

Class No. : .....

Name : .....

**SECOND YEAR HIGHER SECONDARY  
SECOND TERMINAL EXAMINATION, DECEMBER-2022**

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 questions carefully before answering.
- Write answer to the specific number of questions as instructed.
- Keep in mind, the score and time while answering the questions.
- Electronic devices are not allowed in the examination hall.

**Questions 1 – 10 : Answer all questions.**

**14 Scores**

“Now, he too picks up the poisoned knife.”

1. Who is 'he' referred to in this statement ? (1)

“I am the twist that holds together

The children in its sacred ring.”

2. What is the “sacred ring” ? (1)

3. What is the figure of speech used in the lines : (1)

“Father, my life is in your hands. I want to do something for the children of India.”

4. Who said these words to whom ? (1)
5. Name the three factors of Women Empowerment. (1)
6. What is the challenge given to the youth by Wangari Maathai ? (1)
7. Mention any two qualities a woman needs to face the challenges of life. (2)
8. Report the conversation. (2)
- Mum said, "you will have to get up early for the trip tomorrow."
- Jim said, "I hope it won't rain in the morning."
9. Rewrite into passive voice : (2)
- Water (a) \_\_\_\_\_ (pour) into the washing machine, up to the marked level. Then sufficient powder (b) \_\_\_\_\_ (add) to give rich foam. The clothes (c) \_\_\_\_\_ (put) and the machine (d) \_\_\_\_\_ switch on.
10. The passage given below contains a few errors. Edit the passage. (2)
- I am 17 year old at that time. I was travelling in a rickshaw and at the middle of the journey, I feel very thirsty.

**Questions 11 – 16 : Answer any 5 questions in not less than 60 words. Each carries 4 scores.**

**(5 × 4 = 20)**

11. Having read the poem 'Mending Wall' you decided to write a blog on it. Prepare your blog.
12. Grandfather and Ratna are two horegallus. Narrate your personal experience with any horegallu.



13. An eminent entrepreneur from your town has been awarded this year's "Best Entrepreneur State Award". Write four questions you would ask him / her while interviewing him / her.
14. Shaheen Mistri managed to secure an admission into St. Xavier's College for the Undergraduate course. Prepare a diary entry which Shaheen would write on the day of securing the admission.
15. Prepare the character sketch of Baldwin.
16. Irfan Alam says, "It is important to take risks to achieve your dreams." Comment on this statement.

**Questions 17 – 22 : Answer any 5 questions in 80 words. Each carries 6 scores.**

**(5 × 6 = 30)**

17. A popular magazine 'Youth India' has requested you to write an article on 'Need for Women Empowerment in India' to be published in the magazine. Prepare the article.
18. Your school is hosting the District level school youth festival for two days with five venues in your school. After the youth festival, prepare a report to be handed over to the Regional Deputy Director.
19. The poem 'Rice' is a contrast between expectations and reality. Prepare a write-up substantiating this.
20. You are Mr. Ronald, a reporter for the 'Daily TV', assigned to report the third round and final scene of the bout between the Amigo brothers. Give a live TV report.
21. Road accidents are on the rise these days. Many lives have been lost due to the rash and indifferent driving. It's high time we voiced against these 'Asuras'. Write a letter to the editor about "Reckless driving on roads."

22. Mr. George, your family friend, who is in the U.S. for the past twenty five years, wishes to come down and settle in Kerala. He sends an e-mail to your father stating his wish and future plans. Write the e-mail for him.

**Questions 23 – 25 : Answer any 2 questions each in about 140 words. Each carries 8 scores.**

**(2 × 8 = 16)**

23. Today, there is a major concern about the usage of drugs among teenagers. Government has launched a mass campaign to create awareness against drugs among the public. In one such campaign programme, you are asked to deliver a speech on “Teenage Drug Abuse – reasons and preventions”. Prepare a speech.
24. A reputed chain of restaurants needs delivery boys / girls of age group 20 – 25. Candidate must speak English and also own a vehicle. Best remuneration for suitable candidate. Apply with detailed resume to Mr. Raj, General Manager, “Rahmania” Aluva.
25. Read the poem given below. Compare and contrast it with ‘Any Woman’ and attempt a critical appreciation.

**Minute**

When I pray to God I ask him for,  
One minute back in time.  
To place me in my mother’s arms,  
One more cuddle just one last time.  
One minute may not seem long to you  
but it would mean the world to me.  
To feel safe wrapped up in her arms,  
but I know this never could be.  
Please never take your mother for granted.  
Love and cherish her with all of your heart.  
Because one day you will pray for that minute  
and count every second that your apart.

- Angela Wilson