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

Part III  
**ENGLISH**

Time: 2 1/2 Hours  
Cool-off time: 15 Minutes

Maximum : 80 Scores

**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 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.
- Malayalam version of the questions is also provided.
- Give equations wherever necessary.
- Electronic devices except non programmable calculators are not allowed in the examination hall.

**കുറിപ്പുകൾ/പ്രമുഖ നിർദ്ദേശങ്ങൾ**

- പരീക്ഷിക്കുന്നതിനുമുമ്പ് 15 മിനിറ്റ് കൂടുതൽ സമയം നൽകിയിരിക്കുന്നു.
- ഈ സമയം ചോദ്യങ്ങൾക്ക് പരിചയപ്പെടാനും ഉത്തരങ്ങൾ തയ്യാറാക്കാനും ഉപയോഗിക്കേണ്ടതാണ്.
- ചോദ്യങ്ങൾ കൃത്യമായി വായിക്കുകയും ഉത്തരങ്ങൾ കൃത്യമായി എഴുതുകയും ചെയ്യേണ്ടതാണ്.
- പരീക്ഷിക്കുന്നതിനുമുമ്പ് ചോദ്യങ്ങൾ കൃത്യമായി വായിക്കുകയും ചെയ്യേണ്ടതാണ്.
- കണക്കുകൾ, ഫിഗറുകൾ, ഗ്രാഫുകൾ തുടങ്ങിയവ ഉത്തരവിലെത്തന്നെ കാണിക്കേണ്ടതാണ്.
- ചോദ്യങ്ങൾക്ക് ഉത്തരങ്ങൾ എഴുതേണ്ടതാണ്.
- കണക്കുകൾ, ഫിഗറുകൾ, ഗ്രാഫുകൾ തുടങ്ങിയവ ഉത്തരവിലെത്തന്നെ കാണിക്കേണ്ടതാണ്.
- ചോദ്യങ്ങൾ കൃത്യമായി വായിക്കുകയും ഉത്തരങ്ങൾ കൃത്യമായി എഴുതുകയും ചെയ്യേണ്ടതാണ്.

**Answer all the questions**

**A. Read the following lines of this poem and answer the questions given below.**

I am their wall against all danger, Their

door against wind and snow, Thou whom a  
woman laid in a manger, Take me not the  
children grow!

1. who is the speaker?
2. Name the figure of speech used in these lines.
3. What does 'wind and snow' stands for? (1x3=3)
4. Elaborate the idea in the above lines. (1x2=2)
- B. Write three suggestions to Ajit on how to treat his wife respectfully. Begin the sentences with,
5. Why don't you ..... ?
6. You Should.....
7. If I were you,..... (1x3=3)

#### PART-II

Answer any 5 questions from 8-14. Each carries 2 scores. (5X2=10)

8. Edit the following passage

Hot summer days remind me on my childhood in a little village. There was a large  
banyan tree right up the middle at the village, and I wouldspend many hours  
playing over it during my holidays.

9. Write the symbolic significance of Horegallu
10. Report the following conversation between Evie and Robert

Evie: Wouldn't it be such an awful thing, father, if you let Gresham off

Baldwin: I wish I could, Evie, but I am not the judge.

11. Give two suggestions to keep our teeth healthy.
12. Narrate a comic situation as given in the one act play Post early for Christmas.
13. Comment on the technique exaggeration used in the poem This is Going to Hurt just a little bit.
14. Distinguish between medicines and sensual drugs.

### Part III

Answer any 4 questions from 14-19. Each carries 4 scores. (4X4=16)

15. Imagine you are the announcer for the match between Amigo Brothers. Prepare the script for the announcement.
16. Write a blog on the poem Stammer by K. Satchidanandan.
17. Prepare four questions to interview Shaheen Mistri for your school magazine.
18. There is a dire need of Keralites becoming self reliant in cultivating our own vegetables. suggest ways to achieve this goal.
19. Character sketch of Nomitha.
20. Do you support corporal punishments in schools? Prepare four points in favour of or against it.

### PART IV

Answer any 5 questions from 21-27. Each carries 6 scores. (5X6=30)

21. According to Christine Lagarde what are the 3Ls of Empowerment? Mention its role

In women empowerment.

22. You have dreams of setting up a business of your own after studies. You are greatly inspired by Irfan Alam's views and ideas. Draft a letter of enquiry to Samman foundation asking for clarification regarding its mode of operation and financial investment.

23. Evaluate the poem Rice as satire.

24. Draft an email to be sent to Wangeri Mathai, congratulating on her achievements.

25. Sketch the character of Robert Baldwin

26. Wangeri Mathai says, "women are often the first to become aware of environmental damage.....". Do you agree with her opinion?

Substantiate your answer.

27. Prepare a script of a speech to be delivered at the school assembly on the topic "Gender equality in the 21st century India."

#### PART V

Answer any 2 questions from 28-30. Each carries 8 scores. (8X2=16)

28. Read the poem given below and compare with Mending Wall

#### A FENCE

Now the stone house on the lake front is finished and the

workmen are beginning the fence.

The palings are made of iron bars with steel points that can stab

the life out of any man who falls on them.

As a fence, it is a masterpiece, and will shut off the rabble and all

vagabonds and hungry men and all wanderings children looking

for a place to play.

Passing through the bars and over the steel points will go nothing

except Death and the Rain and Tomorrow.

(Carl Sandburg)

(fence= structure made of wood or wire that makes a boundary; paling=a metal or

wooden post that is pointed at the top; rabble=people considered to be of low position;

vagabond=a person who has no home)

29. Read the following advertisement and prepare a job application with

resume in response to it.

### WE'RE HIRING ACCOUNT MANAGER

Qualifications:

- Male/Female
- Bachelor Degree in business, marketing or communication
- Can work individual and team
- Has 1 year experience in accounting field.

30. Write a news paper article on 'the dangers of drug abuse'

(Danger of over-dependence on drug, sensory deprivation, health disorders)

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