Club of your school has decided to observe a day for the differently abled children. You are the Secretary of the club. Draft a **notice** to invite all the students to the programme, giving details. (5)
22. The award of the prestigious scholarship jacket to Martha was a colourful event. Prepare a **newspaper report** of the event. (6)

Questions 23 to 27: The chart given below shows the trend in the use of different browsers to search the internet. Analyse it and answer the questions that follow.



23. Which browser is used the most according to the chart? (1)
24. Which are the two browsers used by the same number of people? (1)
25. Which browser is the least used? (1)
26. Compare the percentage of the users of Chrome and Firefox. (1)
27. What percentage of people use Chrome for browsing? (1)

28 : Read the following conversation and complete it suitably. (4)

- Martha : Good evening, Grandpa.
- Grandfather : Good evening. You want to tell me something, ---- (a) ----?
- Martha : Yes. This year I will get the scholarship jacket.
- Grandfather : Good. You deserve it.
- Martha : But the principal asked me to pay fifteen dollars for it.
- Grandfather : (b).....?
- Martha : The School Board decided it.
- Grandfather : If you pay ----- (c) -----.
- Martha : As you said, I deserve it, grandpa. (d)..... ?
- Grandfather : No. I won't. You needn't pay for it.

29. Supply the missing words to the following passage.

(4)

(an, which, from, of, a, and)

'The Book that Saved the Earth' is / (a) one act play by Claire Boiko / (b) tells how a book has saved the earth / (c) Martian invaders. Reading the book of nursery rhymes the Martians feared / (d) flew away to the distant Alpha.

30. Read the passage given below and correct the errors underlined.

(4)

October 26, 2016; Monday

I'm so excited. I could (a) met the doctor for the second time. Still I (b) remembers that night. Then I was only 17 and the doctor (c) whom was practising in London was living next to me. I fell in bad company and almost destroyed (d) myselfes with drugs and gambling. Thank God! Now I'm saved.

31. Read the following dialogue.

(2)

Principal : What did your grandfather say?

Martha : He will not pay the money.

Now, complete the following sentences.

The principal asked(a).....

Martha replied(b).....

Question 32: Read the following passage and fill in the blanks choosing the correct phrasal verbs from the box.

(4)

While Doctor Cronin was walking on the deck he(a)..... a young man. The man wanted to.....(b) something to Cronin. Usually the doctor doesn't(c).....ship board contacts. So he deliberately(d) from the young man.

turned away

came across

went through

put across

put up with

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