

THALSSERY CLUSTER
BATCH-1
SAMPLE QUESTION PAPER FEB-2023
FIRST YEAR

Time : 2½ Hours

Cool off time-15 minutes

ENGLISH

Maximum: 80 Scores

PART – I

A. Questions 1-6: Read the excerpt and answer all the questions that follow.

The garlands wither on your more your mighty our brow;

Then boast no more your mighty deeds!

Upon death's purple altar now

See where the victor victim bleeds.

1. What is meant by Death's purple altar? (1)
2. Pick out the poetic device used in the lines. (1)
3. Explain the message conveyed by the above lines. (2)

Read the following passage and answer the given questions

He became popular and well accepted among his peers. They remember him as lively,

buoyant and adaptable. He wore his hair long, was famous for his wit, liked classical music and science fiction and took part in sports.

4. Whom does the passage mention about? (1)
5. What are the qualities of the person mentioned here? (2)
6. Pick out the word from the passage that means 'happy' (1)

PART – II

Answer any three questions. Each carries two marks: (3 x 2 = 6)

9. Maggie: Mr. Gupta, I do not know what you will think of the request I am going to make. Please forgive me if it is very very wrong.

Gupta : What is it? What do you wish to ask?

Change the above conversation in to reported speech.

10. Complete the sentences given below:

1. If you work with confidence _____

2. _____ I would fly.

11. Edit the passage given below:

After my address, hundreds of hands was raised for asking questions. Due to the limited availability on time, I selected twelve students at random, from the last row to the first to asking questions.

12. Complete the following passage choosing the right words given in the box below

Therefore, nevertheless, unfortunate

_____ was ill at the time of the scholarship examination for Westminster. _____ he attended the local St. Alban's school.

PART III

Answer any five questions from 13 to 18. Each carries 4 scores (5x4=20)

13. Your class has to conduct a debate on the topic 'Internet- A Menace to the Society'.

Prepare four arguments in favour of the topic

14. Briefly describe how H.W Longfellow experiences the beautiful sights and sounds in the poem 'Sunrise on the Hills'

15. In the story Gooseberries we come across two brothers Ivan and Nicholai. Which one of the two brothers was successful in life? Justify your answer.

16. In the poem 'To Sleep' the poet mentions about three sleepless nights. He intensely yearns for sleep. Have you ever had such sleepless nights? If so, write about the experience.

17. The details of the famous footballer Pele are given below. Using those details prepare a profile.

Edson Arantes Do Nascimento

Born-23rd Oct 1940, Brazil

Nick names-Dio, Pele, the black pearl

Career- Footballer

Notable awards- World cup-1958,1962,1970- Footballer of the year1973, FWA tribute award 2018

Honours- Youngest winner of FIFA world cup

Death- 29th December 2022

18. 'This is the India of my dreams'. Write about the India that Gandhiji dreamt of.

PART IV

Answer any five questions from 19 to 26. Each carries 6 scores (5x6=30)

19. In the story The Serang of Ranagangi, AJ Cronin and Hassan exhibited professional excellence in controlling the out break of small pox in the ship. Analyse the character of Hassan keeping in mind the qualities required in the time of disaster.

20. The poem The wreck of the Titanic describes the maiden voyage of the ship. Imagine that you are captain Smith addressing the passengers on board. Prepare an introductory speech welcoming the passengers on board.

21. There is no armour against fate. Prepare a write up on the inevitability of death.

22. Imagine that you got a chance to interview Stephen Hawking. Write six questions that you would ask him and his possible responses.
23. Stephen Hawking made the inaugural lecture in the Cockcroft lecture room on April 29, 1980. Prepare a newspaper report of the event.
24. You are the reporter of a television channel. You were asked to be present at Belgium to give the live report of the balloon landing. Prepare the live television report.
25. In the light of the lesson 'And then Gandhi Came', prepare a speech on the relevance of Gandhian ideals in the present day world.
26. In the lesson The Sacred turtles of Kadavu, you are familiarised with the ritual of turtle calling. You decide to write a letter to the Editor of a newspaper about the need to preserve such localities. Write the letter.

PART V

Answer any two questions from 27 to 30. Each carries 8 scores (2x8=16)

27. Write an essay on the topic Disasters and Disaster management in the light of the floods, landslides, earthquakes, etc. that occurred recently in India.
28. We live in an era of technological advancement. Try to analyse the merits and demerits of technology.
29. Prepare a travel essay about a place that you have visited.
30. Read the poem given below by William Blake and prepare an appreciation of it

Spring

Sound the Flute!

Now it's mute.

Birds delight

Day and Night;

Nightingale

In the dale

Lark in Sky,

Merrily,

Merrily, Merrily, to welcome in the Year.

Little Boy,
Full of joy;
Little Girl,
Sweet and small;
Cock does crow,
So do you;
Merry voice,
Infant noise,
Merrily, Merrily, to welcome in the Year.

Little Lamb,
Here I am;
Come and lick
My white neck;
Let me pull
Your soft Wool;
Let me kiss
Your soft face:
Merrily, Merrily, we welcome in the Year.

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