

RRV GIRLS HIGHER SECONDARY SCHOOL, KILIMANOOR
SECOND YEAR HIGHER SECONDARY PRE MODEL EXAM- 2023

ENGLISH

Maximum: 80 Scores

Time: 2^{1/2} 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.
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Questions 1-3: Read the following excerpt and answer the questions that follow:

Not even in my dreams I consider that to be the worst kind of betrayal. I don't think there is a greater sin than betraying someone's confidence. They tell me their worries because they know I will never talk about it or gossip about it to another person.

1. Who is the 'I' referred to in the passage? **(1)**
2. What attitude of the speaker can you infer from the above excerpt? **(2)**
3. Pick out the word from the passage which means 'disloyal'. **(1)**

Questions 4-6: Read the following lines and answer the questions that follow:

Oh, just another kind of outdoor game,
One on a side. It comes to little more:
There where it is we do not need the wall:
He is all pine and I am apple orchard.
My apple trees will never get across
And eat the cones under his pines, I tell him.
He only says, "Good fences make good neighbours."

4. Which outdoor game is mentioned in the above lines? **(1)**
5. Comment on the line 'Good fences make good neighbours'. **(2)**
6. 'My apple trees will never get across
And eat the cones under his pines, I tell him. Identify the figure of speech
employed in the line.

Questions 7 -10: Answer any three questions. Each question carries 2 scores. (3x2=6)

7. Read the interview with Irfan Alam and report it.
Interviewer : When did this turn into a true social venture?
Irfan Alam :As I understood more about the lives of the rickshaw pullers and their plight, it turned into a social cause.
8. "I can't do anymore, don't hope for anything from me."
Whose words are these? Why does the speaker say so?
9. Comment on the significance of the title 'Horegallu'.
10. Write two arguments in favour of the topic 'Is sustainable development still relevant?'

Questions 11 - 15: Answer any 4 questions. Each question carries 4 scores. (4x4=16)

11. Correct the errors and rewrite the passage.

There are about ten million rickshaws operating at India. Most of these rickshaw pullers does not own the rickshaws and instead rent them at a rate of 30 to 40 rupees per day.
12. Elaborate the ideas conveyed in the lines given below.

That is why everything he utters
from his prayers to his commands
stammers,
like poetry.
13. The Sports club of your school decided to conduct a football match. Being the secretary of the club, you are assigned to do the announcement before the match begins. Prepare the script of the announcement.
14. Tooth decay is a severe health problem among youngsters these days. Unhealthy food habits and the craze for junk food aggravate this problem. Now, write two do's and don'ts for maintaining oral hygiene.
15. Tompkins Square Park witnessed a stunning performance by the amigos. What excited the audience was the climax scene of the fight. Prepare a blog post expressing your views on the fight between Antonio Cruz and Felix.

Questions 16-18: Answer any two. Each question carries 5 scores (2x5=10)

16. The atrocities towards women is on the rise. Steps need be taken immediately to grip this grave issue. The English club of your school conducted a seminar on 'Empowering women- the need of the hour'. Prepare a report of the seminar.
(Hints: prayer, welcome speech, presidential address, keynote address, paper presenters, main points, vote of thanks)

17. 'Only fools turn to rice-farming for gain.
This is better money--what good times!
Prepare a short paragraph on the sad plight of the farmers who are forced to switch to cash crops when the market for food crops dropped.
18. Nomita was totally devastated when Ratna met her. She shared her worries with Ratna.
Prepare the likely conversation between Nomita and Ratna.

Questions 19-23: Answer any 4 questions. Each question carries 6 scores. (4x6=24)

19. You got an opportunity to meet the famous Nobel Prize laureate Wangari Maathai.
Prepare six questions you would like to ask her.
20. The Gender club of your school organizes a panel discussion on the 'Importance of Education in Women Empowerment'. Being the moderator, you are asked to welcome the panelists. Prepare the script of the speech.
(Hints: one or two sentences about women empowerment- five panelists -from educational field, politics, a student representative, celebrity, an entrepreneur- role of each panelist in their respective fields, etc.)
21. The sheer rise in the use of drugs has become a burning issue among the youth nowadays. Being the secretary of the Souhrida club, you decided to write a letter to the editor to provide a column exclusively for antidrug campaign.
22. Write a short profile on R.K. Narayan using the hints given below.

Born : 10 October, 1906, Chennai
Almamater : Maharaja's college
Notable awards : Padma Vibhushan, Sahitya Akademi, Padmabhushan
Famous works : Swami and Friends, The English Teacher, The Guide,
The Man Eater of Malgudi
Writing style : Simplicity and subtle humor
Died : 13 May 2001, Chennai

23. Robert Baldwin, in the one act play 'The Hour of Truth' is a man who is true to his self and conscience. He is very particular about 'going to his grave clean'. Attempt the character sketch of Robert Baldwin.

Questions 24-26: Answer any 2 questions in 180 words. Each question carries 8 scores. (2x8=16)

24. Shaheen Mistri has decided to open a new school for the children residing at the slum areas of Bangalore. She is in need of qualified English Teachers for her new school. Imagine you are a qualified and eligible candidate to apply for the post. Prepare an application letter and resume for the same.

25. The unprecedented climate change is one of the defining issues of our time. It is high time we took appropriate steps to preserve our nature. Prepare a speech on the topic 'The need of preserving nature and its resources'.
26. Read the poem given below. Compare and contrast it with 'Rice' and attempt a critical appreciation.

A BOWL OF RICE

Eric Cockrell

sad, but true...
for so many
people in this world
redemption is
a bowl of rice,
and a tent that doesn't leak...

what do you believe in?
what do you hope for?
do you believe enough
to make an effort?

a bowl of rice,
and a tent that doesn't leak!

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