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Time: 2.5 hours
Cool-off time: 15 minutes
Maximum: 80 Scores

SECOND YEAR HIGHER SECONDARY EXAMINATION, MARCH 2023
Part I ENGLISH

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 get familiar with questions and plan your answers.
- Read questions carefully before answering.
- Write answers to the specific number of questions as instructed.

(Questions 1-8) Answer all the questions. Each carries 1 score (8×1=8)

Read the excerpts A and B and answer the questions that follow.

A. "It is ticking! It is ticking! You fool! But now it has stopped. I am ruined!"

1. Who is the speaker here?
2. What is ticking ?

B. When the boy obstinately said the same, he felt as if his finger were releasing the trigger: he reached across the table, and delivered a wholesome slap on the youngster's cheek.'

3. What crime did the teacher commit?
4. Which word in the passage means 'stubborn'?

Read the following lines and answer the questions that follow.

"Above us, a 'ship of the sky' roars northwards, drowning my brother's loud cries----"

5. Identify the poem and the poet.
6. What is the figure of speech used in the first line?
7. Report the following

Martha: Will the depositors lose much, Robert?

8. Change the voice:

At the centre of the ring, the referee was giving instructions to the youngsters.

Answer any 3 questions. Each carries 2 scores. (3X2= 6 marks)

9. Answer the questions after reading the passage from the play 'The Hour of Truth'.

"I've got only a few years to live but I'll live those as I've lived the rest of my life. I'll go to my grave clean."

- a. Who speaks these words?
- b. Who does he say so?

10. In the poem 'Rice', Chemmanam Chacko pictures how rubber trees have taken the place of paddy. How is the change reflected in the attitude of the farmer in the poem?

11. Your class is conducting a debate on the topic 'Environmental Conservation is more important than Economic Growth'. Write 4 arguments in favour of or against the topic.

12. Insert suitable prepositions in the following blanks.

'You must never set up any sort of contrariness or repression ----- the child's mind", declared the parents. You will damage him-----life.

Answer any 5 questions. Each carries 4marks (4X5=20)

13. 'Women should step outside their comfort Zones'. Discuss.

14. My father says with obvious pride. " Son we have stopped working on all the rice". Briefly explain the lines

15. The literary club of your school decides to enact the play ' Post Early for Christmas'. Prepare a script for announcing the programme with necessary details.

16. Attempt a character ketch of John in the play,'The Hour of Truth'.

17. The referee could not declare the winner in 'Amigo Brothers.' This is against the rules and regulations of a game. Discuss it briefly.
18. Suppose you are giving Irfan Alam some suggestions for redesigning the auto in 2023. What would be your ideas.
19. Do you think that the words, "just as it is with us now" refer to our response to burning social issues in general? Why?
- Question no.20 to 25. Answer any five questions in about 80 words. Each carries 6 marks (5X6= 30)
20. "There is an increasing realization and recognition that empowering women is an urgent need of time." Now write an article based on this statement, to be published in your school magazine.
21. A seminar on 'Increasing Environmental issues' was conducted in your school as per the following programme. Read it carefully and prepare a report of the seminar
 Topic: Environmental Issues
 Venue: School Auditorium
 Date : 08/02/2023
 Inauguration : School Principal
22. 'India was answering the search for purpose that I had felt ever since I was a child.' Shaheen Mistri telephoned her parents to try and explain her feelings and strong desire to move back to Mumbai.' Prepare a telephonic conversation happened between Shaheen Mistri and her father. There should be at least 6 exchanges.
23. 'Corruption curtails the development of a country'. But still corruption increases in our society because of greed for money, lack of commitment to society. Draft a letter to the editor of a famous daily expressing your concern.
24. In the poem 'Rice' the poet laments the loss of water logged paddy fields, farmers are forced to switch to cash crops, etc. Prepare a speech on the topic 'Possibilities and challenges of Farmers in Kerala', to be delivered on the occasion of Farmer's Day in your school.
25. Sudha Murthy, the writer of 'Horegallu' is awarded Padma Bhushan in 2023. Prepare an email to congratulate her and sharing the experience of reading the chapter 'Horegallu'.

Questions 26 to 28. Answer any 2. Each question carries 8 marks (8X2 = 16 marks)

26. Read the following poem and compare it with 'Any Women' by Katharine Tynan

To My Mother

- Edgar Allan Poe.

Because I feel that, in the Heavens above,
 The angels, whispering to one another,
 Can find, among their burning terms of love,
 None so devotional as that of "Mother,"
 Therefore by that dear name I long have called you—
 You who are more than mother unto me,
 And fill my heart of hearts, where Death installed you
 In setting my Virginia's spirit free.
 My mother—my own mother, who died early,
 Was but the mother of myself; but you
 Are mother to the one I loved so dearly,
 And thus are dearer than the mother I knew
 By that infinity with which my wife
 Was dearer to my soul than its soul-life.

27. Imagine that an Anti-narcotic club is being inaugurated at your school in the presence of the Chief Minister and other dignitaries. You are supposed to deliver a speech welcoming the guests as the leader of the school. Draft the speech.
28. An Essay writing competition is being conducted in your school in connection with the Environmental Day celebrations. Write an essay on the environmental curses, suggesting possible measures to overcome it.

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