

SECOND TERMINAL EVALUATION

CODE:-110

MAX. MARKS:- 80
STD:- X

ENGLISH

TIME:- 2 ½ hrs.
Cool off Time:- 15 mts.

I. Read the following passage from 'Tea-shops in Malayalam Cinema' and answer the questions that follow.

The tea-shop represents a time and space free from the drudgery of work, and therefore teems with a wide cross-section of society. Along with genial villagers, one also finds local toughs, political workers and, of course, a host of strangers at the tea-shop. The sheer variety of the customers and the possible activities - reading newspapers, exchanging local news, discussing politics, gossiping or just chatting - makes the tea-shop an ideal place to reveal the 'messages' and concerns of the film. In every film which depicts the conflict between the individual/family and society, the tea-shop, one can say, is a prominent character.

1. Why is 'tea-shop' a favourite space for many customers? 1
2. What purpose do tea-shop scenes serve in films? 1
3. The variety of food served in a local tea-shop is very limited. But it offers other two varieties. What are they? 1
4. Cite an instance each from the passage in which the linking word 'and' connects two noun phrases. 1
5. Find out from the passage the word which is opposite in meaning to 'conceal'. 1

II Read the following lines from 'Cactus' and answer the questions that follow.

One thorn for each rare drop of water.

I don't tempt butterflies.

No bird sings my praise.

I don't yield to droughts.

I create another beauty

beyond the moonlight,

this side of dreams,

a sharp, piercing,

parallel language.

1. Who does 'I' stand for? 1
2. 'I don't tempt butterflies.
No bird sings my praise'. What do these lines signify? 1
3. Quote the line that suggests 'Cactus is a tough fighter'. 1

III. Read the following lines from 'Celluloid Heroes' and answer the questions that follow.

Everybody's a dreamer and everybody's a star,
And everybody's in movies, it doesn't matter who you are.
There are stars in every city,
In every house and on every street,
And if you walk down Hollywood boulevard
Their names are written in concrete!

1. What does the expression 'Everybody is in movies' signify? 1
2. In what sense is 'Everybody a star'? 1
3. Which place is referred to in these lines? 1
4. The line, 'Their names are written in concrete!' can suggest two meanings. Explain. 1

IV. Answer any one of the following questions in about 120 words. 7

(a) After the horrifying incident happened in the street the narrator of the story 'The Blue Bouquet' ran back to his hotelroom. Write a short narrative of his thoughts based on the hints provided.

(Hints: repents disregarding hotelkeeper's advise - praise to Almighty for the escape - takes a pledge not to go out during night - thinks about the family members - decides to leave the room at the earliest.)

OR

(b) 'No dictator can suppress the suffering millions forever.' Comment on the statement in the light of the play 'The Beggar and the King' and prepare a write-up in about 120 words. (Hints: beggar cries for bread - the cries annoy the king - orders to send him away - cries louder - soldiers cut off his tongue - cries again - slain by the soldiers - regains life - commands the king - proclaims his strength)

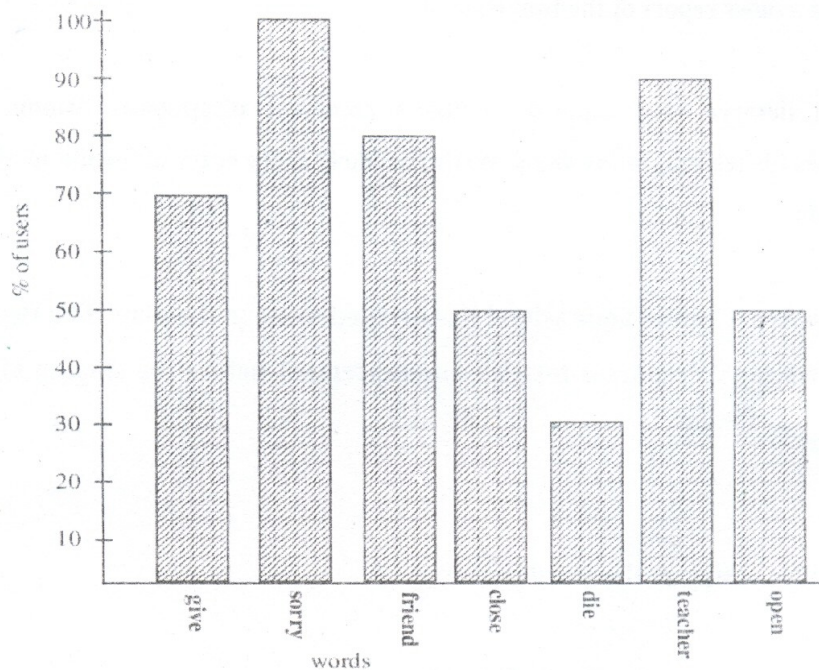
V. Read the passage given below and answer the questions that follow:

