

DISTRICT INSTITUTE OF EDUCATION AND TRAINING, THIRUVANANTHAPURAM  
EVALUATION TOOL FOR CLASS X - 2022 FEBRUARY  
ENGLISH

**Time: 2 ½ Hours**

**Maximum Score: 80**

**General Instructions to Candidates**

- 15 minutes is 'Cool-off time'. Use this time to get familiarised with questions and to plan your answers.
- Questions with different score are given as distinct sections.
- Read the instructions carefully before answering the questions.
- Keep in mind the score and the time while answering the questions.
- The maximum score for questions from 1 to 35 will be 80.

**PART 1**

**Questions 1 - 6. Read the excerpt from 'Project Tiger' and answer ANY FOUR questions that follow.** **(4 x 1 = 4)**

Every animal in a Hollywood film is well-trained. It is not difficult to train a horse or a dog. But have you ever heard of trained ravens? Not just one or two, but nearly a hundred of them? Even this was made possible in Hollywood, when the creator of some of the best suspense films in the history of cinema, Alfred Hitchcock, decided to make a film called 'Birds'. In the story, birds from all over the world start attacking humans. Hitchcock needed a variety of birds, but what was required in the largest number was ravens. Notices were placed in the press all over the United States, asking people to contact the filmmaker if they knew how to get hold of trained ravens.

1. Who is the creator of the best suspense films in the history of world cinema?
2. Which bird according to the passage is trained to be used in the film?
3. What did the director expect the birds to do?
4. What did the director do to get trained birds?
5. What is peculiar about every animal in a Hollywood film?
6. Identify a word from the passage that means 'a state of excitement about something that is going to happen very soon.'

**Questions 7 - 10. Read the following lines from 'Blowin' in the Wind' and answer the questions that follow.** **(4 x 1 = 4)**

How many roads must a man walk down  
Before you call him a man?  
How many seas must a white dove sail

Before she sleeps in the sand?  
Yes, and how many times must the cannon balls fly  
Before they're forever banned?  
The answer, my friend, is blowin' in the wind  
The answer is blowin' in the wind.

7. What does 'white dove' symbolise? 1
8. Pick out an instance of metaphor from these lines. 1
9. The poet is highly concerned about the rage of war. Identify the line from the stanza which tells us about it. 1
10. 'The answer is blowin' in the wind.' What does the line signify? 1

## PART 2

**Questions 11 - 15. Read the lines from the poem 'Lines Written in Early Spring' and answer ANY THREE questions that follow. (3 x 2 = 6)**

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.

The budding twigs spread out their fan,  
To catch the breezy air;  
And I must think, do all I can,  
That there was pleasure there.

11. Identify two visual images from these lines. 2
12. What did the birds around the poet do? What is the poet's opinion about their thoughts? 2
13. Pick out two sets of rhyming words. 2
14. What did the budding twigs do? Why did they do so? 2
15. Identify the rhyme scheme followed in the stanzas. 2

**Questions 16-18: Read the excerpt from 'My Sister's Shoes' and answer ANY TWO questions that follow. (2 x 2 = 4)**

### **Ali's house**

*Middle distance shot of Ali and his sister Zahra reading their textbooks kneeling on the mattress. A baby's cry is heard faintly on the soundtrack. The camera closes in on Zahra*

who is writing in a notebook (mumbling the words as she writes): 'Ali, how am I going to school without shoes'. The camera moves back to middle distance. Now both Zahra and Ali are in the frame. Their parents' conversation on the other end of the room is heard on the soundtrack, interspersed with the sound of a hammer banging.

Mother (offscreen): Go to your company store, tomorrow. We don't have any formula left.

Zahra passes her notebook to Ali.

