

SAMPLE QUESTION PAPER (ENGLISH FIRST YEAR)

Score-80

Time 2.30 Hrs

Questions 1-3 . Answer all questions in one or two sentences. Each question carries 1 score

1. Read the lines given below and answer the questions that follow

" Without Thee what is all the morning's wealth?

Come , blessed barrier between day and day,
Dear mother of fresh thoughts and joyous health!"

- (a) Identify the poet and poem? (1)
- (b) Who is "thee" referred to here? (1)
- (c) Identify the poetic device in these lines? (1)

(d)How is sleep described here (1)

2. Complete the following sentences

a) If I had more time,.....

b) If you don't eat anything,

3.Fill in the blanks with appropriate words given below

(Therefore, however, moreover)

....., both private and public buildings should be constructed according to the guidelines prescribed by law. constructions should strictly adhere to the master-plan approved by the authorities.

Questions 5-6. Answer any two. Each question carries 2 scores

5. The title of story 'Conceptual Fruit' reflects the theme of the story. Do you agree? Write your opinion in two sentences. Begin the sentences as follows:

In my view,.....,

I believe.....,

6. The purpose of disaster management is to mitigate the impact of disasters. Give two suggestions to reduce deaths and destruction during disasters

Questions 7-13. Answer any 5. Each question carries 4 scores.

7. In the story 'His First Flight' , the mother motivated the young seagull to fly. Have you ever played the role of a motivator? Write an account of an experience in which you motivated someone to overcome a difficult situation.

8. Every land has its own unique customs and traditions. As the reporter of a local daily, you are asked to report a local ritual. Prepare a live TV report.

9. You get a chance to interview the boy who asked questions to APJ Abdul Kalam. Prepare four questions to ask him.

10. Prepare a profile of James Shirley using the hints given below

Birth : September 1596

Education: London

First poem : Echo(1618)

Career: Master of St. Alban's School from 1623 to 1625

Number of plays. : 30

Death: October 1666

11. Your class conducted a debate on the topic 'Headphone usage among teenagers'. Prepare two arguments on the advantages and two on the disadvantages.

12. You are impressed by the poem if" Write an e-mail to your friend about the qualities you want to develop to be a successful person. Draft the email.

13. 'Elaborate the following lines

'Sceptre and crown

Must tumble down

And in the dust be equal made

With the poor crooked scythe and spade.'

Questions 14- 19. Answer any 5. Each question carries 6 scores

14. "Life is either a daring adventure or nothing at all. " Helen Keller. Was it true in the case of Stephen Hawking? Prepare a write up analysing the challenges he had to face to be the supernova of physics.

15. Natural disasters like Tsunami and earthquakes claimed the lives of many .Still the greedy people have been cruel to nature. Imagine you are much disturbed by the cruel approach of human beings towards the natural resources. You decide to write a letter to the editor of a daily expressing your concerns about the exploiting mentality of modern man. Draft the letter you would like to send to the editor?

16. Prepare a newspaper report on the wreck of the Titanic.

17. Do you think there should be physical education in schools? Prepare a write up stating why or why not.

18. . Ivan and Nicholai sought the pleasure dome of life viewing it from different angles. Analyze the character of the two focusing on the difference in the attitudes of the two towards life.

19. After knowing about her brother's death, Maggie is unable to sleep. One day Mr. Gupta receives a call from her. Prepare a likely conversation between Maggie and Mr. Gupta.

Questions 20-22 .Answer any two. Each question carries 8 scores

20. Write an article on the relevance of Gandhian thoughts in the modern world.

21. Have you ever been to a tourist destination? How was your trip?Write a travel essay about your visit.

22. Read the following poem and prepare a critical appreciation

Nature is what we see

Emily Dickinson

Nature' is what we see—

The Hill—the Afternoon—

Squirrel—Eclipse—the Bumble bee—

Nay—Nature is Heaven—

Nature is what we hear—

The Bobolink—the Sea—

Thunder—the Cricket—

Nay—Nature is Harmony—

Nature is what we know—

Yet have no art to say—

So impotent Our Wisdom is

To her Simplicity.

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