

FIRST TERMINAL EVALUATION 2015

ENGLISH

Class X

Time : 2 Hours 30 min

Total Score : 80

Instructions:

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

(Qns 1 - 5) Read the following passage and answer the questions given below.

And then Swami gave a lurid account of Samuel's violence; how when he started caning he would not stop till he saw blood on the boy's hand, which he made the boy press to his forehead like a vermilion marking. Swami hoped that with this his father would be made to see that he couldn't go to his class late. But father's behaviour took an unexpected turn. He became excited. "What do these teachers mean by beating our children? They must be driven out of service. I will see". The result was that he proposed to send Swami late to his class as a kind of challenge. He was also going to send a letter with Swami to the headmaster.

1. How did Swami describe Samuel's violence? (1)
2. What was the challenge undertaken by Swami's father? (1)
3. What was Swami's expectation about father's reaction? (1)
4. Pick out a word which means 'horrifying and emotional'. (1)
5. Complete the sentence. The more he complained of Samuel, (1)

(Qns 6- 10) Read the lines from the poem 'Night of the Scorpion' and answer the following questions.

I remember the night my mother
was stung by a scorpion. Ten hours
of steady rain had driven him
to crawl beneath a sack of rice.
Parting with his poison - flash
of diabolic tail in the dark room -
he risked the rain again.
The peasants came like swarms of flies
and buzzed the name of God a hundred times
to paralyse the Evil One.

6. Where did the scorpion hide? (1)
7. Which line suggests that the scorpion left the house? (1)
8. Pick out an instance of alliteration from the given lines. (1)
9. Who is the 'Evil One' referred in these lines? (1)
10. What is the comparison used in the given lines? (1)

(Qns 11- 14) Read the following lines from the poem 'The Himalayas' and answer the questions that follow.

I begin a long one
in which the Himalayas rise
as a metaphor.
Suddenly I am ashamed
to have used the Himalayas like this,
ashamed to speak of my imaginary mountains
to a man who walked through
the ice and snow of Gangotri
barefoot
a man who lived close to Kanchenjunga
and Everest clad only in summer cotton.

11. What does the poet mean by 'a long one'? (1)
12. Why was the poet suddenly ashamed? (1)

13. Pick out two visual images from the lines. (1)

14. Who is the 'man' referred to in these lines? (1)

(Qns 15- 19) Read the following news report and answer the questions that follow.

Kochi: The Indian Navy carried out a rare rescue attempt by lending a Dornier to ferry a heart from Thiruvananthapuram to Kochi, an operation that not only saved an auto driver's life but became the first time in India that a defence aircraft was used as air ambulance in a civilian medical emergency.

Mr Neelakanda Sharma was declared brain-dead at Sree Chithira Thirunnaal Institute of Medical Sciences, Thiruvananthapuram and his family agreed to donate his heart. Mr Mathew Achadan suffering from dilated cardio-myopathy was to be the recipient at Lisie Hospital, Kochi. The heart transplant on Mathew was done by a team doctors headed by Dr. Jose Chacko Periappuram

15. What was the rare rescue attempt carried out by the Indian Navy? (1)

16. Why was the rescue attempt called a rare one? (1)

17. Under whose leadership was the heart transplantation done? (1)

18. Pick out a word that means 'a person who receives something'. (1)

19. Suggest a suitable headline for this news report. (1)

20. Answer any one of the following. (7)

A. 'We want more parents like him.' Substantiate Samuel's comment in the story 'Father's Help' with your own views.

(Hints: - Swami's laziness to go to school - father compels - Swami's account of Samuel's behaviour - his efforts to justify his lies - classroom incidents).

OR

B. The narrator was shocked and confused after the incidents at night in the story 'The Blue Bouquet'. He narrates the events to one of his friends, the next day.

(Hints: - heat inside the hotel room - goes out for a walk - dark and deserted street - mysterious night - soft and gentle voice - demand blue eyes - fearsome incidents follow - returns to the hotel room frightened)

21. Swami was disturbed after the incidents in the classroom. He decides to write a letter of apology to his teacher, Samuel. Draft the likely **letter**. (6)
22. The success of Sherlock Holmes' investigation becomes the sensational news in the leading dailies. Prepare a likely **news report**. (5)
23. Imagine that the stranger in the story 'The Blue Bouquet' reached back home disappointed. He jotted down his thoughts in his diary. What would be the **diary entry**? (5)
24. 'You deserve your Samuel'. This was the remark made by Swami's father. Do you think Samuel is a cruel man? Prepare a **character sketch** of Samuel. (5)
25. The narrator of the story 'The Blue Bouquet' meets a news correspondent. Prepare the likely **conversation** between them (at least 6 exchanges). (6)
26. Write a short **profile** of Dr A.P.J Abdul Kalam using the information given below. (6)

Born	: 1931, October 15, Rameswaram, Tamil Nadu
Education	: St. Joseph's College Trichi, Madras Institute of Technology
Career	: 11 th President of India, Aero-Space Scientist, Professor, Head of Indian Missile Technology
Major Works	: 'Wings of Fire', 'Ignited Minds', 'India 2020'
Awards	: Bharat Ratna (1997), Padma Bhushan (1981), Padma Vibhushan (1990), Honorary doctorates from 30 universities.
Death	: July 27, 2015

Qns (27 - 31) Study the table below and answer the questions below. (5)

THRISSUR RAILWAY STATION - TIMETABLE

Train.No	Train Name	Arrival	Departure	Destination	Platform No.
16359	Patna Exp.	0.15	0.22	Patna	2
12483	Amritsar Exp.	14.15	14.21	Amritsar	1
16302	Venad Exp.	11.22	11.25	Shornur	3
16605	Ernad Exp.	14.30	14.35	Nagercoil	1
16650	Parasuram Exp.	12.35	12.41	Manglore	2

27. Mr. Rajeev would like to go to Mangalore. Which train would you suggest?
28. How long does the Amritsar Exp. stop at Thrissur station?
29. On which platform does the Eranad Express arrive?
30. Which train reaches Thrissur station in the night?
31. Which train leaves from Platform No. 3?

32. Replace the underlined words with the right forms of the phrases given in brackets. (4)

The mother rejected (a) her children's demand to play outside and suggested (b) the idea of playing indoors, but the children were not willing and they continued (c) with the demands. At last the mother yielded (d) and allowed them to play outside.

(go on, put forward, give in, turn down, give up)

33. Read the piece of conversation and answer the questions given below (2)

Watson : Has anything escaped me?

Holmes : I am afraid that most of your conclusions were erroneous.

- a) What did Watson ask Holmes?
b) What did Holmes reply?

34. Edit the following passage (5)

It take (a) them a minute to grasp what Ravi is (b) saying, even who he was. They had quiet (c) forgotten her (d). Reghu find (e) all others long ago.

35. Complete the following conversation. (5)

Hotel keeper : What happened to you?

Narrator : -----(a)-----

Hotel keeper : I told you to stay inside, ----(b)---?

Narrator : If you had told me seriously, -----(c)-----

Hotel keeper : you had better -----(d)-----

Narrator : Anyway I am leaving .

Hotel keeper : -----(e)-----