

Mary Kom : If you ask me, yes. We need to have more women lawmakers. Women are strong and must pursue their dreams at any cost. When I started boxing, nobody believed in me because I am a woman. They said boxing is a man's game. But see, how things have changed. Today many many more women are taking up this sport. I have taken criticism in my stride and fought to prove people wrong.

1. Who was Mary Kom's biggest inspiration ? (1)
2. What does she say about her taking up many roles ? (2)
3. Why didn't people believe in Mary Kom when she started boxing ? (2)

(Questions 4 – 8) : Answer any four. (4 scores each).

(4×4=16)

4. The parents in the story crime and punishment don't like pestering children. They believe that corporal punishment will bring up unhealthy citizens. Do you support this view ? Present your ideas either agreeing or disagreeing (4 sentences).
5. Shaheen wanted to stay back in India. But her parents were not quite willing to let her stay. But Shaheen insisted and persuaded them to let her continue her studies in India. How would you think she must have persuaded her parents to get her wish granted ? Develop a telephonic conversation between Shaheen and her mother (Eight exchanges).
6. A person acting as a Horegallu should never betray the confidence of others. Sudha Murthy says that there is no greater sin than betraying someone's confidence. Present your views about it in a short paragraph.
7. Humour is what adds to the spice of life. It reduces the tedium of a tension – ridden existence and makes life healthier. Describe an experience in your life which made you laugh your stomach out.

8. The literary club of your school decides to enact the play 'The Hour of Truth' in connection with your school anniversary celebrations. Prepare a script for announcing the programme.

You may include the following details :

- play
- time and venue
- script
- direction
- actors
- background

9. Report the following conversation :

Boy : Tell me a story

Teacher : You haven't done a sum. It's eight-thirty.

Boy : I don't care for sums. Tell me a story.

Teacher : No

(4)

10. Edit the following passage :

The higher education is that which does not merely gives us information, but make our life at harmony with all existence.

(4)

Rewrite the following sentence replacing the underlined words with an appropriate idiomatic expression from the bracket.

11. I'm not very fond of movies. I go to theatres very rarely only when there is a movie which I really want to see.

(1)

(Once in a Blue Moon, the Last Straw, Sit on The Fence).

Fill in the blank with an appropriate phrasal verb from the bracket.

12. Don't smoke in the forest. It ~~is~~ _____ easily at the time of the year.

(pass away, look forward to, break out)

(1)



Score
(5×5=25)

Questions (13 – 18) Answer any five (Five scores each).

13. Irfan Alam the Founder and Chairman of Samman Foundation visits your school to inaugurate the National Youth Day celebrations. You get an opportunity to interview Irfan Alam. Draft five questions you would ask him.
14. The academic system at Xavier's was different from the system in the U.S. Here a far more bookish form of learning replaced the academic rigour and intellectual stimulation. "I had received in Massachusetts", says Shaheen Mistri. If you are attending a panel discussion on "Experiential Learning Vs Bookish Form of Learning". What will be your points ? Prepare a short paragraph consolidating your points.
15. "The height's of harmony can be attained by nurturing some qualities and following certain principles that are essential to maintain the social fabric of human relations". In the light of your understanding the story 'Amigo Brothers', prepare the script for blog entry about this.
16. "I always compare women to matchboxes. Why ? Because of the way matchboxes are". This is how Ashapura Debi's short story 'Matchbox' begins. Do you think Nomita, the heroine of the story behaves like a matchbox ? Prepare the character sketch of Nomita in a short paragraph.
17. "And this, O Fate, is I think the most vicious circle that thou ever seatest, that Man has to go continually to dentist to keep his teeth in good condition when the chief reason he wants his teeth in good condition is so that he won't have to go to the dentist.
- a) Identify the figure of speech used in the lines. (1)
- b) Bring out the irony employed by the poet. (2)
- c) Identify the poet and the poem. (2)



Score

18. "Bringing a stone grasped firmly by the top
 In each hand, like an old-stone savage armed
 He moves in darkness as it seems to me,
 Not of woods only and the shade of trees.
 He will not go behind his father's saying,
 And he likes having thought of it so well
 He says again, 'Good fences make good neighbours'

- a) Identify the figure of speech used in the lines. (1)
- b) Why does the poet say that his neighbour is moving in darkness ? (2)
- c) Do you think 'Good fences make good neighbours'. Why ? (2)

Questions from (19 – 22) : Answer any two as directed (Eight scores each). (8x2=16)

19. The Anti Narcotic Club in your school has decided to conduct a seminar on 'Dangers of Drug Abuse' in your school. Read the programme details given below and prepare a report of the seminar.

Dangers of Drug Abuse

Venue : School Auditorium
 Time : 10 a.m.
 Date : 20-02-2019

Programme

Prayer : School Choir
 Welcome speech : Mr. Venugopalan M.G. (Principal)
 Presidential address : Dr. Kumaresh, Director, Anti Narcotic Cell
 Inauguration : Dr. Satheesh Chandran, IAS
 Felicitation : Smt. Sathi, Ward Councillor

Paper presentation :

- 1) Sensual Drugs and Medicines : Adithya
- 2) Drug Addiction and Personality disorders : Vennila
- 3) Physical Impacts of Drug Abuse : Varsha
- 4) Mental Impacts of Drug Abuse : Vichithra
- 5) Social Impacts of Drug Abuse : Sangeetha

Vote of Thanks : Krishna, School Leader
 National Anthem

OR



20. The contrast between the nostalgic expectations and reality as presented in the poem 'Rice' by Chemmanam Chacko reminds us of some harsh realities such as the disastrous vanishing of the vast stretches of water logged paddy fields and our indigenous varieties of food crops. Instead of a system of values, we have the market ruling us, making decisions for us. In the light of your understanding of the poem you decide to prepare an article on 'preserving agriculture and indigenous farming for sustainable development' to be published in the school magazine.
21. Mary Kom, the boxing legend etched her name in history by winning an unprecedented sixth gold in 48 kg category at the Women's World Championships in New Delhi last month. She is truly an empowered woman who dared the difference and broke stereotypes. On the occasion of Women's Day celebrations of your school. You would like to speak about Women daring the difference and stepping outside their comfort zones to empower themselves. Prepare the script of a speech you would deliver.

OR

22. Read the following advertisement and prepare an application for the job of a teacher. Also attach your resume.

Hurry !

XYZ Education Centre

Waiting for excellent teachers

Here is a golden chance for young dynamic talents to mould future citizens. Take the lead in creating the leaders.

- > Age not above 35 years
- > Post graduation (in any subject) with not less than 80 % marks
- > Fluency in English
- > Aptitude for teaching
- > Social Commitment
- > Apply within 10 days

23. To listen to K. Satchidanandan is to be reminded that there are beautiful and different perspectives. Read the excerpt from his poem 'The Mad' and compare it with 'Stammer' focussing on their theme and significances, poetic devices employed, language and structure.

The Mad

The mad have no caste or religion.
They transcend gender,
live outside ideologies. We
do not deserve their innocence
Their language is not of dreams but
of another reality. Their love
is moonlight. It
overflows on a full moon day.
Looking up they see
gods we have never heard of. They are
shaking their wings when
we fancy they are shrugging
their shoulders. They hold
even flies have souls,
and the green god of grasshoppers
leaps up on thin legs.
In a single day they reach
The big bang at the beginning
They go on walking restless for
their earth is boiling still.
The mad are not
mad like us.