

Reg. No : .....

Time : 2.30 Hours

Name : .....

Cool-off Time : 15 Minutes

HSE II

Part - 1

Maximum Score: 80

## ENGLISH

### HIGHER SECONDARY SECOND YEAR MODEL EXAMINATION -FEBRUARY 2023

#### General Instructions to the Candidates :

- *There is a cool-off time of 15 minutes in addition to the writing time.*
- *Use the 'Cool-off time' to read the questions and plan your answers.*
- *Read the questions carefully and attempt them according to the instructions.*

#### I. Questions No.s 1 – 7 : Answer all the questions as directed.

Read the excerpt and answer the questions that follow:

*“We are called to assist the Earth to heal her wounds and in the process heal our own, indeed, to embrace the whole of creation in all its diversity, beauty and wonder.”*

1. Who is the speaker? (1)
2. Find a word which means 'cure'. (1)
3. Present the idea contained in the excerpt in two sentences. (2)

Your friend is addicted to drugs. Write two pieces of advice about the dangers of drug abuse.

4. You should ..... (1)
5. You had better ..... (1)

6. The passage given below contains a few errors. *Edit* the passage appropriately: (4)

*Readers' theatre is a vocal rendering of the script for a play. There is no stage settings, costumes or actions involve in it. Readers' theatre was used in a language classroom to improve listening and reading skills.*

7. Change the following interview into *indirect speech*: (4)

Sujatha Ramprasad: *“Thank you very much for sparing the time to talk to us. We wish you the very best for your unique journey.”*

Irfan Alam: *“Thanks. It is with the blessing of my mentors and well-wishers that I carry my journey forward.”*

#### II. Questions No.s 8 – 13 : Answer any 5 questions in about 60 words. Each carries 4 scores.

8. The literary club of your school has decided to enact the One Act play, "The Hour of Truth" in the Youth Festival. You are asked to introduce the actors of the play to the audience. Prepare the script for the *compering*.

9. Imagine you are the speaker of the poem, "Rice". You have witnessed and wondered the drastic changes taken place at your native place. After reaching at home, you decide to send an email to your classmate at the University of Delhi about the expectation and reality you faced there. Prepare the *email*.

10. 'Success is not just about money or popularity; it is something beyond these'. The story of Shaheen Mistri is a laudable instance of this statement. Write your observation in the format of a *blog*.

11. '*Corporal punishment is essential in learning environment*'. Do you agree? Write your *arguments* in favour of or against the topic.

12. "*Good fences make good neighbours.*"

Analyse the poem, "Mending Wall" with special reference to the above line.

13. "Horegallu" is taken from Sudha Murthy's book, *The Old Man and His God: Discovering the Spirit of India*. The stories contain unheard tales from the remote corner of the country. She is trying to represent those hidden people who didn't have a voice till now. Now prepare a *blurb* of *The Old Man and his God: Discovering the Spirit of India* making use of the hints given below.

(Published in 2006 - Publisher: Penguin Books, New Delhi - Author of almost 50 books including *The Old Man And His God, Wise and Otherwise, Mahashweta, The Day I Stopped Drinking Milk..*)

III. Questions No.s 14 – 20 : Answer any 5 questions in about 80 words.  
Each carries 6 scores.

14. "Women are often the first to become aware of environmental damage," says Wangari Maathai. What is your opinion? Prepare a write-up.

15. *Sketch the character* of Nomita in the story, "Matchbox".

16. You are invited to deliver a speech at the school assembly on the topic, 'The Role of Educated Empowered Women in Building a Strong Nation'. Prepare the *speech* in about 80 words.

17. The Amigo brothers left the ring without waiting for the final results. Imagine, you are a reporter of a local daily and you witness the contest between the amigo brothers. Prepare a *newspaper report* for your newspaper.

18. Satchidanandan, the President of Kerala Sahitya Academy has visited your school as part a literary seminar. Imagine, you get a chance to *interview* with him. Frame six questions focussing on his poem, "Stammer".

19. Bring out the humour in the poem, "This is Going to Hurt Just a Little Bit". Write in a *paragraph*.

20. Motivated by the speech of Wangari Maathai, the Souhrida Club of your school has to know the activities of the Green Belt Movement and meet the authorities of the movement online. You've decided to write a *Letter of Enquiry* to them asking about the details of their activities, their projects and the schedule for online meeting. Prepare the letter.

IV. Questions No.s 21 – 23 : Answer any 2 questions in about 120 words. Each carries 8 scores.

21. You happened to see an advertisement of Sammaan Foundation, inviting business graduates for the post of the Assistant Manager in that firm. Inspired by the story of Irfan Alam, you would like to apply for the post. Prepare the *Application Letter and Resume*.

22. 'The addiction to drugs will destroy not only the addicted but the entire humanity.' Prepare an article on the topic, "Say NO to Drugs" based on the essay "Dangers of Drug Abuse."

23. Read the poem given below. *Compare and contrast* it with the poem, "Any Women" and attempt a critical appreciation.

Everything Dad

Joanna Fuchs

A little girl needs her daddy  
To love her with manly charm,  
To soothe her when she's hurt,  
And keep her safe from harm.

A girl needs her dad  
To show her a man who's good,  
To help her make right choices,  
As only a father could.

A woman needs her father  
Just to be aware,  
He'll always be there for her  
To sustain her and to care.

You've been all these things, Dad.

I hope that you can see  
How much I treasure you;  
You mean everything to me.

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