

SECOND YEAR HSS QUESTION PAPER, ENGLISH

Time: 2 1/2 Hours

Cool off time: 15 Minutes

Maximum: 80 Score

(Question Nos. 1 – 6): Answer the questions as directed.

1*6=6

Read the excerpt from ‘When, a Sapling is Planted’ and answer the questions that follow:

‘Later, they became aware of the widespread destruction of the ecosystems, especially through deforestation, Climatic instability and contamination of the soil and waters – all contributed to excruciating poverty and subsequent riots.’

1. Who does the speaker refer to as ‘they’? (1)

2. What was the main reason for the destruction of the ecosystem? (1)

3. Which word from the options given, can best replace the word ‘excruciating’?
 - a) Entertaining
 - b) Progressing
 - c) Agonising

Read the lines from the poem ‘Stammer’ and answer the questions that follow:

‘Stammer is the silence that falls
between the word and its meaning
just as lameness is the
Silence that falls between
the word and deed.

4. What is common to ‘stammer’ and ‘lameness’?

5. Identify the figure of speech employed in the lines.

6. What does the poet think of ‘stammer’?”

7. Convert to Reported Speech

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MRS JONES : You are lucky. I dont want these presents damaged, miss, so please see that they are handled very carefully.

ASSISTANT : We will do our best, madam, although it would have been better if they had been posted last week

8. Edit the Passage

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His parents say once that the boy is an little angel, all dimples, smiles, and sweetness only wings lacking. He was there only child, they had abundant affection and ample money.

9. You have come to know that your close friend is having severe toothache. Frame four sets of suggestions you would make before him/her. 2

You may use expressions like:

I think you should/ If I were you, I

Write any four questions in paragraph.

(4*5)

10. Your class is conducting debate on the topic “Corruption curtails the development of the society”. Write four points in favour of the topic.

11. Prepare an announcement on the final round of the fight between amigo brothers.

12. Elaborate the idea conveyed in the lines given below:

‘I am the pillars of the house;
The keystone of the arch am I
Take me away, and roof and wall
Would fall to ruin me utterly.’

13. Prepare a blog on how entrepreneurship tackles unemployment.

14. Prepare a write up on your experience as Horegallu.

15. How does stammer reflect the social problems in the society?

Answer any 5 questions in about 80 words. Each carries 6 scores. (5 × 6 = 30)

16. When a sapling is planted is a speech focusing on the conservation of nature . Prepare a write up on the environmental degradation.

17. Your school is conducting on anti-drug campaign on drug abuse. Rishiraj Singh sir is inaugurating the session. You are interviewing him. Write 3 possible questions and responses.

18. A horegallu is essential in any journey. It is more so when people around us are too busy in their own worlds. You feel that it is necessary to post counsellors in schools so that students can reveal their fears and joys to them. Write a letter to the Minister of Education requesting him to take necessary steps in this regard.

19. Robert Bladwin is a role model to all of us. Prepare a character sketch of Robert Bladwin.

20. Prepare a report on the school anniversary conducted in your school.

(Hints: Venue, date, inauguration, paper presentation)

21. The story of Amigo Brothers is always heart, warming. You want to share your appreciation of the story with your friend in Bengaluru. Draft an e-mail conveying the essence of the story so as to inspire your friend to read it at the earliest.

Answer any 2 questions, each in about 140 words. Each carries 8 scores.(2×8)

22. Read the poem given below. Compare and contrast it with 'Mending Wall' and attempt a critical appreciation.

NEIGHBOUR

Iain Crichton Smith

Build me a bridge over the stream
to my neighbour's house
where he is standing in dungarees*
in the fresh morning.

O ring of snowdrops
spread wherever you want
and you also blackbird
sing across the fences.

My neighbour, if the rain fails on you,
let it fall on me also
from the same black cloud
that does not recognize gates.

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