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**SECOND YEAR HIGHER SECONDARY EXAMINATION SAMPLE QUESTION PAPER**

**PAR-I**  
**ENGLISH**  
Maximum Score 80

Time : 2 <sup>1</sup>/<sub>2</sub> hrs  
Cool of time : 15 mts

**General Instructions to Candidates.**

- There is a ‘Cool off time’ of 15 minutes in addition to the writing time.
- Use the ‘Cool of time’ to get familiar with questions and to plan your answers
- Read questions carefully before answering.
- Read the instructions carefully.
- Calculations, figures and graphs should be shown in the answer sheet itself.
- Electronic devices except non programmable calculators are not allowed in the examination hall.

Questions 1-9 Answer all questions. Read the lines and answer.

“Bringing a stone grasped firmly by the top In each hand, like an old stone savage armed.”

1. Who is the old stone savage mentioned here (1)
2. What is the figure of speech used here?(1)
3. Elaborate the idea conveyed in these lines. (2)

Read the passage and answer.

“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.

4. Who speaks these words? (1)
5. Why does he say so? (1)

6. Report the conversation.(2)

Teacher : why are you shouting that for your father?

Student : I’ve something to tell him, something important

7. Edit the following passage (2)

The Hour of truth by Percival Wilde has a psychological study of the corrupting influence of money for people.

8. Give three pieces of advice to your friend to avoid going to a dentist. (3)

Use expressions like

You should \_\_\_\_\_

You had better \_\_\_\_\_

Why don’t you \_\_\_\_\_

9. Which are the 3L's for women empowerment (1)

**Answer any five questions from 10-15. Each carries 4 Scores (4x5=20)**

10. Your class is conducting a debate on the topic "corporal punishment should be avoided in the learning environment". Write 4 points supporting the given statement.

11. You are going to stage the play " Post early for Christmas" Prepare a script for introducing the play and welcoming the audience (Hints: Venue, time, theme, cast & credit)

12. Prepare a character sketch of Ratna.

13. Justify the statement "good fences make good neighbours

14. Your class is organizing a seminar on " Education empowers Society" Draft an e-mail to Christine Lagarde inviting her to inaugurate the seminar.

15. Prepare a write up on friendship portrayed, in the story, Amigo Brothers.

16. Can you find any similarity in the dreams of Wangari Mathai and Christine Lagarde'

**Answer any five questions from 16-22. Each question carries 6 scores. (5 x 6 = 30)**

17. Man can never be a woman's equal in the spirit of selfless service with which nature has endowed her..... Substantiate this statement in the light of the poem. Any Women.

18. "Chase the vision, not the money, the money will end up following you." It is the motto of the novel 'Ideas and start ups.' Discuss this idea in connection with your reading of the interview with Irfan Alam.

19. Addiction is not about using drugs. It is about what drugs do to your life. Prepare a write-up on the physical and psychological consequences of drug abuse.

20. You got a chance to interview an environmental activist. Frame six questions that you will ask.

21. "Perspectives make the difference" Write a blog on the statement in the light of your reading of the poem Stammer'

22. "Post covid 19 recovery, some struggle with mental health issues". The headline is from an article in 'The Hindu. Write a newspaper report on this issue.

23. Write a letter to the editor of a newspaper on the commendable service done by Haritha Karma Sena in disposing the plastic waste of Kerala

**Answer any two questions from 23-25. Each carries 8 scores (2 x 8 = 16)**

24. You came to know about a vacancy for the post of an Accountant in Samman. Prepare an application for the post and attach Resume and recent photographs.

25. Write an essay enlisting the consequences of substance Abuse.

26. Read the following poem and compare it with any woman' by Katherine Tynan.

Rock me to sleep

“Backward, turn Backward, O time, in your flight  
Make me a child again, just for tonight  
Mother, come back from that echoless shore;  
Take me again in your heart as of yore  
Kiss from my forehead the furrows of care,  
Smooth the few silver threads out of my hair,  
Over my slumbers your loving watch keep  
Rock me to sleep, mother-rock me to sleep!  
Mother, dear mother! Dear mother the years have been long  
Since I last listened to your lullaby song;  
Sing, then and unto my soul it shall seem  
Womanhood's years have been only a dream  
With your light lashes just sweeping my face,  
Never hereafter to wake or to weep  
Rock me to sleep, Mother-rock me to sleep!

Elizabeth Akers Allen

(Yore – bygone days, furrows – lines or wrinkles)

1. Sithara Jawahar: St.Peter's HSS Elanji
2. Jubby Thomas: St.Peter's HSS Elanji
- 3 Juno Francis: SNDP HSS Muvattupuzha
4. Bigi T G:SNDP HSS Muvattupuzha
5. Sr.Rani Augustine:SAGHSS Muvattupuzha
- 7.Jessy Jose: St.John HSS, Vadakara
8. Manjusha N.TT VHSS Muvattupuzha
- 9.Jabeena Sidiq: Govt Model HSS Muvattupuzha
10. Vinu Varghese:VMHSS Kadalikkad
11. Arun Salim: GHSS Pampakkuda
- 12.N.S Suji:GHSS Piravam