

Second Terminal Evaluation 2016-17

ENGLISH

Time: 2 ½ hours

Total Score: 80

Standard IX

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 1-5: Read the excerpt from 'The Jungle Air Crash' and answer the questions that follow.

In clear weather, the flight from Lima to Pucallpa is one of the most beautiful in the world. But 30 minutes after take-off, when we were over the jungle, visibility diminished. And then, all of a sudden we hit a storm front. And this time, it was completely different from anything I had experienced before. Broad daylight turned to night around us. Lightning was flashing incessantly from all directions. At the same time, an invisible power began to shake our airplane as if it were a plaything. People cried out as objects fell on their heads. Bags, flowers, packages, toys, jackets and clothing rained down hard on us; sandwich trays and bags soared through the air. People were frightened; they screamed and started to cry. Outside, I saw a sort of bright yellow flame shooting from the right wing. I was blinded by that blazing light; while at the same time, I heard my mother saying quite calmly: "Now it's all over." An instant later, there was a violent shaking and I found myself outside the plane, flying apart from it, still strapped into my seat. But I was alone, alone and I was falling.

1. What happened thirty minutes after the airplane took-off? (1)
2. Write down the strange experience that the author had after the flight had hit a storm front. (1)
3. How did the author's mother respond to the situation? (1)
4. Pick out a sentence from the passage which describes the confusion on the airplane. (1)
5. How did the author fall from the plane? (1)

Questions 6-9: Read the lines from 'Song of a Dream' and answer the questions that follow.

Lone in the light of that magical grove,
I felt the stars of the spirits of Love
Gather and gleam round my delicate youth,
And I heard the song of the spirits of Truth;

To quench my longing I bent me low
By the streams of the spirits of Peace that flow
In that magical wood in the land of sleep.

6. How did the poet feel while she was alone in the light of the magical grove? (1)
7. Why did the poet bend low by the streams of the spirits of peace? (1)
8. Comment on the expression 'magical wood.' (1)
9. Pick out an instance of alliteration from the above lines. (1)

Questions 10-13: Read the given lines from 'Song of the Rain' and answer the questions that follow:

I emerge from the heart of the sea
Soar with the breeze. When I see a field in
Need, I descend and embrace the flowers and
The trees in a million little ways,
I touch gently at the windows with my
Soft fingers, and my announcement is a
Welcome song. All can hear, but only
The sensitive can understand.

10. 'When I see a field in need. ...' What is the need referred to here? (1)
11. Pick out an instance of personification from the above stanza. (1)
12. How does the rain respond to the needs of the flowers and trees? (1)
13. The announcement of the rain is compared to a welcome song. What does welcome song mean here? (Choose from the options given.) (1)
 - a) song of the nature
 - b) song which brings new life to earth
 - c) song sung by a singer
 - d) song of the birds

14. **Read the following conversation between Grandmother and Narayan.** (2)

Grandmother : What did the children have to say?

Narayan : They don't want a hotel on Dharmagiri.

Now, complete the following.

- a. Grandmother asked Narayan.....
- b. Narayan replied

15. **Answer any ONE of the following in about 120 words.** (7)

- A) After reading the anecdote 'The Jungle Air Crash' you are quite impressed by the remarkable survival of Juliane Koepcke. Write a **letter** to her appreciating her skills that helped her survive the potential dangers in the jungle. You may use the hints given.

(Hints: appreciate her determination - will power - survival skills - knowledge of the jungle - faith - swimming skills)

OR

- B) The grandmother in the play 'Listen to the Mountain' raises important questions about our uncaring attitude towards our Mother Earth. She, with her foresight, warns us of the dangers that lurk behind the unsustainable developmental activities that are going on in the village. Attempt a brief **character sketch** of the grandmother in the play.

(Hints: old - experienced - traditional and conventional grandmother - born in the village- loves nature- innocent)

Questions 16 to 20: Read the passage given below and answer the questions that follow:

Nicholas Chorier is not your usual photographer. He is a kite aerial photographer. He uses a kite to hoist his camera into the skies and clicks photographs. As a teenager, Nicholas had two passions - photography and kite flying. During a trip to India to make a photo report on kite making, he learnt about this unique style of photography. Fascinated, he literally tied his two hobbies together for a living.

Nicholas learnt to make strong kites modelled on the Japanese kites, 'Rokkaku' that could endure harsh winds. A novice in his chosen field, he then set out to train himself. Today he is one of the most well-known kite aerial photographers in the world. The technique is to tie a cradle containing the photography equipment to the string of the kite and then fly it, thus launching the camera into air.

From the ground, Nicholas manipulates the angles of the camera with a remote. An air-to-ground video link enables him to see the view from the kite's vantage point. Once satisfied with the frame, he clicks a picture. However, the job does have its pitfalls too. Once, his kite disappeared in the Yamuna river, with his expensive camera in tow.

