

General Instructions to Candidates:

- There is a 'cool off time' of 5 minutes in addition to the writing time of 75 minutes.
- Use the 'cool-off time' to get familiar with questions and to plan your answers.
- Read the questions carefully before answering.
- Write answer to the specific number of questions as instructed.

(Questions. 1- 10) Answer any **Eight questions. Each carries 1 score. (8x1=8)**

Then a monstrous terror seized him and his heart stood still. He could hear nothing. But it only lasted a moment

1. Who is the 'he' referred to here?
2. Pick out the word that means 'frightening' from the passage.

I would like to share with you one question of great concern which was asked by a student.

3. Identify the speaker.
4. What is the name of the poem the speaker recited as a reply to the question of the student?

If you can fill the unforgiving minute

With sixty seconds' worth of distance run,

5. Identify the poet.
6. Pick out the figure of speech used in 'unforgiving minute.'

She was rather a shy teenager, serious-minded, with a strong faith in God ingrained from childhood by her mother, and a belief that good can come out of any adversity.

7. Name the 'shy teenager' whose optimism was admired by Hawking.
8. Which word in the extract means 'a difficult situation'?
9. Suggest an alternative title to the story *His First Flight*.
10. Why was the young seagull afraid to fly? Write your answer in one or two sentences.

(Questions 11 to 15) Answer any three questions. Each carries 2 score. (3x2=6)

11. Elaborate the ideas in the following lines in two or three sentences.

If you can meet with Triumph and Disaster

And treat those two impostors just the same.

12. Fill in the blanks using the appropriate cohesive devices given in the brackets.

(similarly, unfortunately, secondly, but)

Stephen's parents were not wealthy (a) ,....., they planned for Stephen to go to Westminster, a famous public school in the heart of London. (b)....., Stephen was ill at the time of the scholarship examination for Westminster.

13. Edit the following sentences. There are two errors.

Liam O'Flaherty was a Irish novelist and a short-story writer. Through the story of the birds, the writer convey the importance of self-esteem and self-reliance.

14. Stephen Hawking published *A Brief History of Time* with the support of student Brian Whitt. **Write two sentences congratulating Brain Whitt.**

15. Fill in the blanks using the appropriate form of the words given in the brackets.

If the mother seagull hadn't (care) the young seagull, the story(become) a tragic one.

(Questions 16 to 18) Answer any two questions. Each carries 4 score. (2x4=8)

16. *I need to have confidence, but I have not gained any confidence through my education during all these years.*

The words of the young village boy point to the demerits of our present education system. What can we do to bring desirable changes in the system? **Write four sentences giving your suggestions.**

17. Prepare a profile of Joseph Rudyard Kipling, an English short-story writer, poet and novelist using the hints given below:

Joseph Rudyard Kipling

Born: 30 December 1865 , Mumbai, India.

Spouse: Caroline Starr Balestier

Children: Josphine , Elsie, John

Education: United Services College

Novels: The Jungle Book, Kim.

Poems: 'Mandalay' , 'Ganga Din' , IF

Short Stories: Rikki-Tikki-Tavi, The Man Who Would Be King.

Awards: Nobel Prize In Literature(1907) Audie Award for Audio Drama, Audie award for Excellence in Production.

Died: 18 January 1936(aged 70) Fitzrovia , London , England.

18. Stephen Hawking has overcome his crippling disease to become the 'supernova' of world physics. **Prepare a write-up on how he could overcome his adversities.**

(Questions 19 to 21) Answer any two questions. Each carries 5 score. (2x5=10)

19. Dr. A.P.J Abdul Kalam exhorts us to be unique in his speech *I Will Fly*.

Imagine that you get an opportunity to address the students who prepare for The Common University Entrance Test (CUET) from your school. **Prepare a speech to motivate them for the examination based on your reading of the lesson.**

20. You also get the opportunity to ask questions to Dr.A.P.J Abdul Kalam after his address on 'Science Empowers the Nation.' **Prepare five questions that you may ask on the occasion.**

21. You are inspired by reading the story *His First Flight*. The way the mother seagull cares and loves the young seagull touches you. **Draft an email to your close friend who is studying abroad about the role of parents in bringing out the best in their children.**

(Questions 22 to 23) Answer any one question. Each carries 8 score (1x8=8)

22. Self-confidence, self reliance and determination determine the success of a person. The story of the young seagull is an example. **Write an essay on the need for these qualities to overcome the challenges of life.**

23. Read the poem *Dreams* by Langston Hughes and write a note of appreciation.

Dreams

Hold fast to dreams
For, if dreams die
Life is a broken-winged bird
That cannot fly.
Hold fast to dreams.
For, when dreams go
Life is a barren field
Frozen with snow.