

**FIRST YEAR HIGHER SECONDARY EXAMINATION, MARCH 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 the questions. Each carries 1 score.****(8 × 1 = 8)**

Read the following passage and answer the questions :

"It is not surprising that this astonishingly vital man, full of self-confidence and an unusual kind of power, standing for equality and freedom for each individual fascinated the masses of India and attracted them like a magnet."

1. Who is referred to as the vital man ?
2. How did he fascinate the masses of India ?
3. He attracted them like a \_\_\_\_\_.

Fill in the blanks choosing the right option from the brackets :

4. Five kilometres \_\_\_\_\_ not a short distance. (is/are)
5. If I had tried again \_\_\_\_\_.  
(I could solve the problem, I could have solved the problem, could have solve the problem)

6. Hasan assisted Dr. Cronin to help the patients. (Change into passive voice.)
7. 'Women of Namuana perform a strange ritual'. Name the ritual.
8. "And treat those two impostors just the same". Who are the two impostors mentioned ?

**Questions 9-12. Answer any 3. Each carries 2 scores.**

**(3 × 2 = 6)**

9. "Following the outburst of Covid 19 pandemic we have started using cyber space to a great extent". Write any two uses of cyber space during such pandemics.
10. "I am not meant for crawling,  
I have wings I will fly, I will fly."  
Why do you think Dr. APJ Abdul Kalam recited these lines while addressing students.
11. Change into reported speech :  
"When I go to that part of the country,  
I shall visit your brother's grave and write to you", says Gupta.
12. 'He waited a moment in surprise wondering why she did not come nearby'.  
Comment on the attitude of the mother seagull.

**Questions 13-19. Answer any 5. Each carries 4 scores.**

**(5 × 4 = 20)**

13. The Science club of your school has decided to invite Stephen Hawkins to inaugurate the Science fair in your school. Send an e-mail inviting him to the function.
14. In the poem 'Sleep' the poet experiences three sleepless nights. Imagine that you had such an experience. Write about your experience.
15. Prepare a short write up on the family relationship portrayed in the story 'The Price of Flowers'.
16. Happiness is described as an overwhelming power in the story Gooseberries. How far do you agree with this statement ?

17. Death is a great equaliser. Do you agree ? Present your arguments.
18. Attempt a character sketch of Hasan, the Serang of Ranaganji.
19. Prepare a travel info of a famous tourist destination of your choice.

**Questions 20-25. Answer any 5. Each carries 6 scores.**

**(5 × 6 = 30)**

20. There is an unusual increase in the number of stray dogs in your locality, which has become a menace. Write a letter to the Editor of a leading newspaper suggesting remedial measures.
21. Proper psychological rehabilitation must be provided to the survivors of natural calamities. Prepare a speech to present before the school assembly.
22. Prepare a profile of Abraham Lincoln.

<b>Abraham Lincoln</b>	
Born	- 12 <sup>th</sup> February, 1809
Spouse	- Mary Todd Lincoln
Children	- Robert Todd Lincoln, Edward Baker, William Wallace
Achievements	- Abolished Slavery
President of America	- 1861-1865
Assassinated	- 15 <sup>th</sup> April, 1865

23. While sitting on the island of Kadavu you were curious to know more about the place and the ritual. Construct a conversation between you and your tourist guide.
24. You had been on an adventure camp last month; where you witnessed paragliding activities. As a TV journalist give a live TV report of the event.
25. A panel discussion was conducted on the topic "Teenagers and Social Media". Write a report for documentation as you are the convener.

Questions 26-28. Answer any 2. Each carries 8 scores.

26. You visited a hill station during summer vacation. Write a travel essay to be published in the school magazine.
27. Kerala State Disaster Management Department organises an essay competition for the Higher Secondary Students on Disaster and Disaster Management. Write an essay for the competition.
28. Read the poem given below and write a critical appreciation of it :

**Walls and Fences**

Walls and Fences

All round

Creating boundaries

Both inside and out

Every word spoken

Just adds on

Building this wall

That cannot be undone

Pause and reflect

On the cost one bears

To put this wall up

That isn't even there.

Its about time

That we realise

These walls and fences

Are just malice

Not far behind

Lived on the plains

Where walls and fences

Were nowhere to be seen.

Oh what I would give

To go back to them days

Where soul, heart and body

Were all one and at peace...