

**SECOND YEAR ENGLISH
SAMPLE QUESTION PAPER 2023**

Maximum: 80 Scores

Time: 2½ Hours

General Instructions to Candidates:

- There is a 'Cool-off time' of 15 minutes in addition to the writing time.
- Use the 'Cool-off time' to familiarize yourself with the questions and to plan your answers.
- Read questions carefully before answering.
- Write answer to the specific number of questions as instructed. Keep in mind, score and time while answering the questions.
- Electronic devices are not allowed in the Examination Hall.

Questions 1-4. Read the given passage and answer the questions that follow. (4 × 1 = 4)

Nomita's head hangs low with the shame and the insult of it. So, sometime ago, out of anger and grief, Nomita forbade her mother from writing to her on postcards.

1. Why was Nomita's head hanging low? (1)
2. Why did Nomita forbid her mother from writing in post cards? (1)
3. Pick out the word in the passage which means the opposite of 'permit'. (1)
4. Nomita forbade her mother from (1)

Questions 5-8. Read the given lines and answer the questions that follow. (4 × 1 = 4)

I am the pillars of the house;
The keystone of the arch am I.

5. Identify the poem. (1)
6. Who is 'I' referred to? (1)
7. Identify the figure of speech in these lines. (1)
8. What does 'pillars stand for'? (1)

Questions 9 -12. Answer any three of the following questions. Each carries 2 Scores. (3 × 2 = 6)

9. 'Son, we've stopped working on all the rice. It was quite inconvenient.
The farmer gained nothing, only fools turn to rice farming for gain'.
10. The teacher supported the boy in the end of the story 'Crime and Punishment'. What

attitude of the teacher is revealed here?

11. Report the following conversation

Activist : How can we protect Nature?

Wangari Mathai : We have to plant more trees and conserve water sources. As part of Green Belt Movement, we have already planted over 30 Million Trees.

12. As part of the Anti-Drug Campaign, the English Club of your school is organizing a rally. Prepare two slogans for the same.

Questions 13 -19. Answer any five of the following questions. Each carries 4 Scores. (5 ×4 = 20)

13. You get a chance to interview Sudha Murthy. Write four questions that you might ask her.

14. Justify the title of the play 'Post Early for Christmas'.

15. Edit the following passage.

There is several other benefits at which we cannot put a monetary value. Rickshaw pullers now has a sense of belongings and empowerment.

16. Shaheen Mistri met Sandhya in the slums of Mumbai. How was Shaheen able to uplift the children of that area?

17. 'Son we've stopped working on all the rice'. Bring out the attitude of the poet's father in this line.

18. Do you think the story 'Crime and Punishment' is a satire on over-parenting?

19. Write a news paper report of the boxing match between Antonio Cruz and Felix Vargas.

Questions 20 -25. Answer any five of the following questions. Each carries 6 Scores. (5 ×6 = 30)

20. 'What I was walling in or walling out'. Elaborate the idea of this line.

21. Prepare a profile of Shaheen Mistri using the hints given below:

Born on : 16th March 1971

Known for : Founder of Akanksha Foundation and Teach for India

Awards : Young Achiever Award (2001)

Woman Achiever (2003)

Asia Society 21 Leader (2006)

22. "Baldwin, he paid you the supreme compliment: rather than go to trial with you to testify against him, he confessed". Prepare a character sketch of Robert Baldwin from these lines.
23. These days, school students fall victims to drug addiction. Prepare a letter to the Editor highlighting this issue.
24. Prepare an article to be published in your school magazine on "Plastic Free Campus in our Country".
25. "Awareness can be created not through witty sound bytes or crispy headlines but only through careful documentation of events and persistent social activism. If you want to react on the topic 'Media sensationalize; they don't sensitize,'" Write an article on this topic.

Questions 26 -28. Answer any two of the following questions. Each carries 8 Scores. (2 ×8 = 16)

26. 'Women can reach great heights'. How far is this statement true when you analyze the lives of the women leaders in today's world? Prepare an essay.
27. Read the following advertisement and prepare an application letter and resume.

INVITING APPLICATIONS

SammaaN Foundation is looking for Trainers for its new Centre which is to be opened in Cochin. Graduates in English, Mathematics and Science may apply to:-

The Manager (HR)

#16, BRC Apartments,

MG Road, Cochin-16

28. Read the following poem and prepare an appreciation comparing it with the poem 'Rice'.

Plight of Farmers

70 million farmers in our country,

The backbone of our economy.

Have gained nothing but starvation,

Are still victims of exploitation.

Have played with their trust,

