

Second Year Higher Secondary Examination

ENGLISH

Time: 2 ½ hrs

Max Score: 80

Sample Question Paper

Part - I

Answer the following questions from 1 - 8

Read the lines from "Any Woman" and answer the questions that follow:

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

1. Who is the speaker of these lines? 1
2. Identify the figure of speech used in the first line of the stanza. 1
3. Who is the 'Thou' referred here 1

Read the excerpt from the lesson "The 3L's of Empowerment" and answer the question that follow:

"They are more likely to make decisions based on consensus building, inclusion, compassion and with a focus on long term sustainability"

4. Who are 'They' referred to here? 1
5. What does the expression 'consensus building' mean here 1
6. Find the word opposite in meaning of Compassion 1
a) Concern b) Care c) Coldness d) Consideration
7. 'Stop it! What a common, vulgar man you are!' who is the vulgar man referred here? 1
8. What does the word 'Horegallu' literally mean? 1

Part - II

Answer any **THREE** of the following questions from 9 - 12. Each question carries 2 Score

9. In her speech Wangari Maathai speaks about the importance of preserving nature. Write two slogans highlighting the importance of Environment Conservation
10. Name any two drug related health disorders
11. In the poem 'Rice' the poet remembers about his village life in a nostalgic manner. Write two sentences about his memories of paddy cultivation.

12. 'Spare the rod and spoil the child'. Is it true in the case of the boy in Crime and Punishment?
(Score: 3×2 = 6)

Part – III

Answer any **FIVE** of the following questions from 13 - 19. Each question carries 4 Score

13. God has given me two ears to listen to others. These are the words of Ratna in Horegallu. What are the qualities of a good listener?
14. 'Why bother to read that? I'll go and fill out a money order form'. Comment on Ajit's attitude towards his mother-in-law.
15. Your class is conducting a debate on the topic 'Environment Conservation is more important than economic growth'. Write four arguments in favour of the topic.
16. Prepare a set of questions to interview Irfan Alam.
17. Write a profile of Shaheen Mistri

Shaheen Mistri (born 16 March 1971)

Indian social activist and educator

Founder of [Akanksha Foundation](#),

CEO of [Teach For India](#)

Books: *Redrawing India, The Teach for India story, and Miss Muglie Goes to Mumbai.*

18. You have come to know that your friend is having severe tooth ache. Give him/ her four suggestions. You may use expressions like : -
I think you should.....
If I were you.....
Perhaps you could.....
Would you like.....
19. Bring out the suitability of the title 'Crime and Punishment'.

(Score: 5×4 = 20)

Part – IV

Answer any **FIVE** of the following questions from 20 - 25. Each question carries 6 Score

20. 'Good fences make good neighbours'. Prepare a write-up about the symbolic significance of 'Wall' in the poem 'Mending Wall'.
21. In the story 'Amigo Brothers' the announcer turned to the winner and found himself alone in the boxing ring. Imagine that you are the announcer in this situation. What would you announce? Write the announcement.
22. 'Honesty is the Best Policy'. Prepare the character sketch of Robert Baldwin based on the above statement.
23. 'The sun is shining, the flowers are in bloom, I know these are signs of a good day, but I don't feel it in here', said a rehabilitated drug addict, pressing his chest. What do you think reading this? Write a blog entry

24. Write an email to your friend about the Poem 'Stammer' which is a response to burning social issues in general.
25. Prepare a write on the socio-cultural changes satirised by Chemmanam Chacko in the poem 'Rice'

(Score: 5×6 = 30)

Part - V

Answer any **TWO** of the following questions from 26 - 28. Each question carries 8 Score

26. Prepare a speech on the topic 'Education is the Key to Women Empowerment' to be delivered on International Women's Day March 8
27. Irfan Alam's Sammaan is looking for front officers in his new firm at Mumbai. You would like to apply for the post. Write a job application and resume.
28. Attempt an appreciation of the given poem and compare it with the poem 'Any Woman'

"If I were hanged on the highest hill,
Mother o' mine, O mother o' mine!
I know whose love would follow me still,
Mother o' mine, O mother o' mine!

If I were drowned in the deepest sea,
Mother o' mine, O mother o' mine!
I know whose tears would come down to me,
Mother o' mine, O mother o' mine!

If I were damned of body and soul,
I know whose prayers would make me whole,
Mother o' mine, O mother o' mine!"

- Joseph Rudyard Kipling

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