

**RAJA RAVI VARMA GIRLS HIGHER SECONDARY SCHOOL, KILIMANOOR**  
**FIRST YEAR HIGHER SECONDARY PRACTICE MODEL EXAM-2023**

**ENGLISH**  
**Maximum: 80 Scores**

**Time: 2<sup>1/2</sup> Hours**  
**Cool - off time: 15 Minutes**

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**Instructions:**

- The first 15 minutes is the cool - off time.
- You may use this time to read the questions and plan the answers.

**Questions 1-4: Read the following passage and answer the following questions.**

Following their amused gaze, my eyes came to rest up on a squat, very ugly native seaman, with short legs and a large disproportionate head. I recognized him as the Indian serang or quarter master of the ship.

1. Who is the narrator in the passage? 1
2. Which word in the excerpt mean 'not very good to look at'? 1
3. Whom does the narrator describe as the quarter master of the ship? 1
4. Fill in the blanks suitably.  
If Hasan had not assisted the narrator at the time of the epidemic, \_\_\_\_\_ . 1

**Questions 5-8: Read the following lines and answer the questions that follow:**

I stood up on the hills, when heaven's wide arch  
Was glorious with the Sun's returning march.

5. Identify the poem. 1
6. Which figure of speech is employed in the above lines? 1
7. When does the poet stand up on the hills? 1
8. What is referred to as 'heaven's wide arch'? 1

**Questions 9-11: Answer all questions. Each question carries 2 scores. (3x2=6)**

9. "I shall work for an India in which the poorest shall feel that it is their country, in whose making they have an effective voice...."

a) Whose words are these?

b) What is the context of the excerpt?

10. Choose the correct alternative.

a) Neither of us \_\_\_\_\_ coffee. (prefers/prefer)

b) A lot of money \_\_\_\_\_ spend on infrastructure development. (is/are)

11. Report the following dialogue.

Gupta : Is the work you do to your liking?

Maggie : The work is very mechanical. I want work that will make me use my head, brain work".

**Questions (12-16) , Answer any FOUR questions. Each question carries 4 scores. (4X4=16)**

12. Elaborate the ideas conveyed in the following lines.

If you can dream - and not make dreams your master;  
If you can think - and not make thoughts your aim,  
If you can meet with Triumph and Disaster  
And treat those two impostors just the same:

13. Correct the errors and rewrite the passage.

Nevertheless, for about the year and a half, Hawking was lone and bored. He was not inspire to relieve his boredom by exerting himself academically.

14. A group of tourists visits Namuana village. Being a tourist guide of Namuana, how would you introduce them the place and its strange rituals. Prepare the script of an introductory speech.

15. Nicholai was overwhelmed with joy when his dream was fulfilled. On that night he was unable to sleep. He recorded his feelings in his diary. Write the likely diary entry.

16. 'Social media is deteriorating family relationships'. Write 4 arguments supporting the statement.

**Questions 17-20: Answer any TWO questions .Each question carries 5 scores. (2x5=10)**

17. Kalam's ideas on becoming unique impressed you a lot. You decided to share the same with your friend through an email. Draft an email.

18. Prepare a profile of William Wordsworth with the help of the hints given below.

Born	: 7 April 1770, United Kingdom
Known as	: Romantic poet, Nature poet, High priest of nature
Notable works	: Lyrical Ballads, The Prelude, The Solitary Reaper
Sister	: Dorothy Wordsworth
Honours	: Poet Laureate in 1843, Honorary Doctorate of Civil law from Durham University, 1838
Died	: 23 April 1850

19. The selfless service of Hasan at the time of crisis reminds: 'Action speaks louder than words.' You got an opportunity to meet the Serang of Ranaganji. Prepare a set of five questions you would like to ask him.

20. The seagull's joy knew no bounds when he enjoyed his first flight. He is extremely thankful to his mother for his achievement. Prepare a likely conversation between the young seagull and his mother.

**Questions 21-26: Answer any Four questions. Each question carries 6 scores. (4x6=24)**

21. Technology helps a lot to build concepts in differently abled children. Substantiate your views in the light of your reading of the story 'Conceptual Fruit'.

22. In this rapidly changing world, science and technology plays a vital role in the development of a nation. But nowadays, we find less articles based on scientific advancements. Write a letter to the editor requesting him to include a column for the same in the newspaper.

23. You are the reporter of a leading TV channel. You decided to cover the news of the take off of Le Horla at La Villette. Prepare the live TV report.

24. The laudable service of A J Cronin at the outbreak of the epidemic touched the hearts of the readers. Attempt a character sketch of A J Cronin.

25. You visited a place of scenic beauty. Narrate your travel experience to the place.  
(Hints : Physical features of the place - experiences - personal impressions)

26. The Souhrida Club of your school conducted a seminar on 'Drugs - A Rising Menace Among the Youth'. Prepare a report of the Seminar.

**( Hints: Prayer - Welcome speech - Presidential address - Paper Presentation - Main points - Interactive session - Vote of thanks )**

**Questions 27-30: Answer any TWO questions. Each question carries 8 scores . (2x8=16)**

27. Nicholai bought 300 acres of land with a farm house. He is urgently in need of a supervisor to look after his estate. Imagine you want to apply for the post. Prepare the application letter along with resume.

28. Timely intervention at the time of disasters can mitigate their impact. Do you agree? Write an essay in the light of the reading of the article 'Disasters and Disaster Management in India'.

29. As part of Gandhi Jayanti Celebrations in your school, you are asked to deliver a speech on 'The Relevance of Gandhian Ideas in the Present Scenario'.

**(Hints:** Fearlessness and truth - harmony - non violence - secularism - gender equality - will power)

30. Read the poem given below and write a critical appreciation of it.

**An Irish Airman Forsees His Death  
- WB Yeats**

I know that I shall meet my fate  
Somewhere among the clouds above ;  
Those that I fight I do not hate  
Those that I guard I do not love;  
My country is Kiltartan Cross,  
My countrymen Kiltartan's poor,  
No likely end could bring them loss  
Or leave them happier than before.

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