

SECOND YEAR HIGHER SECONDARY MODEL QUESTION PAPER

ENGLISH

Q1 - 4 Read the given passage and answer the questions that follow.

"What is needed to change this picture is a concerted effort to open the door to opportunity with what I call the 3Ls of Women Empowerment."

1. Identify the Speaker
2. What are the 3Ls of Empowerment?
3. Find out the word with the meaning 'done in combination'.
4. List out some challenges that today's women face

Q5 - 8 Read the given lines and answer the questions that follow.

" I am the pillars of the house

the keystone of the arch am I

Take me away, and roof and wall

Would fall to ruin me utterly"

5. Who is "I" referred to here?
6. Bring out the figure of speech in the first line
7. Identify the poet
8. Identify the poem

Q9 - 12 Answer any three of the following. Each question carries 2 score.

9. You have a friend who doesn't have confidence because of stammering. Write two pieces of advice to your friend.

You should

You must

10. Report the following conversation

Doctor: Are you happy?

Addict: i know this is a good day, but i don't feel it in my heart

11. " Can we get some husk from the center too

To make toys with it? I don't know"

Bring out the satire in the poem 'Rice'.

12. "We have seen our souls naked and they stink to Almighty Heaven!"

a. Who is the speaker?

b. What does he intend to convey?

Q13 - 19 Answer any five of the following.Each question carries 4 score.

13. The literary club of your school decided to enact the play ' Post Early for Christmas ' in connection with the school anniversary. Prepare a script for announcing the programme.

( Hints: Play, script, direction, background, music, actors, time, date and venue)

14. Prepare a blog on the poem ' Stammer ' by K . Satchidanandan.

15. Edit the following passage

It was 1983. We live in Jakarta on a lovely white colonial home on a street that was quiet. It was a pleasant, almost perfect life, until the day I took to visit a orphanage in the city

16." Education is a cure for unemployment " write two arguments in favour and against the topic

17. Prepare a Character Sketch of Nomita's Mother.

18. A panel discussion on the topic " we need more human horegallus like grandfather and Ratna" to be conducted in your school. Suppose you are the first panelist, what would be the points you suggest. Explain.

19. Prepare a profile of Robert Frost using the hints given below:

Name: Robert Frost

Born: March 26, 1874 San Francisco California

Title / Office: poet laureate (1958-1959)

Awards And Honors: Pulitzer Prize Bollingen Prize (1962)

Notable Works: "Mending Wall" "Mountain Interval" "North of Boston" "Stopping by Woods on a Snowy Evening" "Storm Fear" "The Death of the Hired Man" "The Road Not Taken"

Died: January 29, 1963 (aged 88) Boston Massachusetts

Q20 - 25 answer any five of the following. Each question carries 6 score.

20. Imagine that you are the reporter of a local TV channel. After the bout between Antonio and Felix, you were asked to interview them. Prepare a set of five questions to be asked to Antonio and Felix as part of the interview. (Hints: reason for quitting the scene without waiting for the result-thoughts during the fight, after the fight -their friendship- future plans etc.)

21. The following are some of the key points noted down by a reporter who was assigned the task of reporting the John Gresham-bank crash case Wrecking of the bank

. Mr. John Gresham found guilty

. Mr. Gresham arrested

Robert Baldwin-only witness

. The trial begins in twenty four hours

. The bank closed down

Based on the points, prepare a report of the incident. Give a catchy title to the report.

22. After reading the lesson " When a sapling is planted" write a e-mail to your friend emphasizing the need to cultivate food crops and develop farming culture.

23. Imagine that your school is leading an anti- drug campaign. Prepare a speech to be delivered on the inaugural function of the campaign.

24. If children are not physically punished when they do wrong their personal development will suffer, based on the proverb "spare the rod, spoil the child". Comment your views about Corporal punishment based on the story ' Crime and Punishment '.

25. A river that flows through your Village is contaminated because of human waste and dumping of garbage. Draft a letter to the editor of a leading national daily, highlighting the issue.

Q26 - 28 answer any two of the following. each question carries 8 score.

26. Nomita depends on her husband on financial matters. If she was independent, she could have sent money to her mother. Write an essay on the need for women empowerment today.

27. Read the following poem and prepare an appreciation comparing it with the poem 'Rice'.

Tribute To The Farmer

The indifferent smell of dung and dry grass may not be so pleasing and high-classed Yet it excels the scent of smoke that makes many people cough and choke.

The Villagers live cherishable lives unlike the city people who curse and groan. Peace, satisfaction and merriness thrives in the neighbourhood where greed is unknown.

They're always seen working hard in the field trying to get an extraordinary yield. For it is they who give us the day's boost with the help of the crops they have produced.

The Villagers brave the warm waves of heat; ploughing the field and mixing manure. They ask for some rest, a seat or a treat only when they make sure that the crop is mature.

Rice, Maize, Millet and Wheat

along with plentiful veggies like beet. They grow all the greens that are very nutritious which help in making our food so delicious.

It's time we pay tribute to the people who work so hard everyday it is only because of them we are here today.

Don't ever think that their work is mere

Srivishnu Rentala

28. You happen to see the following advertisement and get interested and decide to apply for the same. Prepare an application and resume.

Vacancy Announcement

A reputed manpower company invites applications for the following posts. .

No.1: Manager

Qualification: Should be a graduate in Commerce, experience in the manpower field, good communication skills in English, age above 30 years.

Apply with Resume within 7 days: [info@samintl.co.in](mailto:info@samintl.co.in)

Only short listed candidates will be called for an interview.

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