

SAMPLE QUESTION PAPER (ENGLISH FIRST YEAR)

Answer all questions from 1-3

Read the following excerpt and answer the questions that follow.

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1. Who is the speaker? (1)
2. Which word in the passage means 'false belief'. ? (1)
3. What is the superstition mentioned here? (2)

B. Answer all questions from 4 to 6

Read the following lines from the poem and answer the questions that follow.

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4. What is mentioned here as the 'blessed barrier between day and day'. '(1)
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Answer any three questions from 7 to 10. Each carries 2 scores.

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Answer any five questions from. (11 to 17) each carries 4 scores.

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Prepare four points in favour of the topic..

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Answer any five questions from 18 to 23 each carries (6 scores)

18. Prepare a profile of the writer using the hints given below

Born..... 19Aug 1951 Shiggaon Karnataka

Education: BVB college of engineering. Cornell University New York

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Occupation:Chairperson of Infosys foundation, Children's writer.

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21.Imagine that Mr Gupta sends an e-mail to his sister about his meeting with the Clifford family. Draft the e-mail.

22.your school has conducted a seminar on the topic use and abuse of cyberspace. Prepare a report of the seminar to be published in the school magazine.

23 . Imagine that you are the reporter of local daily. you visited a place hit by an earthquake. Prepare a newspaper report for your daily.

Answer any two questions each carries 8 scores

24.Mahatmagandhi speaks about the needs to fight social evils. Prepare a script of a speech to be delivered in the school assembly... "Role of the youths in fighting social evils"

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