He is especially fond of India, having made a couple of trips and taken many spectacular photos. "India is too vast and beautiful a country to be captured through the lenses in one life," he says. He recently released a book, *Kite's Eye View: India between Earth and Sky*. Though it includes photographs of off-taken sites like the Taj Mahal, it shows them from a totally different perspective.

16. What were Nicholas' two passions as a teenager? (1)
17. How does Nicholas take aerial photographs? (1)
18. What is 'Rokkaku'? (1)
19. How do aerial photographers launch the camera into the air? (1)
20. Which sentence tells you that India is a real wonder? (1)
21. Imagine that you are on a jungle expedition with your friends. You get lost in the middle of the jungle and are unable to find the way out. In the light of your reading of 'The Jungle Air Crash' prepare a brief **narrative** of the different strategies that you would adopt to fight the dangers and to find your way out of the jungle. (6)

22. Ram Narayan, the Olympian in the story, 'The Race,' is a source of inspiration for Tarun. In spite of Tarun's failure in the race, he agrees to train him. What might be the reason? Imagine you get an opportunity to meet him. Prepare five questions to **interview** Ram Narayan. (5)

23. Prepare a **profile** of O Henry using the details given below. (6)

Born : September 11, 1862

Also known as : William Sydney Porter

Famous as : One of the greatest American short story writers.

Worked as : reporter, columnist, and cartoonist in *Houston Post*

Important works : Cabbages and Kings (1904). The Four Million (1906), The Gift of the Magi, The Skylight Room, The Green Door and The Ransom of Red Chief (1910)

Died : June 5, 1910

24. C.V. Raman speaks about how he tried to make the people aware of proper methods of irrigation. Do you think we manage our rivers and canal properly? Prepare a **speech** you would like to deliver in your school assembly on the Farmer's Day. (6)

25. Narayan in the play 'Listen to the Mountain' was disheartened after the mishap on Dharmagiri. Many children in his school died in the incident. He writes down his thoughts and feelings in his diary. Prepare the likely **diary** entry. (5)

Questions 26 to 30: Some headlines from a leading newspaper are given. Go through the headlines and answer the questions given below.

- Global wildlife population may fall by 67% by 2020: WWF Report
- Junko Tabei, first woman to conquer Everest, dies.
- Bird flu detected in Alappuzha.
- Northeast monsoon to set in by October 30.
- New Zealand beat India by 19 runs to square series

26. The headline which talks about a deadly virus attack is _____. (1)

27. The headline that can make Indian cricket enthusiasts unhappy is _____. (1)

28. The news headline which may make farmers happy is _____. (1)

29. The news headline which mourns the death of a famous mountaineer is _____. (1)

30. Which news headline tells us that our forests are going to be lifeless? (1)

31. Read the conversation between Ram and Reshma and complete it suitably. (5)

Ram : You look very tired. _____ a _____?

Reshma : Yes, I'm not well.

Ram : Have you consulted a doctor?

Reshma : _____ b _____.

Ram : What did the doctor say?

Reshma : _____.

Ram : _____ d _____?

Reshma : Yes. He is working in one of the city hospitals.

Ram : You had better _____ e _____.

Reshma : Yes, I will.

32. Read the notice given. There are a few errors in it. The errors are underlined. Edit the notice. (4)

This is to inform (a) that you the Media Club of our school is (b) organised a film festival from 12-12-2016 (c) and 15-12-2016. More than fifteen films from different countries (d) is being screened in the festival. The venue of the festival is the school auditorium. All are invited.

33. A few Noun Phrases, Verb Phrases, Prepositional Phrases and Adverbial Phrases are jumbled up in the box. Make meaningful sentences using the words given in the box, following the pattern given below. (3)

The girl In the auditorium went well sings performed The actor to England My best friend
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a. Noun Phrase+Verb Phrase

b. Noun Phrase+Verb Phrase+Prepositional Phrase

c. Noun Phrase +Verb Phrase+Adverbial Phrase

34. Supply the missing words in the passage.

(4)

At night the worker ants move the eggs and larvae deep into the nest to protect them (a) _____ the cold. During daytime, the worker ants move the eggs and larvae (b) _____ the colony to the top of the nest so that they can be warmer. If a worker ant has found a good source for food, it leaves (c) _____ trail of scent so that the other ants in the colony can find the food. Army ants are nomadic and they are always moving. They carry their larvae (d) _____ their eggs with them in a long column.

(of, a, from, and, at)

35. Complete the passage choosing the correct phrasal verbs from the box.

(4)

come across, get back, turn down, go on, make out

On my return from the airport I _____(a) my long lost friend who took after a popular film star. We _____(b) talking about our school days. He _____(c) my offer to have dinner at a restaurant as he had to visit the hospital to meet his friend who is just recovering from a heart disease. He promised me that he will _____(d) to me as soon as he can.

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