

**SECOND YEAR HIGHER SECONDARY EXAMINATION**

**Time : 2 ½ Hours**

**ENGLISH**

**Cool-off time :15 Minutes**

**Maximum :80 Scores**

**PART I**

**Read the following passage and answer the questions given below (4x1=4)**

“I saw thousand of tadpoles ,black energetic ... this is the world I inherited from my parents. The challenge is to restore the house of the tadpoles”

1. Who is “I” referred to here ?
2. What is the world that the speaker had inherited from parents?
3. What is the challenge ?
4. Pick out the word from the passage which means ‘regain’
5. Imagine that your friend is addicted to drugs. Give him two pieces of advice using the expressions given below (2x1=2)
  - a) You should -----
  - b) You must not -----

**Answer any 3 questions from 6-10**

**(3x2=6 )**

“I am their wall against all danger .Their door against wind and snow. Thou whom a woman laid in a manger. Take me not till the children grow .”

6. Identify the poem and the poet.
7. Explain the last two lines
8. Who is ‘I’ and ‘thou’ referred to ?
9. What does the word ‘manger’ mean and who is the woman referred to here?
- 10.What is the role of woman in a family ?

## PART –II

**Answer any 7 question from 11-18**

**(7x4= 28)**

- 11.Explain the African adage that goes “If you educate a boy , you train a man , if you educate a girl ,you train a village”.
- 12.Prepare a blog entry on the importance of human horegallus in this modern scenario after reading the anecdote ‘Horegallu’ by Sudha Murthy.
- 13.Food in a matter of choice .Do you agree ? Present your views in a paragraph.
- 14.A debate was conducted by the English club of your school on the topic , “Women are not born to do everything a man can”. As a participant write two points each in favour of and against the topic.
- 15.“Can we get some husk from the centre too to make toys with it ?I don’t know”. Bring out the satirical element in the above lines from the poem ‘Rice’.
- 16.“I’ve got only a few years to live but I’ll live those as I’ve lived the rest of my life .I’ll go to my grave clean”. Sketch the character of Robert Baldwin.
- 17.The teacher in the story “Crime & Punishment” writes a letter to his friend about the pranks played by the little boy on him . Write a letter by the teacher to his friend .
- 18.“ When a whole people stammer, Stammer becomes their mother tongue, Just as it is with us now”. Do you think that the words “just as it is with us now” refer to our response to the burning social issues in general? Why?

## PART – III

**Answer any 4 from the question 19-20**

**(4x6=24)**

- 19.“Stop it , what a common vulgar man you are”. Attempt a character sketch of Nomita .

20. Shaheen Mistri refers to Indian education system as bookish. Prepare an essay based on your reading of the lesson 'Didi' highlighting your views on the pros & cons of the prevailing education system of India.
21. Write a letter to the editor of 'The Hindu' newspaper requesting him to publish an article appreciating the services of Shaheen Mistri's Akanksha foundation .
22. The Amigo brothers left the ring arm in arm without waiting for the verdict. Prepare a script for the announcement to be made soon after the exit .
23. Imagine that the playback singer Nanjamma visits your school for the inauguration of your arts club. Prepare six questions and possible answers.
24. As a part of the Annual day celebrations the play 'Post Early for Christmas' was staged by the students of your school . Prepare a report on the staging of the play .

#### **PART – IV**

**Answer any two questions from 25-27**

**(2x8=16)**

25. You were inspired by the activities of Wangari Mathai after reading her Nobel prize acceptance speech . A graduate in MSW (Master of Social Works ) you wish to join the Green Belt Movement as a volunteer. Prepare a letter of application along with your resume.
26. " Damage to brain is the most subtle, most often unrecognized and least understood consequence of drug abuse" . Prepare an essay on the topic "Dangers of Drug Abuse" highlighting the physical and mental ill effects.
27. Read the following poem and compare it with the poem "Mending Wall" by Robert Frost.

Friendship like the holly tree.....

The holly is dark when the rose -briar blooms

But which will bloom most constantly?

The wild- rose briar is sweet in the spring,

Its summer blossoms scent the air;  
Yet wait till winter comes again  
And who will call the wild- briar fair?  
Then scorn the silly rose- wreath now  
And deck thee with the holly's sheen,  
That when December blights thy brow  
He may still leave thy garland green.

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