

Time: 2.30 hours  
Score:80

Sample Question

ENGLISH

Qns 1-4 Read the following lines and answer the questions that follow.

I am their wall against all danger,  
Their door against the wind and snow,  
Thou whom a woman laid in a manger,  
Take me not till the children grow!

- 1.Mention the poem. 1
- 2.What does the term manger mean? 1
- 3.Find out the rhyming words of the stanza? 1
- 4.What does the mother pray to the god ? 1

Qns 5-8 Read the excerpt from ‘Crime and Punishment’ and answer the questions that follow.

“You must never set up any sort of contrariness or repression in the child’s mind”,declared the parents.”You will damage him for life.It no doubt requires a lot of discipline on our part,but it is worth it,” they declared primly.”We shall be brimnging up a healthy citizen”.

- 5.Find out the word in the passage which means suppressing a thought or desire. 1
- 6.Who according to the parents, needs to be disciplined? 1
- 7.Do you support the parents’ view?Give one reason to substantiate your view. 1
- 8.Why did the parents say it is worth it? 1

Questions 9-12. Answer any three of the following.Each question carries two scores.(3\*2=6)

9.Report the following conversation.

Assistant:How can you tell it’s a time bomb?

Farmer : They usually begin to tick just before they go off.

10. Stammer is no handicap

It is a mode of speech

Elaborate the idea of the given lines.

11. Complete the following sentences with appropriate phrasal verbs given in brackets.  
(put off , put up with , put on )

Never ..... anything that you want to achieve. Try to ..... the circumstances you come across.

12.Write two pieces of advice , you can give your friend who is addicted to drugs.

You should .....

Why don’t you .....

Questions 13-19.Answer any five of the following. Each question carries 4 scores  
(5\*4=20)

13 “Good fences make good neighbours”.

Explain this line from your view point.

14. Ratna is of great help to many. whoever talks to her is very much relieved. Imagine that you are in deep trouble. What will you tell her. write it in a paragraph.
15. 'Was this a fight to death'. The announcer in the story 'Amigo Brothers' exclaimed. If you were the announcer how would the announcement be like?
16. Write the character sketch of Robert Baldwin.
17. Prepare a blog entry of the poem 'Rice' by Chemmanam Chacko.
18. Ogden Nash gives us a fearful picture of dentist. Do you have any such experience explain.
19. Edit the following passage.

Nomitha pull the basket of potatoes towards herself and sits down to peel potatoes, and on her mind she keeps think about how she might be able, secretly, to sent her mother a few rupees.

Questions 20-25. Answer any five of the following. Each question carries 6 scores. (5\*6=30)

20. Nomitha was furious about Ajit's ugly habit. She writes a letter to her mother expressing her feelings. Write a likely letter.
21. Irfan Alam the founder and chairman of SammaN foundation visits your school to inaugurate the National Youth Day celebration. You got an opportunity to interview Irfan Alam. Draft 6 questions you would ask him.
22. With regard to his relationship with nature, man acts both as a hero and villain. He takes the roles of both preserver and destroyer. Unfortunately his selfishness prompts him to be a destroyer than preserver. In spite of being aware of the consequences he continues. Write a letter to the editor of a popular daily expressing your concern over the issue.
23. Drugs in the beginning were used for curing physical and mental illness. But when time passed these drugs were abused for sensual pleasure. How did it happen and how can we escape from this drug abuse?
24. Nature club of your school has conducted a seminar on 3Rs (reduce, reuse, recycle) of plastics. Prepare a seminar report.
25. You happened to be one among those students who participated in the summer classes of Akanksha. Now you feel that you owe Shaheen Mistri a lot for your present position. Draft an email expressing your gratitude.

Questions 26-28. Answer any two of the following each question carries 8 scores. (2\*8=16)

26. The Hour of Truth by Percival Wilde shows how an upright man resists the temptation of bribe. Prepare a speech to be delivered in the school assembly about the topic 'Honesty in public life'.
27. Read the following advertisement and prepare an application with resume.

SammaN foundation

Seeking entrepreneurs

Age 18-30 years

Qualification graduation in Commerce, fluency in English

Apply within a week

28. Read the following lines from the poem, 'Rock Me to Sleep' by Elizabeth Akers Allen. Compare it with Any Woman by Katharine Tynan.

## Rock Me to Sleep

Backward, turn backward, O Time, in your flight,  
Make me a child again just for tonight!  
Mother, come back from the echoless shore,  
Take me again to your heart as of yore;  
Kiss from my forehead the furrows of care,  
Smooth the few silver threads out of my hair;  
Over my slumbers your loving watch keep;—  
Rock me to sleep, mother, – rock me to sleep!

Mother, dear mother, the years have been long  
Since I last listened your lullaby song:  
Sing, then, and unto my soul it shall seem  
Womanhood's years have been only a dream.  
Clasped to your heart in a loving embrace,  
With your light lashes just sweeping my face,  
Never hereafter to wake or to weep;—  
Rock me to sleep, mother, – rock me to sleep!

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