

Plus Two English Sample Question

Time: 2^{1/2} hours.

Mark: 80

- There is a 'cool off-time' of 15 minutes in addition to the writing time of 2^{1/2} hours.
- You are not allowed to write your answers or to discuss anything with others during the cool off time'.
- Read questions carefully before answering.

Read the following passage and answer the questions that follow

It was the summer of 1989. As always, I was on my vacation in India. On one blistering Mumbai day, my taxi stopped at a traffic signal. Three children ran up to my window, smiling and begging, and at that moment, I had a flash of introspection. Nothing too unusual had happened, but as I looked at them, I suddenly knew that my life would have more meaning if I stayed in India.

1. Identify the lesson from which the above passage is taken . (1)
2. Find out an apt word for 'self examination' from the passage. (1)
3. What made the author introspect about her life in India ? Why ? (2)
4. "Stammer becomes their mother tongue; just as it is with us now-Explain ? (2)

Read the lines from the poem 'The Rice' and answer the questions that follow.

the Chief Minister's off like an arrow to the Centre
to clamour for more grains, now flying high
above the cash crops, now growing tall like the trees,
since no one here promotes the farming of rice.

5. Find out the figure of speech employed in the above lines ? (1)
6. Why does the chief minister go to the centre ? (1)
7. Express the state of mind of the poet in given lines ? (2)
8. we have learned the importance of sending parcels on special days in earlier times. How do we exchange wishes and gifts on the special occasions in the present time ? (2)
9. You are very much inspired by the story of Irfan Alam. You have decided to send an e-mail to one of your friends who is going to begin a new start up reminding him of the social responsibility in business. (4)
10. In the poem 'This is Going to Hurt A Little Bit', the poet expresses his bitter experiences to the readers. Have you ever gone through any such experiences. Prepare a blog narrating your experience ? (4)
11. You have read the play ' Post Early For Christmas'. Prepare a blurb on that play . (4)
12. Your class is conducting a debate on the topic 'the role of human beings in sustaining the echo system'. Write two arguments to support and against. (4)

13. imagine yourself to be the announcer of the volleyball tournament final in your school. Write the script for the announcement that you would make for the event ? (4)
14. Do you think Robert Baldwin is a man of truthfulness ? Frame the character sketch of Robert Baldwin based on your reading of the play 'The Hours Of Truth'. (4)
15. Report the conversation. (4)
 Evie: Would it be such an awful thing, father, if you let him off ?
 Baldwin: I wish I could, Evie. But I am not the judge.
16. 'If you educate a boy, you train a man, if you educate a girl you train a village'.Substantiate the idea behind this adage? (4)

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17. When I would get tired for playing, I would sit next to him and observe the people. Rewrite the given passage substituting the adjectives without any change of meaning. (2)
 18. It was a large flat stone placed horizontally over two vertical ones, thus making a stone bench on which anyone could sit and rest a while. Cool water would be kept in earthen pots near the bench and people could quench their thirst before starting their journeys again. (2)
19. Imagine that you were one of the participants of last Kerala Literature Fest at Kozhikode. And you got an opportunity to interview Mr. Sachidanandan, the famous Malayalam poet at there. What would be your questions ? (6)
20. The neighbour in the poem 'Mending Wall' by Robert Frost says 'good fences make good neighbours'. Do you agree with the statement ? Express your views in a paragraph. (6)
21. "I can't ? I can't do anything ?" Almost panting Nomita pronounces each word clearly. You want to see if I can do anything ?". Analyse the character of Nomita. (6)
22. Drug abuse is a threat to the present society. Write an article on the topic 'the dangers of drug abuse.' (6)
23. Getting inspiration from Wangari Mathai's Nobel prize acceptance speech, your school nature club decided to plant 100 saplings in your school premises. Being the secretary of the club, you are directed to deliver a speech on the importance of the preservation of nature. Draft the speech. (6)
24. Your school conducted an open debate on the topic "The highest education is that

which does not merely give us information, but makes our life in harmony with all existence."Write a news report of the programme.

(6)

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25. In response to the above advertisement you have decided to sent an application and resume to the company. What would write in your application and resume ?

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26. Compare and contrast the poem 'Any woman' with the poem 'Middle Age' by Kamala Das.

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