



**SECOND YEAR HIGHER SECONDARY
MODEL EXAMINATION, FEBRUARY – 2024**

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 answers to the specific number of questions as instructed.

Questions 1 – 8, answer all questions. Each carries 1 score :**(8 × 1 = 8)****Read the following excerpt and answer the questions :**

“God has given me two ears to listen to others. I hear them out with sympathy and without judgement.”

1. Who is the speaker ?

2. What does the speaker do ?

“Work of hunters is another thing

I have come after them and made repair.

Where they would have left not one stone on a stone.

But they would have the rabbit out of hiding.

To please the yelping dogs.”

3. Who is the poet ?

- Who drives the rabbits out ?
- What does the poet do after the hunters leave ?

"I come home at the end of four years of research
In North India, having earned a doctoral degree
And generous praise for my work for making toys with the husk
Bored with eating chapatis day after day
I am eager to eat a meal of Athikira rice."

- Identify the poet.
- Who has gone to the North of India ?
- What is he eager to eat ?

Questions 9 – 12, answer any 3. Each carries 2 scores :

(3 × 2 = 6)

- "Good fences make good neighbours".
Do you think the poet agrees with his neighbour's statement. Comment.
- The drug abusers must be warned of the ill effects of intoxicants. Give them two pieces of advice. Begin with :
You'd better _____
If I were you _____
You could _____
- The teacher in the story 'Crime and Punishment' punishes the boy for his mischief. In the end the teacher and his students compromise with each other. Does the title suit the story ? Justify your answer.
- Report the following conversation :
Assistant : No parcel for me to weigh ?
Mrs. Smith : Good gracious ! I have sent all my presents and cards. I believe in posting early for Christmas.

Questions 13 – 19, answer any 5. Each carries 4 scores :

(5 × 4 = 20)

- The passage given below contains a few errors. Edit it.

The evening before the big fight, Tony make his way the roof of the building. In the quite early dark he peer over the ledge.

14. As part of the Annual Day celebrations your English Club is going to stage the one act play 'The Hour of Truth'. Prepare a script of the announcement to introduce the play.
15. Chemmanam Chacko's poem Rice is a satire on farmers who are forced to switch to cultivation of cash crops. Prepare a write up on the satirical elements in the poem.
16. Your NSS Club has invited the famous poet Satchidanandan to your school to inaugurate the NSS day programme. Draft an e-mail inviting him for the programme.
17. 'That became the first Akansha Centre.' Identify the problems faced by Shaheen Mistri to start her first Akansha Centre.
18. Nomita talks to her sister-in-law about Ajit after their fight. Frame a conversation (4 exchanges) between them.
19. In our society an ideal wife is said to be the one who lives according to the wishes of her husband. Don't you think that a woman with strong views and opinions can make a better partner. Give your views and opinions by stating four points/arguments 'for' and 'against' this idea.

Questions 20 – 25, answer any 5. Each carries 6 scores :

(5 × 6 = 30)

20. "A dung picker's daughter becomes a queen and so...." Says Ajit. Attempt a character sketch of Ajit.
21. Christine Legarde speaks about three different ways to empower women. What are the challenges faced by women of the 21st century ? Suggest some solutions to overcome them.
22. Beena Kannan, the owner of Seematti, is a popular entrepreneur. You get a chance to interview her. Prepare six questions and relevant responses.
23. The 'Ayalkootam' unit in your locality has opened a food outlet. Such entrepreneurship not only tackle unemployment but also boost the self-confidence of women. Prepare an article on this, to be published in your school magazine.
24. Prepare a review of a film which influenced you the most.
(Hints : Theme, Screenplay, Casting, Direction)
25. Sudha Murty invites Ratna to her office to introduce her to the staff. Prepare a speech Sudha Murty would deliver on the occasion.

26. Damage to the brain is the most subtle, most often unrecognized and least understood consequence of drug abuse. Prepare an essay on the Hazards of Drug Abuse.
27. Irfan Alam, founder of Sammaan is on the look out for a Computer System Analyst. The candidate must be a Post Graduate/M.Tech. in Computer Science. Apply with a covering letter and resume to :
Irfan Alam, 2, 30-D Beily Road, State Bank Colony, Khaj Pura, Patna, Bihar.
28. Read the poem given below and prepare a critical appreciation, comparing it with “This is going to hurt just a little bit.”

I Ate a Spicy Pepper

I ate a spicy pepper
From my brother on a date
The pepper caught my head on fire
And burned off all my hair.

My mouth erupted lava
And my tongue began to melt
My ears were shooting jets of steam
At least that's how they felt

I ricocheted around the room
I ran across the ceiling
I dove right in the freezer
To relieve the burning feeling

I drank a thousand soda pops
And chewed a ton of ice
To try to stop the scorching
Of that spicy pepper's spice

At last, the flames extinguished
I admitted to my brother,
“That pepper was the best one yet
May I please have another ?”