16. Identify the setting of the scene. Name the characters who appear in the scene. 2

17. What does Zahra do as she writes? What does she write in the notebook? 2

18. What does Ali's mother ask his father to do? Why? 2

### PART 3

Question 19 - 23: Answer ANY THREE of the following. (3 x 4 = 12)

19. Complete the following passage choosing the phrases given in the brackets. 4

It was a very hot afternoon. I \_\_\_\_ (a) \_\_\_\_ to go for a swim. Suddenly, I \_\_\_\_ (b) \_\_\_\_ a cobra gliding out of a clump of cactus. I was \_\_\_\_ (c) \_\_\_\_ and did not know what to do. Just then, a mongoose \_\_\_\_ (d) \_\_\_\_ of the bushes.

(taken aback, came out, came across, made up my mind, turn up)

20. Read the passage given below. There are certain errors in it. They are underlined. Edit them. 4

One Saturday, Adichie and her mother go (a) to Fide's house in the village. His mother showed them a beautifully paterned (b) basket. Adichie were (c) startled. She could not imagine that anybody in her (d) family could make something so beautiful.

21. Complete the given conversation between Martha and her Grandpa. 4

Martha: Grandpa, I want a favour from you.

Grandpa: \_\_\_\_\_ a \_\_\_\_\_?

Martha: I want fifteen dollars for the Scholarship Jacket.

Grandpa: It is a Scholarship Jacket, \_\_\_\_\_ b \_\_\_\_\_? Then why should you pay for it.

Martha: My Principal said that I have to pay the money.

Grandpa: If you pay for the Jacket, \_\_\_\_\_ c \_\_\_\_\_.

Martha: \_\_\_\_\_ d \_\_\_\_\_?

Grandpa: No. I will not give the money.

22. Fill in the blanks choosing the suitable ones from the brackets given below. 4

The Sergeant resolved to make no report \_\_\_\_ a \_\_\_\_ the case. The landlady offered \_\_\_\_ b \_\_\_\_ month's free board \_\_\_\_ c \_\_\_\_ he would get on his feet and Cronin gave him seven pounds and ten shillings \_\_\_\_ d \_\_\_\_ he could put back in the safe.

(a, until, which, upon, the)

**23. Read the following sentences and identify the Noun Phrases in the subject position of each sentence.** 4

- (a) Martha expected to get the Scholarship Jacket.
- (b) All the students called Martha bean pole or string beans.
- (c) The pounding in my ears drowned out the rest of the words.
- (d) The student who maintained the highest grades would get the Scholarship Jacket.

**Questions 24 - 25. Answer any ONE of the following.** (1 x 4 = 4)

**24. Read the passage given below and answer the questions that follow.**

**Impact of Covid-19 Pandemic on Education System in India**

No one would have guessed that Covid-19 would alter the lifestyle of the people. Several persons lost their lives, jobs, education, families and many more. Most governments decided to temporarily close educational institutions in an attempt to reduce the spread of the virus. The pandemic caused further shocks to education system in India. Schools were closed and exams postponed. Education shifted to the online mode which posed several challenges like learning losses, rise in the number of dropouts and increase in digital divide. UNESCO recommended the use of distance learning programmes to limit the disruption of education. In India, around 250 million students were affected due to school closures during lockdowns.

- a. How did Covid-19 alter the lifestyle of the people? 1
- b. Why did governments decide to temporarily close schools and colleges? 1
- c. Find out the word from the passage that means 'to change'. 1
- d. What were the suggestions recommended by UNESCO? 1

**25. Study the following list of winners of 51<sup>st</sup> Kerala State Film Awards and answer the questions that follow.**

<b>51<sup>st</sup> Kerala State Film Awards 2021</b>			
<b>Category</b>	<b>Winner</b>	<b>Film</b>	<b>Director</b>
Best Actor (Male)	Jayasurya	Vellam	Prajesh Sen
Best Debut Director	Muhammed Musthafa	Kappela	Muhammed Musthafa
Best Child Actor	Niranjan S	Kasiminte Kadal	Syamaprasad
Best Music Director	M Jayachandran	Sufiyum Sujatayum	Shanavas Naranippuzha

