

FIRST TERMINAL EVALUATION 2022-'23

ENGLISH

Standard: IX

Time : 2½ Hour

Total Score : 80

Instructions

- 15 Minutes is given as cool off time.
- This time is to be used for reading the question paper.
- Attempt the questions according to the instructions.

Questions 1-5. Read the following passage and answer the questions given below. (5×1=5)

All the participants lined up. Every face glittered with the hope of winning the race. Each one of them had his family and friends in the stands to cheer for him. To his amazement, Tarun caught sight of his mother in the stands. The fear in his eyes gave way to confidence. The whistle blew and all the participants started off with all their might. They were all determined to be the winner of the race. In the lead was the fastest of them all, Tarun. Seeing himself ahead of everybody, Tarun felt very proud of himself. On the track there was a shallow path. As he was running fast, Tarun did not notice that and he slipped.

1. Who was in the lead at the beginning of the race?
2. Why did Tarun feel proud of himself?
3. How did the participants start the race?
4. Pick out a word from the passage that means 'having made a firm decision'
5. What did Tarun fail to notice on the track?

Questions 6-9. Read the following lines from 'Bang the Drum' and answer the questions. (4×1=4)

You and I

Together we reach for the sky

It's not about winning

It's all about playing the game

From the East

From the West

Each of us trying our best

Chasing a dream

Burning to follow the flame.

6. How do we reach for the sky according to the singers?
7. Which lines convey the idea that athletes from all over the world are participating in the games?

8. Pick out an instance of alliteration from the lines given above.
9. What is more important in a game?
10. **Read the following lines from 'Song of a Dream' and prepare a note of appreciation focusing on its theme, images and poetic devices.** (1 × 5=5)

ONCE in the dream of a night I stood
Lone in the light of a magical wood,
Soul-deep in visions that poppy-like sprang;
And spirits of Truth were the birds that sang,
And spirits of Love were the stars that glowed,
And spirits of Peace were the streams that flowed
In that magical wood in the land of sleep.
Lone in the light of that magical grove,
I felt the stars of the spirits of Love
Gather and gleam round my delicate youth,
And I heard the song of the spirits of Truth;
To quench my longing I bent me low
By the streams of the spirits of Peace that flow
In that magical wood in the land of sleep.

Questions 11-15. Read the passage and answer the questions given below. (5×1=5)

One of the greatest mysteries of bird life is migration. Every year during autumn and early winter, birds travel from northern regions of Asia, Europe and America to the southern warmer lands. They make the return journey again during spring and early summer. They are punctual unless they are delayed by bad weather. They face many dangers and hardships while travelling long distances through the air, over hills, forests, plains and large stretches of water. Sometimes sudden storms arise and drive them far out of their course of travel. At night bright lights attract and confuse the birds. Their migration speed is usually from 48 to 64 km an hour and rarely exceeds 80.

11. When do the birds migrate to southern warmer lands?
12. What do the birds do during spring and early summer?
13. What disrupts the punctuality of birds?
14. Why are birds confused at night?
15. Suggest a suitable title for the passage.

Questions 16-17. Answer any ONE of the following questions. (1×7=7)

16. Sachin Tendulkar struggled hard and became a legendary cricketer. His experiences are the real inspiration for every budding cricketer. **Narrate** in your words Sachin's experiences that led to his resounding success.

(passion for cricket - brother identifies his talent - joins Achrekar sir's camp - rigorous training schedule- financial problems - motivation and support)

17. The story 'Maternity' tells us that miseries and adversities in life can be overcome by a single act of kindness. In the light of your reading of the story, prepare a **speech** on the topic 'Kindness brings sunshine to the life of others'.

Questions 18-21. Answer any TWO of the following questions. (2×5=10)

18. Tarun meets former Olympian Ram Narayan at the park. They have a very exciting conversation. What would be the likely **conversation** between them?
(Write at least five exchanges)
19. Prepare **five questions** based on the passage given below. One has been done for you.
When Mikali raised his head, a man stood before him gazing down upon him. He recognized the Chinaman who often came to the camp to sell paper knick-knacks and charms which no one ever bought from him anyway. Often they mocked him because of his colour and his squint eyes.
e.g. Who stood before Mikali?
20. Sachin gets very much excited when Achrekar sir agreed to let him join the camp. He writes his feelings in his diary. Prepare the likely **diary entry**.

