

VIJAYAPADHAM
KOTTARAKKARA EDUCATIONAL DISTRICT
SSLC PRE - MODEL EXAMINATION 2021-22



PM 01 EN 10
Class : X

Time : 2 $\frac{1}{2}$ hr
Score : 80

ENGLISH

PART 1

SECTION A

Questions 1 to 6: Read the passage from the story “The scholarship jacket” and answer any FOUR questions that follow. (4x1=4)

The small Texas school that I went to had a tradition carried out every year during the eighth-grade graduation: a beautiful gold and green Jacket was awarded to the class valedictorian, the student who had maintained the highest grades for eight years. The scholarship Jacket had a big gold ‘S’ on the left front side and your name written in gold letters on the pocket.

My oldest sister, Rosie, had won the Jacket a few years back, and I fully expected to also. I was fourteen and in the eighth grade. I had been a straight ‘A’ student since the first grade and this last year had looked forward very much to owing that jacket. My father was a farm labourer who couldn't earn enough money to feed eight children. So when I was six I was given to my grandparents to raise.

1. Who was awarded a gold and green jacket?
2. What was the tradition carried out in the Texas school that mentioned in the passage?
3. Where was the student’s name written on the scholarship jacket?
4. Who won the scholarship jacket a few years ago ?
5. Why was Martha given to her grandparents at the age of six?
6. Pick out the word from the passage which means ‘a custom that has existed for long time’.

SECTION B

Questions 7 to 10: Read the following stanza from the song “Blowin’ in the Wind” and answer ALL the questions given below. (4x1=4)

Yes, and how many years can a mountain exist
Before it is washed to the sea?
Yes, and how many years can some people exist
Before they're allowed to be free?

Yes, and how many times can a man turn his head
And pretend that he just doesn't see
The answer, my friend, is blowin' in the wind
The answer is blowin' in the wind.

7. Who is the speaker in the song?
8. Pick out the lines from the song that refer to denial of civil rights.
9. Why does the writer say that the answer is blowing in the wind?
10. Pick out a pair of rhyming words from the given stanza.

PART-II

SECTION A

Questions 11- 15. Read the following lines from the poem 'Mother to Son' and answer any THREE of the questions that follow: (2x3=6)

Well, son, I'll tell you:
Life for me ain't been no crystal stair.
It's had tacks in it,
And splinters,
And boards torn up,
And places with no carpet on the floor-
Bare.
But all the time
I've been a-climbin' on,
And reachin' landin's,
And turnin' corners,
And sometimes goin' in the dark
Where there ain't been no light.

11. Who is the speaker in the poem and whom are the words addressed to?
12. What does the expression 'crystal stair' stand for? Why do you think the poet is referring to the stairway as 'crystal'?
13. Was life easy for the mother? Pick out an evidence from the stanza to support your answer.
14. Find out any four visual images from these lines.
15. What do the expressions 'reachin' landin's, turnin' corners and goin' in the dark' signify?

SECTION B

Questions 16 to 18: Read the excerpt from the story 'Vanka' and answer any TWO questions that follow. (2X2 = 4)

Vanka sighed, dipped his pen in the ink, and went on writing: 'And yesterday I had such a hiding. The master took me by the hair and dragged me out into the yard and beat me with the stirrup-strap because by mistake I went to sleep while rocking their baby. And one day last week the mistress told me to gut a herring and I began from the tail and she picked up the herring and rubbed my face with the head. The other apprentices make fun of me, they sent me to the tavern for vodka and make me steal the master's cucumbers and the master beats me with the first thing he finds. And there is nothing to eat. They give me bread in the morning and gruel for dinner and in the evening bread again, but I never get tea or cabbage soup. They gobble it all up themselves. And they make me sleep in the passage and when their baby cries, I don't get any sleep at all. I have to rock it.

16. How was Vanka treated by his Master and Mistress?

17. 'They sent me to the tavern' Who are the 'they' referred to here? Why did they send him to the tavern?

18. Identify any two sentences which show that Vanka was 'underfed'?

PART III

SECTION A

Questions 19 to 23: Answer any THREE of the following. (3x4 = 12)

19. Read the following sentences and identify the Noun Phrase in the subject position.

1. Every animal in a Hollywood film is well-trained.
2. Vanka knelt on the floor at the bench.
3. The last words came out in an eager rush.
4. They had been making a tour of the New England states.

20. Complete the following conversation suitably.

Satyajit Ray :(a)..... ?

Thorat : Yes, I am very confident. Everything will go well.

Ray : You have brought two tigers,....(b).....?

Thorat : Of course, We are not in a position to take risk.

Ray : What will you do with the two tigers?

Thorat : If one tiger fails to act,(c).....

Ray : You had better (d)... ..

Thorat : Ok, I will take the tigers out.

21. There are a few errors in the passage given below. They are underlined. Edit them.

Chimamanda Ngozi Adichie is also an early writer. She began to wrote in about the age of seven. She wrote stories in pencil with crayon illustrations where her poor mother was obligated to read. She wrote stories using the informations gathered through the books she read .

22. Complete the given passage choosing appropriate phrasal verbs from the brackets.

The boy was(a).....when he(b)..... three white squirrels in the hole of the banyan tree. As he couldn't....(c)..... his excitement, he ran to his grandfather and(d)..... this matter to him.

