

Reg. No. : .....

**SY-201**

Name : .....

**SECOND YEAR HIGHER SECONDARY  
MODEL EXAMINATION, FEBRUARY 2023**

Part – I

Time : 2½ Hours

**ENGLISH**

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 the questions carefully before answering.
- Read the instructions carefully.

**Questions 1 to 8 : Answer all the questions. Each carries 1 score.**

**(8 × 1 = 8)**

Throughout Africa, women are the primary caretakers, holding significant responsibility for tilling the land and feeding their families. As a result, they are often the first to become aware of environmental damage as resources become scarce and they are incapable of sustaining their families.

The women we worked with recounted that, unlike in the past, they were unable to meet their basic needs. This was due to the degradation of their immediate environment as well as the introduction of commercial farming, which replaced the growing of household food crops.

1. Who is the speaker ?
2. Who are the primary caretakers of Africa, according to the passage ?
3. Why did the African women fail to meet their basic needs ?



4. Which word in the passage indicates the meaning 'to describe how something happened' or 'to recall / remember something' ?

Read the following lines of the poem 'Any Woman' and answer the questions :

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 !

5. What does the poet mean when she says,  
"Thou whom a woman laid in a manger,  
Take me not till the children grow !"
6. What is the symbolic significance of the phrase 'wind and snow' ?
7. Identify the figure of speech in the line 'I am their wall against all danger ?'
8. What do you mean by the word 'manger' ?

**Questions 9 to 12 : Answer any 3 questions. Each carries 2 scores.**

**(3 × 2 = 6)**

9. What is 'Horegallu' and what is it meant for ?
10. "I always compare women to matchboxes." Why does Ashapura Debi say so ?
11. What is the humour and sarcasm in the story "Crime and Punishment" ? Explain.
12. You are participating in a debate on the topic "Environmental conservation is more important than economic growth." Write two arguments in favour of the topic.

**Questions 13 to 19 : Answer any 5 questions. Each carries 4 scores.**

**(5 × 4 = 20)**

Edit the following passage :

13. There is people who is daring enough to go for any extent to pursue there dreams.
14. Comment on the aptness of the title of the poem "This is going to Hurt Just a Little Bit".
15. The Postal Assistant in the play "Post Early for Christmas" quits her job commenting "I am going down the road to work at the animal dispensary. Animals don't do such silly things." Do you think it was an appropriate remark on the part of a responsible official like the Postal Assistant ? Express your opinion in a paragraph.
16. Elaborate the idea in the line "Good fences make good neighbours", from the poem "Mending Wall" ?
17. You are doing a project on "Social Entrepreneurship". If you are given the opportunity to interview the social activist Shaheen Mistri, what would you ask her ?
18. Use the appropriate phrasal verbs to fill in the blanks :  
(break out, run out, called off, keep up)
  - (a) A friend of mine has \_\_\_\_\_ her wedding.
  - (b) Your website has helped me a lot to \_\_\_\_\_ the good work.
  - (c) Don't smoke in the forest. Fires \_\_\_\_\_ easily at this time of the year.
  - (d) I am afraid ; we have \_\_\_\_\_ of apple juice. Will an orange juice do ?
19. "One of the most sincere forms of respect is actually listening to what another has to say" – Byrant H. McGill. Attempt a character sketch of the narrator's grandfather in the light of the above statement with special emphasis on 'Horegallu' by Sudha murty.

Questions 20 to 25 : Answer any 5 questions. Each carries 6 scores.

(5 × 6 = 30)

20. Prepare a profile of 'Droupadi Murmu' using the following hints :

<b>Droupadi Murmu</b>	
	- 15 <sup>th</sup> President
	- First person belonging to the tribal community to hold the office
	- Youngest person to occupy the post of the President
Born	- 20 June, 1958
Birth place	- Baidaposi village of Mayurbanj district
Profession	- Teacher
Education	- Ramadevi Women's University
Previous offices	- Indian Politician, Governor of Jharkhand (2015-21), held various posts in the cabinet of Government of Odisha (2000-2004)

21. Prepare a Blurb, using the following hints :

[Blurb is the description of a book on its back cover. It is a brief summary of the book designed for marketing.]

<b>THE GOD OF SMALL THINGS</b>	
	Novel by Arundhati Roy
	Published - 1997
	Language - English
	Awards - Booker Prize
	Genre - Novel
-	Arundhati Roy's debut novel
-	Story about her childhood experiences
-	The novel explores how small, seemingly insignificant things shape people's behaviour and their lives.
-	Tells the story of a family of Aymanam in Kerala.

22. "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. Write a blog expressing your thoughts on the above lines.
23. You have dreams of setting up a business of your own soon after studies. You are greatly inspired by Irfan Alam's views and ideas. Draft a letter of enquiry to Sammaan Foundation seeking clarifications regarding financial investment of the organization, mode of operation, security of the members etc.
24. Bring out the elements of satire in the poem "Rice", highlighting the changes in the attitude of people with the changing times.
25. Mr. Gresham, the owner of the bank has been arrested for misappropriating the funds of the depositors. The media reported this news. Prepare a newspaper report of the incident.

**Questions 26 to 28 : Answer any 2 questions. Each carries 8 scores.**

**(2 × 8 = 16)**

**VACANCY**

**Senior Assistant**

**Research and Development Wing**

**SammaaN foundation, Chanakyapuri,**

**Kisan Marg, New Delhi – 11.**

**Qualification – Post graduation in any discipline**

**Age – Between 22 and 32**

**The incumbent should have :**

- good communication skill
- should be well groomed, friendly and energetic
- Previous experience will be an added advantage.

**Interested candidates should submit your application and resume.**

26. Read the above advertisement given by Research and Development Wing, Sammaan Foundation, for the post of Senior Assistant. Draft a letter of application with a unique resume / bio-data for the same.
27. "Damage to the brain, however, is the most subtle, most often unrecognized and least understood consequence of drug abuse." Prepare an essay on the topic "The hazards of drug abuse".
28. Read the poem given below. Attempt a comparison with "Mending Wall" by Robert Frost focusing on the stylistic features and content of the poem.

As I Grew Older

It was a long time ago

I have almost forgotten my dream,

But it was there then,

In front of me,

Bright like a sun, -

My dream

And then the wall rose,

Rose slowly,

Slowly,

Between me and my dream

Rose slowly, slowly

Dimming

Hiding

The light of my dream

Rose until it touched the sky, -

The Wall

Shadow

I am black.

I lie down in the shadow

No longer the light of my dream before me,

Above me,

Only the thick wall

Only the shadow.

My hands !

My dark hands !

Break through the wall !

Find my dream !

Help me to shatter this darkness,

To smash this night,

To break this shadow

Into a thousand lights of sun,

Into a thousand whirling dreams

Of Sun !

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