Questions 21-25. Answer any THREE of the following questions. (3×6=18)

21. After reading the story 'Maternity' you decide to write a letter to one of your friends about the sufferings of Mikali. Draft the likely **letter**.
22. The Sports Club of your school has decided to invite Sachin Tendulkar to inaugurate the Inter-school Cricket Tournament to be held in your school. Prepare a **notice** on the programme giving necessary details.
23. Imagine that you are the reporter of a leading daily. You are asked to report the life of the people in the Armenian refugee camp. You visit the camp and talk to a few refugees. Prepare a **news report** based on your findings.
24. Write a short **profile** of Sachin Tendulkar using the following hints.

Full name	:	Sachin Ramesh Tendulkar
Born	:	24 April, 1973 Bombay, Maharashtra, India
Popularly called	:	Little Master, Master Blaster
Famous as	:	the greatest batsman in the history of cricket
Coach	:	Ramakant Achrekar
Awards and Honours	:	Arjuna Award (1994) Khel Ratna Award (1997), Padma Shri (1999), Padma Vibhushan (2008), Bharat Ratna (2014)

Retirement from International Cricket : 2013

25. The character Tarun in the story 'The Race' symbolises firmness of purpose and great courage. Prepare a **character sketch** of Tarun.

(optimistic - determined - intelligent - young - athletic - confident - courageous)

Questions 26-30. Read the details given about the major districts in Kerala and answer the questions that follow.

(5x1=5)

THIRUVANANTHAPURAM	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Capital city • The Secretariat, Legislative Assembly, Vikram Sarabhai Space Centre • Abode of Sri Padmanabha Swami Temple. • Kovalam, Veli, Sanghumukham (tourist spots)
ERNAKULAM	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Commercial capital of Kerala • High Court of Kerala, Vallarpadam Terminal, Cochin Shipyard • Kochi Metro Rail. • Marine drive, Bolghatty Palace, Fort Kochi, Cherai Beach (tourist spots)
KOZHIKODE	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Second largest city in Kerala • Famous for Halwa • Beypore port, Kozhikode beach, Thusharagiri water falls, Kadalundi Bird Sanctuary (tourist spots)
THRISSUR	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Cultural capital of Kerala • City of pooram • Houses the -Kerala Kalamandalam, Sahithya Academy School Of Drama • Athirapally Waterfalls, Chavakkad Beach, Guruvayoor Temple (tourist spots)

26. Name the cultural capital of Kerala.

27. The only rocket launching centre in Kerala is situated indistrict.

28. In which district of Kerala does Metro Rail operate?

29. Which district is Thusharagiri waterfalls located in?

30. is the second largest city of Kerala.

31. Read the following conversation and fill in the blanks.

(2x1=2)

Achrekar Sir : Why are you late?

Sachin : I was watching the inter-school cricket match.

Achrekar Sir asked Sachin
Sachin replied that

32. Edit the following passage. (5×1=5)

Sarojini Naidu was born on 13th February 1879 (a) **at** Hyderabad. She was an activist of the freedom (b) **movment** in India. Her major contributions in (c) **field of the** poetry were beautiful poems that could also be (d) **sing**. She earned the sobriquet 'The Nightingale of India' for her works as (e) **an** poet.

33. Read the passage and replace the words given in bold with right phrases from the brackets. (5×1=5)

(call out, give up, put across, taken aback, set out)

Mikali (a) **started** to the Anatolian camp searching for help to feed his baby. He heard the sound of a wailing infant from inside a tent in the camp. He (b) **appealed** for help standing outside the tent. As soon as a woman came out, he (c) **conveyed** his need to her. The woman was ready to help but she was (d) **shocked** at the sight of the baby who had nothing human about it. She (e) **abandoned** the idea of feeding the baby.

34. Complete the following passage choosing suitable words given in brackets (4×1=4)

(for, at, from, of, on)

Mikali was a big lad ...(a)....fourteen, healthy and robust. But how could he think of looking ...(b)... work when he literally bore ...(c)... his back the burden of a new born baby? Mikali wandered about like a lost soul, dying ...(d)..... lack of sleep and weariness.

35. Read the conversation between Chinaman and Mikali and complete it suitably. (5×1=5)

- Chinaman : You are from the Armenian refugee camp,(a).....?
- Mikali : Yes sir.
- Chinaman : Your baby is crying loudly because it is hungry. You had better(b).....
- Mikali : I don't have money to buy him milk.
- Chinaman : Would you mind(c).....?
- Mikali : No. Thank you. I am not coming to your house.
- Chinaman : I too have a baby at home. If you come home,.....(d).....
- Mikali : Oh! Thank you. I'll be happy if your wife feeds my baby.
.....(e).....?
- Chinaman : No. My house is not far from here.