

Instructions :

- 15 minutes is given as cool - off time.
- This time is to be spent for reading the question paper.
- You are not supposed to write anything during the cool - off time.
- Attempt questions according to instructions.

Questions 1-5: Read the following passage from the story 'The Colonel's Ideas' and answer the questions that follow:

'All at once a shrill cry, a woman's cry, pierced through the heavy silence of the snow and in a few minutes they brought back two prisoners, an old man and a girl, whom I questioned in a low voice. They were escaping from the Prussians, who had occupied their house during the evening. The father was alarmed on his daughter's account, and, they had made their escape in the darkness. I invited them to accompany us. We started off together and as the old man knew the road, he acted as our guide.

'It had ceased snowing, the stars appeared and the cold became intense. The girl, who was leaning on her father's arm, walked unsteadily as though in pain.

She stopped suddenly and said:

'Father, I am so tired that I cannot go any further.'

1. What pierced through the heavy silence of the snow? (1)
2. How did the girl walk? (1)
3. What happened to the old man and the girl? (1)
4. How did the old man help the soldiers? (1)
5. 'I am so tired that I cannot go any further.' Frame another sentence using 'so...that.' (1)

Questions 6-9: Read the lines from the poem 'Television' and answer the questions that follow:

The most important thing we've learned,
 So far as children are concerned,
 Is never, NEVER, NEVER let
 Them near your television set —
 Or better still, just don't install
 The idiotic thing at all.

In almost every house we've been,
We've watched them gaping at the screen.
They loll and slop and lounge about,
And stare until their eyes pop out.

6. What according to the poet is the most important thing that we have learned? (1)
7. Which is the 'idiotic thing' mentioned here? (1)
8. What are the expressions of the children the poet noticed in every house? (1)
9. Why did the poet insist not to install a television set at home? (1)

Questions 10-13: Read the following lines from 'Follower' and answer the questions that follow:

I wanted to grow up and plough,
To close one eye, stiffen my arm.
All I ever did was follow
In his broad shadow round the farm.

I was a nuisance, tripping, falling,
Yapping always. But today
It is my father who keeps stumbling
Behind me, and will not go away.

10. Who is the speaker in the poem? (1)
11. Which line suggests that the poet was a disturbance to his father? (1)
12. What is the transformation described in the second stanza? (1)
13. Pick out any two pairs of rhyming words. (1)

Questions 14-18: Read the passage given below and answer the questions that follow:

Kailash Satyarthi is a renowned Indian child rights activist and the winner of Nobel Peace Prize in 2014. He is the founder of the Bachpan Bachao Andolan (BBA), an organization dedicated towards the eradication of child labour and rehabilitation of the rescued former child workers.

Child labour is a rampant problem in India where millions of young children are engaged in various forms of work instead of attending schools. Satyarthi has been working as a children's rights activist from the past many years and has liberated over 80,000 child labourers since 1980. Even as a child he was moved by the plight of other children who were made to work by their parents, and wanted to do something for them. He studied to become an electrical engineer but this profession gave him no satisfaction. While in his mid twenties, he ditched a lucrative engineering career to work for the welfare of child labourers, many of whom were forced to work by their parents while others were held as bonded labourers by business houses. He formed the Bachpan Bachao Andolan (BBA)—literally meaning, 'Save Childhood Movement'—in order to create awareness about this widespread evil and to rescue children from the clutches of bonded labour. He has been honoured with several awards for his relentless humanitarian work, including the Nobel Peace Prize for 2014 which he shares with the Pakistani activist Malala Yousafzay.

14. Which field is Kailash Satyarthi famous for? (1)

15. What is the main aim of the organization Bachpan Bachao Andolan? (1)

16. Why did Kailash Satyarthi give up his profession as an engineer? (1)

17. Pick out a word which means, 'save someone from a dangerous or difficult situation'. (1)

18. Name the person who shared the Nobel Prize with Kailash Satyarthi. (1)

19. Attempt any one of the following in about 120 words. (7)

A) 'Media often influence and determine our tastes and outlook.' You are asked to deliver a speech on 'The Importance of Mass Media' in your school assembly. Prepare the likely **speech**.

(Hints: gives information – interprets social events – spreads culture and education – provide entertainment – crystallizes and reinforces existing trends - promotes ethics and values – affects attitudes and sensibilities of nation - broadens our horizons - avoids false propaganda).

B). Private Quelch in 'The Man Who Knew Too Much' wanted to get a commission. Contrary to his expectations Corporal Turnbull nominated him for permanent cookhouse duties. **Narrate** the incident in your own words and comment whether Corporal Turnbull was right in his decision.