One evening as the Guru was meditating a thief with a sharp sword entered, demanding either his money or his life, the Guru told him; 'Do not disturb me. You can find the money in that drawer.' Then he resumed his meditation. A little while afterwards he stopped and called: 'Don't take it all. I need some to pay taxes tomorrow.' The intruder gathered up most of the money and started to leave. 'Thank a person when you receive a gift,'

the Guru added. The man thanked him and went off. A few days afterwards the fellow was caught and confessed, among others, the offence against the Guru. When the Guru was called as a witness he said: 'This man is no thief, at least as far as I am concerned. I gave him the money and he thanked me for it.' After he had finished his prison term, the man went to the Guru and became his disciple.

1. What did the thief want from the Guru? 1
2. How did the Guru react to the threat from the thief? 1
3. Why did the Guru ask the thief not to take all the money? 1
4. Give a suitable title to the story. 1
5. What, in your opinion, made the thief become the disciple of the Guru? 1

VI A study on the most commonly used words in English language reveals the following facts:



1. Which according to the bar diagram is the most commonly used word? 1
2. Find out the percentage of users of the word 'give'. 1
3. The diagram shows that only 30% of users use the word 'die'. How do you describe the word based on the given diagram? 1
4. Which word stands second in the order of the rank of usage? 1
5. Which are the two words that have equal number of users? 1

VII. The film club of your school is organising a film festival. BICYCLE THIEVES, CHEMMEEN, and NEELAKKUYIL are some of the films to be screened. Shaji N Karun, one of the famous film directors of Kerala, will inaugurate the festival. Draft a

notice giving details.

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VIII. The king in the play is a typical character who always tries to cling to his throne of power without giving care and protection to his subjects. Prepare a letter of complaint to the king urging him to take immediate measures to eradicate poverty from the land.

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IX. The school Film Club has organised a film festival at the school auditorium. DREAMS, CHILDREN OF HEAVEN, and MODERN TIMES were among the films screened in the festival. Film director Adoor Gopalakrishnan in his inaugural speech stressed on the cultural and educative values of cinema. Prepare a news report of the film festival.

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X. You deserve your Samuel.' Father's comment disappoints Swami. He expresses his feelings in his diary. Write the likely diary entry of Swami in about 60 words.

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XI. The Arts Club of your school has decided to stage the play 'The Beggar and the King'. Prepare a text for announcement before the staging of the play.

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XII Look at the word pyramid.

Flowers
Red flowers
Some red flowers
Some red flowers in the bouquet
Some red flowers in the bouquet that attract us

Construct a similar word-pyramid with the word 'books'.

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XIII. Read the conversation and complete the sentences given below

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John : What a beautiful picture!

Ganga : Thank you. I knew you would like it.

a. John exclaimed _____

b. Ganga thanked _____

XIV. Complete the following choosing the right phrases given in brackets and fill in the blanks in the passage given below. 4

The banker had ____ (a) ____ a plan to murder the lawyer. But when he came into the room he ____ (b) ____ a letter on the table. In it the lawyer expressed his decision to renounce the two millions and explained how he planned to ____ (c) ____ from the prison five hours before the time fixed. The banker ____ (d) ____ his plan and waited for the next day.

(get away, call for, give up, set up, come across, go on)

XV. The errors in the passage below are given in bold letters. Edit

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Mr Moorthi said that he was very sorry that he **cannot** (a) attend the sales conference on Monday. He was leaving for Shimla that evening and **would be not back** (b) till Wednesday. He wished Mr. Salim **attending** (c) the conference instead. Mr. Moorthi **will** (d) be happy if he was informed about it by that evening, so that Mr. Salim could make **him** (e) travel arrangements. He apologised for the inconvenience **causes** (f).

XVI. Complete the following conversation suitably.

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- The Fox : Where's your son?
Mother :He disobeyed me and went out to the woods.
The Fox :Hmm. You know what it means to break the laws, ____a____?
Mother :He is a kid. If you are angry like this ____b____.
The Fox :A kid! _____c_____?
Mother : Yes, I did warn him not to go out.
The Fox : We won't forgive him. _____d_____?
Mother :I don't know when he will be back.
The Fox :Oh! Give this baton to him when he comes.

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