

**FIRST YEAR HIGHER SECONDARY EXAMINATION
MODEL QUESTION PAPER
ENGLISH**

Questions 1-3

Read the given passage and answer the questions that follow

The huntress from Cheltenham swung round, bent her wit, her fascinations upon me. ‘Where did you keep him during the entire voyage, Doctor dear? In a special cage?’

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| 1. Who is referred to as ‘huntress’ here? | 1 |
| 2. Who does she speak about in the passage? | 1 |
| 3. What do you learn about the lady’s character from this comment? | 2 |

Questions 4-6

Read the given lines and answer the questions that follow.

Out of Southampton she swung with the stream,
A poem of iron, and steel, A sea dream.
And thousands on shore, watched her streaming away:
The largest and grandest of all ships that day.

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| 4. Identify the poem and the poet. | 2 |
| 5. Who is ‘she’ referred to in the poem? | 1 |
| 6. Identify the figure of speech in the poem. | 1 |

7. Report the following conversation. 4 marks

You cannot imagine how glad I am to see you, gentlemen,’ said Aliokhin, coming after them into the hall. ‘I never expected you. Pelagueya,’ he said to the maid, ‘give my friends a chage of clothes. And I will change, too. But I must have a bath. I haven’t had one since the spring. Wouldn’t you like to come to the bathing-shed?’

Use the correct form of the verb given in brackets.

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| 8. If you(play) well, you would have won the match. | 1 |
| 9. If he(come), we will start without him. | 1 |

10. Edit the following 4 marks

Music is once the preserve in the living room or the concert hall. It was sometime solitary but it was primarily an an shared experience, sometimes that brought people together.

11. In the poem ‘To Sleep’, William Wordsworth speaks about his experience of staying sleepless at night. Give 4 suggestions for a sound sleep. **4 marks**

**12. Choose the appropriate cohesive device from the box and fill in the blanks.
(firstly, although, moreover)**

Walking is a good form of exercise.Max Beerbohm didn’t like going out for walks, he had been taken out for walks.in London city nobody used to call him for a walk.

Attempt any four questions. Each question carries 4 marks.

13. Given below are the details in the life of the famous playback singer Vani Jayaram. Prepare her profile using the hints.

Born	:	30 th November, 1945, Vellore
Parents	:	Duraisamy Iyengar – Padmavathi
Spouse	:	Jayaram
Education	:	Lady Sivasamy High School, Chennai Queen Mary’s College, Chennai
Career	:	Playback Singer, recorded 4000 songs in nearly 2500 films
Achievements	:	Filmfare awards in 1980 and 2015 Padma Bhushan (declared to be presented in 2023)
Death	:	4 th February 2023, Chennai

14. Elaborate the ideas in the following lines

The glories of our blood and statement
Are shadows not substantial things
There is no armour against fate

15.. “Cyberspace a boon or a curse”. The Debate Club of your school conducts a debate on the topic. Write four arguments for/against the topic.

16. Attempt the character sketch of Maggie

17. Write a short note on the traits of an ideal citizen in the light of the poem ‘If’.

18. Prepare a Travel Info about a place you have recently visited.

Attempt any four. Each question carries 6 marks

19. Success is undoubtedly the fruit of persevere. Prepare an essay on the struggles underwent by the young seagull to overcome its fear of flying.

20. Nature has an inherent capacity to lessen the pain and sufferings of human beings. Justify this statement citing experiences from your life.

21. Draft a live TV report of Le Horla’s take off.

22. The legend of the turtles of Kadavu has surprised you very much. You want to share the joy of having understood the legend with your friend in Delhi. Draft an email to your friend.

23. “Technology extends a helping hand to differently able. Technology satisfies the needs of the differently abled children. Write a letter to the editor highlighting the importance of technology development in empowering differently abled children.

24. “I realised that superstition was not confined to India.” Gupta feels so. Recently in Kerala two women were brutally killed in the name of superstition. Is it acceptable in a civilized society. Write an article on “The growing superstition beliefs among people.”

Answer any two of the following. Each question carries 8 scores

25. Disasters cannot be prevented, but their impact can be reduced through proper disaster management. Do you think different measures of rehabilitation and rescue operations are sufficient to manage disasters? Prepare an essay on disaster management in India.

26. There can be no room in such an India for the curse of untouchability or the curse of intoxicating drinks and drugs. Women will enjoy the same right as men...This is the India of my dreams." Gandhi has said.

Do you think that women enjoy the same right as men. Prepare a speech on the topic "The place of women in the present society" to be delivered on women's day.

27. Read the poem given below and attempt an appreciation

Life

Life, the wonderful dream
Never meets with reality
Till its final moment
called death
Every day we dream of
Conquering new continents
And kingdoms
Without realizing
All are illusions
And without realizing
The final reality
Will one day envelop us.

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