

HIGHER SECONDARY EXAMINATION  
SAMPLE QUESTION PAPER  
ENGLISH

Time: 2 ½ Hours

Score: 80

**Questions 1-4 Read the given passage and answer the questions that follow**

Perhaps in there on small ways without access to great wealth both these people were doing tremendous social service

- 1 identify the speaker?
- 2 who are the people referred to?
- 3 what tremendous social service are they doing?
- 4 what are these people compared to?

Score 4 x1=4

**Questions 5-8 read the given lines and answer the questions that follow**

“I and there Wall against all danger  
Their door against the wind and snow”

5. Identify the poem
6. who is the 'I' here?
7. what does the 'wind and snow' stand for?
8. what is the figure of speech used in these lines?

Score 4 x1=4

**Question 9-12 Answer any three of the following. Each question carries 2score.**

Score 3 x2=6

9. Report the following conversation

Assistant: try putting antiseptic on the paw

Old lady: could you let me have some please?

10. Above us 'a ship of the sky' roars northwards drowning my brothers loud cries

a) What is the ship of the sky referred to?

b) Who is heading northwards?

11. Wangari Mathai says “the challenge is to restore the home of the tadpoles and give back to our children a world of Beauty and wonders” Give two suggestions to conserve nature.

Begin your answers with the following expression

*“Let us ....”*

*I think you should....”*

12. Name any two drug related health disorders?

**Question 13-19 answer any five of the following. Each question carries four marks.**

Score 5 x4=20

13. Edit the following

“You will damage him to life. It no doubt require a lot of discipline in our part, but is worth it. We shall be bring up a healthy citizen”

14. You are the secretary of the entrepreneur club in your school. Imagine that Irfan Alam came to inaugurate the club. Prepare an introductory speech on Irfan Alam.

15. You got a chance to interview Shaheen Mistri. Prepare for questions to ask.

16. The anecdote “Horegallu” reveals the importance of listeners in this hectic world. Analyse the qualities that are needed for a good listener in the poem 'Rice'.

17. The poet is returning his home land with a lots of expectations. But he was disappointed when he faced the reality. What were the changes that he encountered in reality?

18. The teacher in the story 'Crime and Punishment' is convinced that what the little fellow needed to make him a normal citizen is not cajoling but an anna worth of cane”. Do you think corporal punishment is needed to discipline students. Write four arguments against this opinion.

19. “If we dare the difference the difference will deliver”. Christine Lagarde concludes her speech with this statement. How can women dare the difference. Write in a paragraph.

**Questions 20-25 answer any five.**

Score 5 x6=30

20. Sketch the character of Robert Baldwin

21. Prepare a profile of Shaheen Mistri

Born: 16th March 1971 Mumbai

Education: BA - University of Mumbai, MA - University of Manchester

Occupation: CEO of Teach for India

Known for: AKANSHA FOUNDATION

Other activities: volunteer, teacher, home and school for the blind

22. Imagine you witnessed the boxing match between Antonio and Felix. Draft an email describing the exciting match to one of your friends.

23. A seminar on "the hazards of drug abuse" was conducted in your school. Prepare a report of the program.

24. "Good fences make a good neighbours". Elaborate the idea

25. Consider the poem Rice as a software on the farmers who are forced to switch to cash crops.

Prepare a letter to the editor of a newspaper, in order to make the public awareness of the need of conserving our traditional cultivation.

**Question 26-28 answer any two of the following each question carries 8 score.**

Score 8 x2=16

26. You are highly motivated and deeply impressed by the speech 'The 3Ls of Empowerment' by Christine Lagarde. Prepare a script of the speech to be delivered in your school assembly on International Women's day.

27. Prepare a job application letter and a resume in response to that what is meant given below

VACANCY

CDS industries invite application for the post of administrative assistant for their office in Ernakulam.

Eligibility

\*Graduation with 60% marks

\* Computer literacy

\*Fluency in English

\*Excellent administrative and interpersonal skills

Apply to: The Manager, HR Section, CDS Industries, Chennai

28. Read the following poem and prepare an appreciation comparing it with the poem **RICE**

My Farmer Father

My father is a farmer.

His heart is in the soil

It's there he finds his solace,  
Among the grimy toil.  
He plants the seed in springtime,  
The corn, the beans, the hay.  
He prays that God would bless it.  
A harvest, Lord, I pray.  
He tills and cultivates it,  
Provides the most tender care.  
Believes that come October,  
He'll reap a harvest fair.  
Blue skies are his cathedral.  
A tractor, his altar of prayer.  
God meets him in the cornfields,  
They have communion there.  
My father is a farmer that's all he'll ever be.  
The values that the land taught him,  
He handed down to me.  
I love my farmer father I'm thankful that he's mine...  
I pray that God would bless him,  
Today and for all time.

Sindhu C Charadai, St George, HSS Pariyaram.

Deepa Varghes, BVMHSS Kalparamba.

Nessy John, St Mary's HSS Irinjalakuda.

Sumam Sebastian, NVT English GVHSS Puthenchira.

Ajitha K, National HSS Irinjalakuda.

Usha P HSST English, National HSS Irinjalakuda.

Anju K K, M E S HSS Sreenarayanapuram.

Rekha, HSS Panangad.