

SECOND YEAR HIGHER SECONDARY

SAMPLE QUESTION PAPER -2023

Time: 2 ½ Hours

Cool off time: 15 Minutes

PART-1

ENGLISH

1. Questions 1-3. Read the excerpt from Match box and answer the questions that follow.

Still-still-this ugly habit of his won't go.

-Not with Nomita's anger , not with her taking offence , not with bitter reproaches , her trying to shame him, sarcasm-not with anything.

If she mentions it, first he tries to laugh it away, and if laughter doesn't get him out of deep water , he scolds her.

1. Who is 'he' mentioned here?
2. What is the ugly habit referred here?
3. What does he do when Nomita mentions about his ugly habit?
4. What does the idiom 'get out of deep water 'mean?
 - a. Come out of trouble
 - b. Come after bath
 - c. Have an easy solution

Read the lines below and answer the questions that follow

God too must have stammered

When He created man.

That is why all the words of man

carry different meanings.

That is why everything he utters

from his prayers to his commands

stammers,like poetry

5. Identify the poet
6. Identify the poetic device in the last line
7. Why do all the words of man carry different meanings?.
8. a) Convert to reported speech . Gentleman: What’s all the fuss about?
 Old lady : It’s something about a time –bomb.
- b) Your friend is addicted to drugs. Give two pieces of advice starting with
 a) Why don’t you.....
 b) You should.....

9. “God has given me two ears to listen to others”

Begin with

Two ears.....

10. Irfan was(brought in/ brought up)in a village in Bihar. At a very small age, he (entered towards, entered into)stock trading business.

**Questions 11-16. Answer any five questions in not less than 60 words. Each carries four scores.
 (5*4=20)**

11. Prepare the character sketch of Grandfather in the anecdote ‘Horegallu’.
12. Having read the story , ‘Amigo Brothers” you decided to write a blog on it. Prepare your blog
13. Imagine that you won first place in the Business Baazigar T V show and got the seed money of one crore. Which business will you start with this money . Share your plans.
14. Preapre the profile of Shaheen Mistry using the hints given below

Birth : 16 March , 1971 Mumbai, India

Education : BA, MA
 St,Xavier’s College (University Mumbai)
 University Manchester

Occupation : CEO Teach for India

Books : Reading India, The Teach for India Story, Miss Muglie Goes to Mumbai

Known for : Social activist, The founder of Akanksha Foundation

15. Edit the passage

It is thirty year since we start this work. Activities that devastates the environment and the societies continues unabated.

16. Didi says “I began to notice the disparity that existed in different people’s lives.” Comment on the Disparities that existed in different people’s lives..

Questions 17 – 23. Answer any five questions in 80 words. Each carries 6 scores. (6*6=36)

17. In ‘RICE’, the poet reminds us of some harsh realities in life. Based on your understanding prepare an article on ‘preserving agriculture and indigenous farming for sustainable development’ to be published in the school magazine.

18. As the reporter of a daily prepare a newspaper report on the arrest of John Gresham to be published in the newspaper.

19. Prepare a write up on role of education in women empowerment,

20. As the Leader of NSS you would like to invite Irfan Alam to your school for inaugurating a seminar on “Entrepreneurship, an effective tool to tackle unemployment”. Prepare an e mail to be send to Irfan inviting him for the function.

21. Imagine that you are the poet in the poem Mending Wall. Prepare Six exchanges that you had with your neighbor while mending the wall.

22. Write a letter to the editor of a newspaper about your opinion on giving corporal punishment in schools.

23. Women should come out of their comfort Zones. Comment.

Questions 24-26. Answer any two questions. Each in about 140 words. Each carries 8 scores. (8*2=16)

24. You are asked to deliver a speech in connection with the Anti-drug day (June 26th) on the topic SAY NO TO DRUGS. Prepare the speech.

25. Given below is an advertisement that came in a leading newspaper. Imagine that you are qualified

for the post. Draft a letter of application and resume.

WINTAGE SOLUTIONS PVT.LTD

Sector-36; A-Block

Noida. UP-64

www.wintagesins.co.in

Wanted creative and enthusiastic candidates for the post of
'Database Programmer'

Essential Qualifications :B.Tech.Computer

Desirable Skills : Java Script, SQL,HTML

Experience : 2 years

Apply to the manager within 7 days.

26. Read the poem given below. Compare and contrast it with 'RICE' and attempt a critical appreciation.

THE INDIAN FARMER

When there is no rain
Farmers groan in pain
And with unseasonal rain
They produce flood the drains.

With their life in mess
Farmers are in distress
And with no fruitful harvest
The bankers further oppress.

They in darkness grope

And find life hard to cope
And then they pick up a rope
And hang-up all their hopes!

But shouldn't we find a solution
To stride over this miserable situation?
Some sort of emancipation
So as to build a prosperous nation.

RAJESH THANKAPPAN