(put across, taken aback, came across, put up with)

23. Some words are missing in the following passage. Identify the most suitable words from the bracket and complete the passage.

Martha was very sad. She never expected such / (a) tragedy. She cried a lot. The principal was adamant. He told her / (b) bring fifteen dollars the next day. She was born / (c) a poor family. So, it was unable for her to bring / (d) money.

[an, in, to, the, a]

SECTION B

Questions 24 to 25: Answer any ONE of the following.

(1x4 = 4)

24. Read the newspaper headlines given below and answer the questions that follow.

A. Schools in Kerala to function in full swing from February 21.

B. Silverline project- Kerala HC sets aside order deferring survey.

C. IMD predicts rainfall on Saturday.

D. Rahul Bajaj, noted industrialist, passes away.

E. India bans 54 more Chinese apps citing security issues.

1. Which headline gives information about the new rail project?

2. Which headline is related to education?

3. The headline related to cyber security is.....

4. Which headline is related to the death of a famous person?

25. Read the passage given below and answer the questions that follow.

One of the greatest mysteries of bird life is travelling. Every year during autumn and early winter birds travel from northern regions of Asia, Europe and America to the southern warmer lands. They make the return journey again during spring and early summer. They are punctual unless they are delayed by bad weather. They face many dangers and hardships while travelling long distances through the air, over hills, forests, plains and large stretches of water. Sometimes sudden storms arise and drive them far out of course. Often they are blown right out to sea and are drowned in the wild waves. At night bright lights attract and confuse the birds. They cannot fly at their fastest. The migration speed is usually from 48 to 64 km an hour and rarely exceeds 80.

1. When do the birds travel from northern regions to southern warmer lands?

2. What danger do the birds face when they fly over the sea?

3. What happened to the birds at night?

4. When do the birds make their return journey?

PART IV

SECTION A

Questions 26 to 29: Answer any THREE of the following.

(3x6= 18)

26. Read the following lines from the poem 'Lines Written in Early Spring' and prepare a note of appreciation focusing on its theme, images and other poetic devices.

I heard a thousand blended notes,
While in a grove I sate reclined,
In that sweet mood when pleasant thoughts
Bring sad thoughts to the mind.

To her fair works did Nature link
The human soul that through me ran;
And much it grieved my heart to think
What man has made of man.

27. Martha was asked to pay 15 dollars for the scholarship jacket. She told this to her grandfather. But he disagreed to pay the money. Prepare the likely **diary** entry of Martha.

28. Suppose you are the boy in the story 'Adventures in a Banyan Tree'. You made a good friendship with a little squirrel in the banyan tree. You want to write a letter to your friend about your new friendship. Prepare the likely **letter**.

29. You are greatly influenced by the speech of Adichie. As an editor of your school magazine, you want to interview her for the school magazine. Prepare a set of **six questions** that you would like to ask her.

SECTION B

Questions 30 to 32: Answer any **TWO** of the following. (2x6 = 12)

30. Imagine that you are the secretary of the English club of your school. The club has decided to conduct a seminar on 'The Merits and Demerits of Instalment Scheme'. As you are the secretary of the club, you are asked to prepare a notice for the seminar. Prepare the likely **notice**.

31. Prepare a short **profile** of Neftali Ricardo Reyes Basalto using the hints given below.

Birth : 12th July 1904, Chile.

Pen name : Pablo Neruda

Famous as : Poet, diplomat, politician

Major works : "Every day You Play", "Spain in My Heart"

Award : Nobel Prize for Literature in 1971.

Death : 23rd September 1973

32. Ali meets the junk collector and asks him whether he has taken the parcel of shoes from the vegetable shop. Prepare the likely **conversation** between Ali and the junk collector.

PART V

Questions 33 to 35: Answer any TWO of the following.

(2x8 = 16)

33. " As we sat in silence, I could not but reflect that it was the best investment I had ever made in my life. It had paid me no dividends in worldly goods, but had turned out to be immensely profitable " Suppose you are a fellow passenger who witnessed the meeting between the narrator and John on the deck. **Narrate** in your own words the events that led to this remark.

(Hints : met Cronin in the ship board - a young man approached him- I heard their conversation - talked with Cronin - 25 years before he saved him - the said young man - he became a solicitor - worked among delinquent youth- saves lives of thousands- ' the best investment', he says)

34. Martha talked in the award ceremony about the trouble she had undergone before getting the scholarship jacket. Prepare the likely **speech** delivered by Martha in the ceremony.

[Hints : dream of getting the scholarship jacket - eight years of hard work and determination - Grandfather's strong inspiration – demand for 15 dollars- injustice to pay for a deserving award - the words of grandfather - realisation of the principal]

35. Nature always keeps much wonders and thrills for us. The boy in the story 'Adventures in a Banyan Tree' had thrilling and fantastic experiences from nature. Prepare a **review** of the story.

[Hints : house at Dehra... friendship with squirrel – platform in the tree – all kinds of birds – fight between cobra and mongoose – crow and myna interfere – mongoose wins – friendship of white rat and grey squirrel – white baby squirrels]
