

SECOND YEAR HIGHER SECONDARY EXAMINATION

SAMPLE QUESTION

Part-I

Time : 2 ½ hrs

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 familiarize yourself with the questions and plan your answers.
- Read questions carefully before answering.
- Write answer to the specific number of questions as instructed.
- Keep in mind, score and time while answering the questions.
- Electronic devices are not allowed in the Examination Hall.

Qns 1-4 Read the given passage and answer the questions that follow.

Three children ran up to my window, smiling and begging, and at that moment, I had a flash of introspection. Nothing too unusual had happened, but as I looked at them, I suddenly knew that my life would have more meaning if I stayed in India.

1. Who is the "I" referred to here? (1)
2. Pick out the word which means 'self examination' from the passage. (1)
3. What thoughts came into her mind when she saw the three children running upto her window? (1)
4. Why did she think that her life would have more meaning if she stayed in India? (1)

Qns 5-8 Read the given lines and answer the questions that follow.

And your mouth is like a section of road
that is being worked on.

And it is all cluttered up with stone
crushers and concrete mixers and drills

and stem rollers and there isn't a
nerve in your head that you aren't being
irked on.

5. Identify the poem and the poet. (1)
6. What does the poet compare the mouth to? (1)
7. Mention the poetic device used in the lines. (1)
8. Which word in the above lines mean the same as "scattered or
disordered"? (1)

Qus 9- 12 Answer any three of the following. Each question carries 2 score

Score: 3x 2=6

9. Explain the significance of the title "Horegallu".
10. One of your friends is suffering from regular migraine in the afternoon session at school. What pieces of advice would you give her to overcome the situation.
 - (i) You should.....
 - (ii) Why don't you.....
11. Report the following conversation.
Mrs Higgins : Where's your grammar?
Bertie : She's at home, Ma, watching the television.
12. Rewrite the sentence as follows.
 - (i) I love my subscribers.
(Rewrite the sentence beginning with "My subscribers.....")
 - (ii) You must send a reply.
(Rewrite the sentence beginning with "A reply.....")

Qns 13- 19 Answer any five of the following. Each question carries 4 score.

Score : 5 x 4= 20

13. Prepare a profile of Mr Robert Frost using the hints given below.

Born on	: March 26, 1874
Spouse	: Elinor Miriam White
Profession	: Poet, Playwright
Books	: <i>New Hampshire, A Boy's Will, Further Range, A Witness Tree</i>
Awards & Honours	: Pulitzer Prize (four times)
Died	: January 29, 1963

14. You happened to meet Mr Irfan Alam. As the Editor of the School Magazine, you got a chance to interview him. Prepare four possible questions.
15. Edit the following passage.
God have given me two ears for listen to others. I here them out with sympathy and without any judgements.
16. Prepare the character sketch of Nomita.
17. Elaborate the idea in the following lines in a paragraph.
“Before I built a wall I’d ask to know
What I was walling in or walling out.”
18. The Literary club of your school is going to conduct a skit based on the play “The Hour of Truth”. Prepare the script of an announcement prior to the enactment of the skit.
19. “He was their only child, they had abundant affection and ample money. They built a nursery, bought him expensive toys...”
These are the signs of ‘overparenting’. Write four arguments in favour or against it.

Qns 20- 25 Answer any five of the following. Each question carries 6 score.

Score: 5 x 6 = 30

20. Prepare a speech about the role of horegallu in one’s daily life.
21. After reading the poem “Stammer” by Satchidanandan. You are planning to make a blog entry regarding the different perspective of the poet. Prepare the likely blog.
22. You happened to know that your friend is involved in a wicked amoral friendship. Write an e-mail to him indicating the bad effects of drug addiction.
23. Imagine that you are a newspaper reporter and you witnessed the boxing contest between the amigo brothers that held at Tompkins Square Park. Prepare a newspaper report about the same.
24. Recently, the environment club in your school held a seminar on “Sustainable Development as part of Environment Day celebrations. Prepare the Seminar Report to be published in your School Magazine.
25. Now a days, people are struggling a lot because of street dogs. Prepare a letter to the Editor of a daily highlighting the horrifying situation of stray dog bites in your locality.

Qns 26- 28 Answer any two of the following. Each question carries 8 score.

Score: 8 x 2 =12

26. *Akanksha* foundation published an advertisement for selecting volunteer teachers in the outskirts of Mumbai city. Imagine that you are qualified for the post. Prepare an application form and resume for the same.
27. Nomita wished to send her mother some money secretly. But she failed to do that as she was uneducated and unemployed. Prepare an article for your school magazine about the 'Role of Education and Employment in Women Empowerment'.
28. Read the following poem and prepare an appreciation comparing it with the poem "Rice".

Farmers

Drenched in sweat
A life of toil
Placed at their feet
You reap what you sow
Written in their hearts
Servants of humanity
Hope is their daily bread
A prayer for all times
Farming is a passion

Not for the short- sighted
Not for the weak at heart
Not for the lazy
Farmers are the guardians of hope
Farmers are the unsung heroes
Fully armed
With magazines of seeds
Farmers are the elite soldiers
Always fighting
The war against poverty

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