- a. Who directed the film 'Kasiminte Kadal'? 1
- b. In which category does the film 'Kappela' win the award? 1
- c. In the State Film Awards, M Jayachandran was selected as \_\_\_\_\_. 1
- d. Which film was directed by Mr Prajesh Sen? 1

#### PART 4

**Question 26 - 29: Answer ANY THREE of the following in about 60 words. (3 X 6 = 18)**

26. Read the following lines taken from the poem 'The Ballad of Father Gilligan' and prepare a note of **appreciation** focusing on the theme, imagery and other poetic devices. 6

He rode now as he never rode,  
By rocky lane and fen;  
The sick man's wife opened the door,  
'Father! you come again!'

'And is the poor man dead?' he cried  
'He died an hour ago.'  
The old priest Peter Gilligan  
In grief swayed to and fro.

27. The homeopath in the story 'The Snake and the Mirror' found his room looted by a thief when he went there the next day. You meet him after this incident. Prepare a set of **six questions** that you would like to ask him. 6

28. Satyajit Ray came to know that the shooting with a tiger for his movie 'Goopy Gyne Bagha Byne' at Notun Gram was not successful. He felt very sad. He wrote his feelings in his diary. Write the likely **diary entry**. 6

29. After knowing that she will get the Scholarship Jacket, Martha writes a letter to her parents about the happy news and invites them to attend the award function. Write the likely **letter**. 6

**Question 30 - 32: Answer ANY TWO of the following in about 80 words. (2 X 6 = 12)**

30. The English Club of your school prepared a Digital Book on the history of the school. Sri Sarath, a noted Malayalam filmmaker is invited to release the book. Being the Editor of the book, you are asked to prepare a **notice** inviting parents, teachers and students for the release. 6

31. Prepare the **profile** of Pablo Neruda using the hints given below:

Name	:	Ricardo Eliécer Neftalí Reyes Basoalto
Born	:	12 July 1904, Parral, Chile
Famous as	:	Chilean poet, diplomat, politician
Notable Works	:	Memorial de Isla Negra (1964), Twenty Love Poems and a Song of Despair, (1969), Residence on Earth and Other Poems
Awards	:	Nobel Prize in Literature (1971), Lenin Peace Prize
Died	:	September 23, 1973

32. Imagine that an official of the Child Welfare Committee meets Vanka to enquire about the complaint regarding his ill-treatment at Alyakhin's house. Prepare the likely **conversation** between the official and Vanka. 6

## PART 5

**Questions 33 - 35. Answer any TWO of the following in about 120 words. (2 x 8=16)**

33. Two incidents created conflicts in the story 'The Scholarship Jacket'. Finally, Martha gets the Scholarship Jacket. Imagine that you narrate the story and conflicts of Martha to one of your friends. Prepare the likely **narrative**. 8

(Hints: Texas School - gets straight A+ average - overhears the conversation between the teachers - Martha a Mexican - Joann, daughter of the Board member - Principal calls - change in policy - Grandfather's words help her in getting the Jacket)

34. 'The Best Investment I ever Made' is a story that tells how a man was brought back to life. The timely help rendered by the author brought about a change in the life of the man. Prepare a **speech** on how timely help bring changes in a person. 8

(Hints: Cronin on board the ship - a man frequently looks at him - moves away from the man - Mr & Mrs John - comes to him - reminds him of the suicide attempt - doctor saves - gives him money to pay back the stolen amount - regains life - becomes another man)

35. The story, 'Adventures in a Banyan Tree' is about a boy's close observation of Nature. He sees everything sitting on the top of the banyan tree. Prepare a **write-up** describing the experiences the boy had on sitting on the tree. 8

(Hints: banyan tree - his favourite spot - sees everything - fight between the cobra and the mongoose - the myna and the jungle crow fly in between - a strange case of the grey squirrel and the white rat - white baby squirrels)