

First Year Higher Secondary Examination
ENGLISH

Time : 2 1/2 hrs

Max Score : 80

Questions 1-4. Read the given passage and answer the questions that follow. Each question carries one score.

Much that he said we only partially accepted or sometimes did not accept at all. But all this was secondary. The essence of his teaching was fearlessness and truth, and action allied to these, always keeping the welfare of the masses in view. The greatest gift for an individual or a nation, so we had been told in our ancient books was Abhaya, not merely bodily courage but the absence of fear from the mind.

1. Who is 'he' referred to ?
2. What was the essence of Gandhiji's teaching?
3. Pick out the word which stands for 'group' from the passage.
4. What does the word 'Abhaya' mean? (4 X 1 = 4)

Questions 5-7. Read the given lines and answer the questions that follow.

THE glories of our blood and state
Are shadows, not substantial things,
There is no armour against Fate.

5. What does the word ' blood' mean? (1 X 1 = 1)
6. Elaborate the idea in the above lines. (1 X 2 = 2)
7. Identify the figure of speech implied in the stanza. (1 X 1 = 1)

Questions 8-11. Answer any three of the following. Each question carries two scores.

8. In the poem " If" a father gives advice to his son on becoming a good citizen. Write any two qualities of a good citizen.
9. What were the two factors that helped the young seagull in his first flight?
10. Report the following conversation.

Mr. Gupta: "How is it that you know anything about India?"

Maggie : "My elder brother is in India. He is a soldier"

11. Complete the following sentences with correct tense form.

a) I will be very happy, IF you(come) to my party.

b) If I had his address, I(write) to him.

(3 X 2 = 6)

Questions 12-18. Answer any five of the following. Each question carries four scores.

12.Edit the following passage.

Nevertheless for about an year and a half Hawking is lonely and bored. He was not inspired to relieve his boredom of exerting himself academically. But halfway through his second year, he begins enjoying Oxford.

13.Imagine that you are a journalist and you get a chance to interview a maiden who participated in the ritual, 'the turtle calling'. Write four questions that you might ask her.

14.'Money like vodka, can play queer tricks with a man'. This is not true in the case of Hasan. Do you agree with Hasan's attitude towards money? Justify your answer in a paragraph.

15.Technology is a 'dangerous master.' Write four points **For** or **Against** the statement.

16."Sleep is the mother of fresh thoughts." Substantiate it.

17. Parents are our backbones. Comment on 'positive parenting' in the light of 'His First Flight'.

18.Maggie and her mother are superstitious . What is your opinion about superstition? (5 X 4 = 20)

Questions 19-24. Answer any five of the following. Each question carries six scores.

19.Ivan Ivanich said "My brother Nicholai, sitting in his office would dream of eating out in the open air, and of sleeping in the sun, and sitting for hours together on a seat by the gate and gazing at the forest. Attempt a character sketch of Nicholai Ivanich.

20.Dr.APJ Abdul Kalam inaugurated the 'Sasthrayaan programme'. Imagine that you were present on the occasion as a reporter of a leading daily. Prepare a newspaper report of the programme.

21.Earthquake in Syria and Turkey really shocked the world. We know that many parts of our country are also prone to earthquake. Are we equipped to face a disaster like that? .Write a letter

to the editor of a newspaper expressing your concern.

22. Write a travel essay of the place that you have visited recently.

(Hints : scenic beauty , the practical issues , your experiences, personal impressions, menu, accommodation etc.)

23. Prepare a profile of Stephen Hawking using the data given below.

Birth : 1942 January 8, Oxford England

Education: St. Alban's School, Oxford University, Cambridge University

Contracted rare disease – amyotrophic lateral sclerosis, 1963.

1965- married Jane Wilde.

1965- received research fellowship at Caius

2005- released a book ' A Brief History of Time'

Death – 14 March 2018

24. In order to maintain a healthy mind, we need a healthy body. Physical education is important for health. Prepare a write-up on the importance and need of physical education for higher secondary students. (5 X 6 = 30)

Questions 25-27. Answer any two of the following . Each carries eight scores.

25. Mahatma Gandhi dreamt of an India which is devoid of intoxicating drugs and drinks, an India in which women enjoy equal rights as men. But it is pathetic that the ignited youth of India is in the grip of drugs and women are still facing atrocities. How far do you think, we could achieve Gandhi's dream? Write an essay.

26. Your success will be determined by your own confidence and attitude. Prepare a speech on the topic. You can cite instances from the lessons ' His First Flight' and 'I Will Fly.'

27. Read the following poem and prepare an appreciation of it.

Upon Westminster Bridge

Earth has not anything to show more fair

Dull would he be of soul who could pass by

A sight so touching in its majesty

This city now doth like a garment wear

The beauty of the morning : silen, bare,

Ships, towers, domes, theatres, and temples to

Open unto the fields, and to the sky,

All bright and glittering in the smokeless air

Never did sun more beautifully sleeping
In his first splendour valley, rock, or hill;
Ne'er saw I never felt, a calm do deep!

The river glideth at his own sweet will:
Dear God! the very houses seem asleep;
And all that mighty heart is lying still.

(Westminster Bridge- The bridge across the river Thames in London, hath – has, doth – does, dome-
round roof, glideth- glides) (2 X 8 = 16)

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