

Higher Secondary Second Year Model Question Paper

English

1. Read the following passage and answer the questions that follow.

Her words uncannily echoed my grandfather's sitting on the stone bench Under The Banyan tree. Perhaps, in their own small ways, without access to great wealth, both these people were doing tremendous Social service.

(a) Whose words are these? (1)

(b) Find another word from the passage which can substitute the word 'strangely' (1)

(c) Do you think that they are doing tremendous social service? (2)

Attempt any six questions from question numbers 2-8.

2. Elaborate the lines.

I am the house from floor to roof.

I deck the wall , the board I spread

I spin the curtains, the warp and woof

And shake the down to be their bed. (4)

3. Edit the passage.

Initially the work is difficult because they were unaware that a degraded environment lead to a scramble in scarce resources and may culminate to poverty and even conflict. (4)

4. ' Indian education system is highly bookish form of learning '

Write 4 points in favour of or against the topic.

5. Report the conversation.

Mrs Jones : I am very well, thank you. Have you finished your Christmas shopping. I am still in the middle of mine.

Mrs Smith : I have posted my cards and presents.

6. Prepare a blurb of any book you have read. (4)

7. You have read the poem, 'Stammer' by K Sachidanandan. Prepare a blog presenting your impression on the different perspectives presented in the poem. (4)

8. Prepare a profile of Irfan Alam (4)

Attempt any 6 from the following (9-14). Each carries 6 scores.

9. Sketch the character of Namitha.

10. Prepare a newspaper report on the much awaited boxing match between Amigo brothers.

11. After reading the essay "Dangers of Drug Abuse" you become worried about the consequences of drug abuse among young generation .So you decide to share your views through a blog. Prepare the blog.

12. The nature Club of your school has conducted a seminar on 'food crops should be preferred to cash crops' as part of observing World Environment Day. Prepare the seminar report.

13. According to the father in the poem 'Rice' only fools turn to rice farming for gain. However the poet becomes interested in involving in rice cultivation. Write a letter to the secretary of Gram Panchayat enquiring about new government policies and subsidies for farmers. Frame the letter.

14. Attempt a character sketch of Robert Baldwin.

Attempt any two of the following.(Questions 15-17)

15 You happened to see an advertisement in The Hindu seeking qualified hands for the post of lecturer in English in a private college .Prepare the job application letter and resume. (8)

16. Prepare a speech on ' Women empowerment' focusing on the role of leadership qualities citing examples of successful women from Kerala (8)

17. Read the poem given below

Dear neighbour

By Jovanni Edward

How are you doing today?
The grass is green
The sun is shining
We are alive to see a new day
We live by one another
On this huge planet that is our home ,
On this huge planet that is our home.
If we can all learn to greet one another
And treat one another with love
Then what good will be able to come?
I understand dear neighbour
We may not know one another's name
Nor see one another often,
It is easy to feel as if we are strangers
But that is not true, I promise
Sir please don't fear me, dear neighbour
I am just a simple man.

Compare the poem with 'mending wall '

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