

Class No. : .....

**SFE 01**

Name : .....

**SECOND YEAR – FIRST TERMINAL EVALUATION 2019-2020**

Part – I

Time : 2½ Hours

**ENGLISH**

Cool-off time : 15 Minutes

Maximum : 80 Scores

**General Instructions to Candidates :**

- There is a 'Cool-off time' of 15 minutes in addition to the writing time.
- Use the 'Cool-off time' to get familiar with questions and to plan your answers.
- Read questions carefully before answering.
- Write answer to the specific number of questions as instructed.

**(Question Nos. 1-6) : Answer the questions as directed.**

Read the lines from the poem 'Mending Wall' and answer the questions that follow.

I see him there,

Bringing a stone grasped firmly by the top

In each hand, like an old stone - savage armed.

1. Who is the 'I' referred to here ? 1
2. Identify the poetic device in the third line. 1
3. Why does the speaker call his neighbour a savage ? 2
4. Nomita had a fierce quarrel with Ajit. Imagine you are Nomita's friend. How would you console her ? Write four pieces of advice that you would like to give her. 4

You may use expressions like:

I think you should.../ Why can't you.../ If I were you.../ I'd like to suggest....

5. The conversation between Antonio Cruz and Felix Vargas in the story 'Amigo Brothers' is given below. Report their conversation. 2

Felix : I'm going to stay with my Aunt Lucy in the Bronx.

Antonio : Yeah. It would be better for our heads.

6. The passage given below contains a few errors. Edit the passage. 4

Hot summer days reminds me of my childhood in a little village. There were a large banyan tree in the middle right of the village, and I would spent many hours playing under it during my holidays.

**Answer any 5 questions from 7-12. Each carries 4 scores. (5 × 4 = 20)**

7. 'Empowerment of a woman begins at home.' Do you think so ? Write four points to justify this statement.

8. Prepare a profile of Mary Kom using the hints given below :

Birth : 1<sup>st</sup> March, 1983

Place of Birth : Kangathei, Manipur

Education : Manipur University

Awards : Padma Bhushan (2011), Padma Shri(2006),  
Rajiv Gandhi Khel Ratna, Arjuna Award for Boxing.

Authored : Unbreakable : An autobiography.

Achievements : World Amateur Boxing Champion for a record 6 times.

9. "The announcer turned to point to the winner and found himself alone. Arm in Arm the champions had already left the ring." Imagine that you are the announcer. What would you announce in this situation ? Write the likely announcement.
10. The poem 'Any Woman' ends with a prayer 'Take me not till my children grow!'. These lines reflect the unending love and concern of a mother for her children. Do we show the same consideration to our mother ? Write a short paragraph on the attitude of children towards their mother in the present day.

11. Sudha Murty's grandfather and Ratna act as horegallus, helping others to release their mental stress. Have you got any such horegallus in your life ? Write your experience in a short paragraph.

12. Elaborate the idea conveyed in the lines given below :

'I am their wall against all danger,  
Their door against the wind and snow,  
Thou whom a woman laid in a manger,  
Take me not till the children grow'

**Answer any 5 questions in about 80 words from 13-19. Each carries 6 scores. (5 × 6 = 30)**

13. The one act play 'The Hour of Truth' presents the unexpected crash of Gresham's bank. Prepare a news report of the event.

14. Read the following lines from the poem 'Mending Wall' :

"Something there is that doesn't love a wall", says the poet.  
But his neighbour says, "Good fences make good neighbours."

What do you understand about the character of the poet and his neighbour through these lines ? Compare and contrast the characters of the poet and his neighbour.

15. Imagine that you are the leader of the NSS unit of your school. You would like to invite a doctor to make a speech on the drastic rise in the number of old age homes. Draft an e-mail requesting his/her presence and explaining the aims of the programme.

16. Now-a-days we hear news regarding the death of young people due to rash driving. They put the lives of themselves and of others in danger. As a responsible citizen, write a letter to the editor of a prominent daily voicing your concern.

17. Carried away by the memoir of Sudha Murty, you yourself are reminded of your own childhood days. Narrate an unforgettable event from your sweet memories.

18. The wall in 'Mending Wall' stands for something more than a mere wall. What else does it suggest ? Prepare a write-up on the implied meaning of the wall.

19. Love and brotherhood is slowly disappearing from the society. On your reading of the story 'Amigo Brothers', write an essay on the need for keeping true friendship in life.
20. Empowering women is vital for the total development of a country. Prepare an article based on the speech of Christine Lagarde on how women could come out from their comfort zones and participate in the process of nation building. (8)
21. Read the following poem and compare it with 'Any Woman' by Katharine Tynan. (8)

Mother : A Cradle to Hold Me.

It is true

I was created in you.

It is also true

That you were created for me.

I owned your voice.

It was shaped and tuned to soothe me.

Your arms were molded

Into a cradle to hold me, to rock me.

The scent of your body was the air

Perfumed for me to breathe.

Mother,

During those early, dearest days

I did not dream that you had

A larger life which included me,

Among your other concerns,

For I had a life

Which was only you.

Maya Angelou.