(Hints: interesting character – hard working – over ambitious – works hard to get a stripe – clumsy sarcasms and practical jokes - Corporal Turnbull's lessons on hand grenade – corrects him – gets angry – assigns permanent cookhouse duty- your views)

20. Peyton Farquhar in the story 'An Occurrence At Owl Creek Bridge' is going to be hanged. He closed his eyes and his imagination went beyond the reality. Describe his imagination in about 60 words. (5)

21. On the day of his encounter with Saheb, Fatehchand could not sleep at once. He noted down his emotions in his diary. Prepare the likely **diary entry**. (5)
22. You have gone through the editorial 'Make The Right Choice'. The contemporary relevance of the topic impressed you. Write a **letter** to the editor to appreciate him. (5)
23. English club in your school has decided to conduct a function to congratulate a student who got first prize in English elocution competition in Kerala State School Kalolsavam. Being the Secretary of the club, you are asked to draft a **notice**. Prepare the notice. (5)
24. Imagine that Samuel in the story 'The Son From America' shared his Lentshin experiences to his wife when he reached America. Prepare a likely **conversation** between them. (at least five exchanges) (5)
25. It is our duty to look after our parents. But how many of us do this in real life? Make two **slogans** on the 'Importance of Protecting Elders'. (2)
26. Prepare a short **profile** of Munshi Premchand using the following hints. (5)

Birth : Lamahi, Varanasi, July 31, 1880.

Father : Ajaib Rai (post office clerk)

Mother : Anandi Devi

Occupation : Writer, novelist

Important works : Godaan, Bazaar-E-Husn, Karmabhoomi

Death : October 8, 1936

27. Study the following flight information from Netaji Subhash Chandra Bose International Airport, Kolkata on Thursday, 10th March and answer the questions that follow:

Flight No.	Carrier	Origin/Destination	Arrival	Departure
AI 401	Air India	Delhi		9.05 a.m.
6E 145	Indigo	Ahmedabad	9.20 a.m.	
CD 740	Alliance Air	Guwahati	11.55 a.m.	
9W 626	Jet Airways	Mumbai	-	6.15 p.m.
EY 8974	Etihad Airways	Bengaluru	-	10.50 a.m.
VS 8044	Virgin Atlantic	Riyadh	-	11.20 a.m.

- a) Ramesh had an appointment in Delhi on Friday morning. Suggest the flight number for him to travel. (1)
- b) Which airways is operating between Kolkata and Bengaluru? (1)
- c) Is there any flight to Mumbai in the evening? (1)
- d) When does Flight Number CD 740 arrive? (1)
- e) Which airways is operating flight to a gulf country? (1)

28. Complete the following conversation suitably. (5)

- Florimund : You are tired, (a)..... ?
- Princess : Of course I am.
- Florimund : (b)..... ?
- Princess : It was an adventurous trip and I enjoyed it.
- Florimund : How did the villagers behave?
- Princess : At first they questioned me as if(c).....
- Florimund : They might have thought that you were a vagabond.
- Princess : If they identified me,(d).....
- Florimund : Then who arranged this cart?
- Princess : A juggler came and identified me.
- Florimund : You had better(e).....

29. Fill in the blanks using the words given below. (3)

When we were growing up (a) Chicago, we moved a lot because of my father. He suffered bouts of nostalgia. Then we'd have (b) let go our flat, store the furniture (c) mother's relatives, load the station wagon with baggage and bologna sandwiches and head south. To Mexico city.

(with, to, of, in,)

30. There are some errors in the given passage which are underlined. Edit it. (4)

'Who did Gopi married?' (a) Amma said, suddenly lowering her voice. 'I mean, what's his wife's name?'

'Don't say you've forgot (b) her name too.

Don't you remember, Vimala, District Collector Nambiar's eldest daughter? Gopi's sister said. 'Oh, I forgot the name. There was (c) a letter from Gopi today?'

'Yes, there was. He write (d) everyday.'

31. Fill in the blanks using the phrasal verbs given below.

(4)

Fatehchand(a) towards Saheb's bungalow. He (b) thinking why he was summoned again by Saheb. There Saheb scolded him for being late. He could not (c) the reason for the strange behaviour of Saheb. He decided to (d) his job.

(give up, set off, went on, make out, put on)

32. Read the dialogue given below and answer the questions.

Samuel : Did you receive my cable?

Berl : I don't know what cable is.

a. What did Samuel ask?

(1)

b. What did Berl reply?

(1)