

HIGHER SECONDARY EXAMINATION FIRST YEAR

ENGLISH

MODEL QUESTION PAPER 2023

Answer all the questions from 1 -8. Each carries 1 mark.

Then a monstrous terror seized him and his heart stood still. He could hear nothing . But it only lasted spread outwards. The wind rushed against his breast feathers, then under his stomach and against his

1. Who is 'he' referred to here ? (1)
2. Why was the young bird terrified ? (1)
3. How did it overcome its fear ? (1)
4. Give the meaning of the word ' seized' (1)

If you can fill the forgiving minute
With sixty seconds worth of distance run,
Yours is the Earth and everything that is in it,
And, which is more - you will be a man, my son !

5. Identify the poem and the poet (1)
6. What is the figure of speech used in 'unforgiving minute' ? (1)
7. What is the central theme of the poem?(1)
8. What is the reference to time in the given lines ?

Question 9-14: Answer any Five questions. Each carries 4 scores (5×4 = 20)

9. Dr.Kalam emphasizes the importance of being unique to achieve success. What are the qualities ne
10. The mother seagull calls and cajoles the young seagull to make him fly. Imagine the conversation
11. Elaborate the idea in the following lines
"Your heads must come
To the cold tomb:
Only the actions of the just
Smell sweet and blossom in their dust "
12. Attempt the character sketch of Maggie.
13. Report the following conversation:
"Would you mind walking ? She asked.
"Not at all. I answered, if it's not difficult for you.
14. Prepare a news paper report on the sinking of the 'Titanic'.

Questions 15-21: Answer any Six. Each carries 6 scores (6×6= 36)

15. Imagine that you are Guy de Maupassant.You want to share your mesmerizing experience of hot a
16. Prepare a live T.V report of the ritual turtle calling
17. Ivan disapproves Nichola's money-mindedness and regrets that he can't start his life anew. He rea
character of Ivan.
18. Imagine that you are a tourist guide in Fiji. Write the script of a welcome speech to adress the tour
19. Prepare an article on the importance of physical education in schools.
20. Imagine that after the voyage AJ Cronin writes a letter to the director of the company which on the
Hasan rendered during the voyage. He also requests the director to reward Hasan with a promotion in
would write.
21. Prepare a brief profile of Javaharlal Nehru developing the hints given below
Born : 14th November 1889
Education : Harrow School , Trinity College, Cambridge

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Profession: Barrister
Literary Works : Letter From a Father to His Daughter , An Autobiography
Prime Minister of India : 1950- 1964
Died : 27 May 1964
Resting Place : Shantivan.

Questions 22-24: Answer any two. Each carries 8 scores.

22. Prepare a speech on the relevance of Gandhian principles in the present scenario.

23. Travel is an eye opener. It gives us interesting experience. Prepare a travel essay of any place of your choice.

24. Prepare a critical appreciation of the given poem

PEACEFUL SLEEP

In this big room people stir
Soundly Sleeping one by one
For this moment all is gone

One moment at least feel peace when a sleep
Down one little pill and you are drifting down Deep

Close your eyes and let it go
Drift away nice and slow
The fear inside you disappears
When you are a sleep on one hears
Not even you

No pain ful movie scenes
No scary magazines
No torture no re-living
The pain you have been given

Calm peaceful sleep is all I pray
Please help me somehow find away
Morning breaks birds flutter and sing
What will this day promise to bring
I hope to go home and get back on track
And recover this traumatic hidden track

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