

HIGHER SECONDARY EXAMINATION - 2023

HSE II

ENGLISH

Time: 2 ½ Hours

Maximum Marks: 80

Cool off time: 15 minutes

Questions 1-8. Answer all questions. Each carries one mark

God knows I never thought this day would come! I know – I know no matter how you try to exercise it- I know that if I take this money, I do a dishonourable thing. And You know it! You and You and You, All of you. All of You come, admit it!!

1. Who is the speaker?
2. Who are referred to as 'You and You and You'. ?
3. Identify the figure of speech used in these lines?
4. Who is the person referred to as "I" in the line?
5. "I am their wall against all the danger". Who is referred here as "I" ?

It was the summer of 1989; as always, I was on my vacation in India. On one blustering Mumbai day, my taxi stopped at a traffic signal.

6. What does 'blustering' mean?
7. Who is the speaker?
8. Name the foundation started by the speaker?

Questions 9-12. Answer any three. Each carries 2 marks

9. What is the significance of the title 'Match Box'?
10. What are the 3 L's of empowerment?
11. Elaborate the idea in the lines given below
"This is better money – what good times!
The Government gives rice to those who don't have paddy fields"
12. Report the following:
Martha: Your father will have to evidence
Evie: But he is going to give evidence against Gresham

Questions 13-19. Answer any five of the following. Each question carries 4 marks.

13. Elaborate the idea in the following lines in a paragraph
"Good fences make good neighbours"
14. Your school is conducting an inter - school football match. You are the announcer of the sports event.
Prepare the announcement.
15. Comment on the title "Crime and Punishment"
16. The poem Rice is a contrast between expectation and reality. Prepare a write up substantiating this.
17. Write the character sketch of Namita in the story 'Matchbox'
18. "Women should step outside their comfort zones". Discuss

19. Edit the passage

Large posters plaster all over the walls of the local shops announced the fight between Antonio Cruz and Felix Vargas. The fight has created great interest on the neighbourhood. Antonio and Felix were respected. Each had his own loyal following.

Questions 20-26. Answer any five of the following. Each question carries 6 scores.

20. The academic system at St, Xavier's was different from the system of the US. Suggest the changes you want to include in the current education system?
21. Human Horegallus are very much essential in the hectic world of stress and strain. Explain?
22. Wangari Mathai urges us to preserve a world of beauty and wonder for us and the coming generations. Prepare a blog entry.
23. You are the co Ordinator of the NSS unit of your school. You get an opportunity to interview Shaheen Mistri, CEO of Akansha Foundation. Prepare three questions and possible responses.
24. You are fascinated by Irfan Alam's innovative venture and you decided to invite to your school for a career orientation talk. Write an e- mail to him.
25. Your school is conducting an inter school football match. You are the sports club secretary of your school. You need to make an announcement before the match starts. Prepare the announcement.
26. We are called to assist the earth to heal her wounds. In the process heal our own indeed, to embrace the world of creature in all its diversity, beauty, and wonder. Prepare a blog entry based on your understanding of Wangari Mathai's speech.

Questions 27-29. Answer any two. Each carries 8 marks

27. Given below is an advertisement that appeared in a newspaper. Imagine that you are qualified for the post. Draft a letter of application along with your CV.
Wintange Solutions Pvt. Ltd
Sector 8, A-Block, Noida, UP -64
Wanted creative and enthusiastic candidates for the post of an accountant.
Educational Qualification: B. Com, Computer Skills
Experience: 2 years
Apply to the Director within 7 days.
28. The increasing suicide rate in Kerala reminds us of the need for human Horegallu, who can lessen the stress and strain in people's lives. Express your views
29. Read the following poem "Mother O' Mine" by Rudyard Kipling and compare it with "Any Woman".

Group 2

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