

SAMPLE QUESTION PAPER

FIRST YEAR HIGHER SECONDARY EXAMINATION

ENGLISH

Time :- 2 1/2hrs
Maximum Marks: 80

General Instructions

- .There is a 'Cool off time' of 15 minutes in addition to the writing time of 2^{1/2} hrs.
- .You are neither allowed to write your answers nor to discuss anything with others during the 'cool off time'.
- .Read the questions carefully before answering.
- .All questions are compulsory and the only internal choice is allowed.
- .When you select a question, all the sub-questions must be answered from the same question itself.
- .Electronic devices except nonprogrammable calculators are not allowed in the Examination Hall.

(Questions 1- 3) Read the excerpt and answer the questions that follows.

The question was from a teenager who had come from a far away village. He was nervous and a typical representative of the youth of India. The boy began speaking, Sir, I don't know what I should ask ,I am nervous.

1. Who is addressed by the teenager as 'Sir'? (1)
2. Which word in the extract means 'characteristic'? (1)
3. What was the real problem faced by the young boy? (2)

(Questions 4-6) Read the following lines and answer the questions that follows

The garlands wither on your brow;

Then boast no more your mighty deeds!

Upon Death's purple altar now

See where the victor-victim bleeds;

4. Identify the figure of speech in the given lines. (1)
5. Pick out the word having the sense 'fade'.. (1)

6. Express the meaning of the above lines (2)

Complete the following

7. If he works hard,..... (1)

8. If I were you,..... (1)

Questions (9-11) Answer any two of the following (2X2=4)

9. THE glories of our blood and state

Are shadows, not substantial things;

Elaborate the idea of the above lines

10. Report the conversation

Mrs Clifford: My son is in the Punjab. He is a soldier. What kind of a place is the Punjab?"

Mr Gupta: The Punjab is a fine place. There is little fever there. It is very healthy.'

11. Your class has to conduct a debate on the topic 'Internet – a menace to the society'.

Prepare four arguments in favour of the topic.

12. Edit the passage (4)

Back in the surgery, one of the lascars were in the grip of a violent rigour. I turn from the shivering man to the serang, who incalculable eyes remained fixed on me.

(Questions 13-19). Answer any four questions. Each carries 4 Scores. (4X4=16)

13. Prepare a profile of Joseph Rudyard Kipling from the hints given below :

Born : 30 December 1865, Mumbai

Education : United Services College

Short Stories : Rikki-Tikki-Tavi, The Man Who Would Be King, etc

Poems : Mandalay (1890), Gunga Din (1890), If (1910).

Fiction : The Jungle Book (1894), Kim (1901), The Light That Failed, etc.

Awards : Nobel Prize in Literature (1907), Audie Award for Audio Drama,
Audie Award for Excellence in Production.

Fields : English Journalist, short-story writer, poet, novelist.

Died : 18 January 1936, London, United Kingdom

14. Imagine that you are one among the audience at the inaugural function of

'Sasthrayan'and is very much influenced by the words of Dr. A P J Abdulkalam. Draft an e mail to your friend describing the experience.

15. After visiting an old age home,you are very much moved by the innocent look of the inmates .Write a letter to your friend sharing your thoughts about the love and care of parents and the need to protect them in their old age.

16. The Health Club of your school has conducted a debate on the topic ' Walking is good for health'.Write four arguments in favour and against the topic.

17. After the safe landing of Le Horla , you got an opportunity to interview Captain Jovis, Prepare six questions for the interview.

18.In 'Gooseberries' we come across two brothers, Nicholai Ivanich and Ivan Ivanich. Who, according to you, became a success in life? Substantiate your answer.

19. In the poem 'To Sleep' the poet mentions about the three sleepless nights he had. He intensely yearns for a night's sleep. Have you ever had such sleepless nights? If so, write about the experience. You can begin like this:

If I had slept well

(Questions 20-25)Answer any five questions. Each carries 6 Scores. (5X6=30)

20. After reading the story, 'Conceptual fruit your class conducts a group discussion on the topic, 'differently abled children and technology'. As the member who initiates the discussion, what would you say? Write your views on the topic in a paragraph.

21.In the story The Serang of Ranagangi ,Hasan says"What use is money to one who has all he needs".Do you agree with Hasan's attitude? Justify your answer in a paragraph.

22. In the essay Disater and Disaster Management in India,you have learn that constructing buildings according to proper guidelines can reduce the risk arising from disasters.While hearing about the recent Joshimath issue and the Turkey earthquake death tolls you feel that it is necessary to make the people aware of it. Draft a letter to the editor of a popular daily , bringing the urgency of the matter to the concern of the authorities.

23. "Travelling is really an eye opener", Based on the statement prepare a travel essay describing any of your favourite tourist spot.

24. Mrs. Clifford was down with illness, when there was no news of her son. Maggie gave a hard earned shilling to buy flowers to lay on her brother's grave. Prepare a short write-up on family relationships as portrayed in the story, "The Price of Flowers"

25. You are the reporter of a popular daily and is assigned to report the incident soon after the wreck of Tianic. Prepare the likely report .

(Questions 26-28) Answer any two questions. Each carries 8 Scores. (2X8=16)

26. Mahatma Gandhi's ideals are of immense importance in the present day. Prepare the draft of a speech that have to be delivered in the school assembly in connection with Gandhi Jayanthi celebrations: topic-India in the dreams of Mahatma Gandhi.

27. "I firmly believe that nature brings solace in all troubles." Anne Frank

This statement alone is sufficient to reveal the healing power of nature. Explain it based on the poem 'Sunrise on the Hills.'

28. Attempt a critical appreciation on the poem

'Home they brought her warrior dead:'

Alfred Lord Tennyson

Home they brought her warrior dead:
She nor swoon'd nor utter'd cry:
All her maidens, watching, said,
"She must weep or she will die."

Then they praised him, soft and low,
Call'd him worthy to be loved,
Truest friend and noblest foe;
Yet she neither spoke nor moved.

Stole a maiden from her place,
Lightly to the warrior stepped,
Took the face-cloth from the face;
Yet she neither moved nor wept.

Rose a nurse of ninety years,
Set his child upon her knee—
Like summer tempest came her tears—
"Sweet my child, I live for thee."

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