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FIRST TERMINAL EVALUATION 2023-24

ENGLISH

Max. Score : 80

Time : 2.30 hrs

Standard IX

INSTRUCTIONS

- 15 minutes is given as cool off time.
- This time is to be used for reading the question paper.
- Attempt the questions according to the instructions.

Questions 1-5. Read the following passage from *The Race* and answer the questions that follow.

(1x5=5)

Tarun started practising zealously. Every day, he would get up at four in the morning and run up to ten miles. In the evenings, he would time himself according to the 1,000-metre distance prescribed by the competition. He wanted everything to be perfect. It was for the first time in his life that he was demanding such perfection in things he did, he thought. He also wanted someone to back him up and so he told everything to his mother.

1. What did Tarun do after getting up at four in the morning?
2. How did Tarun practise in the evenings?
3. Why did Tarun practise zealously?
4. "... so he told everything to his mother." What might be the reason for Tarun telling everything to his mother?
5. Pick out a word from the passage which means 'with great energy or enthusiasm.'

Questions 6-9. Read the following lines from *Bang the Drum* and answer the questions that follow.

From near
From far
It's clear, wherever you are
This is your moment
Your time to run like the wind
Dream big
Aim high
Even believe you can fly
Give it your all
Let the Games begin

6. "What do the singers ask the athletes to do when the games begin?"

(1)

7. "This is your moment." What do the singers mean by this? (1)
8. "Your time to run like the wind." Which is the figure of speech used here? (1)
9. Which line do you like the most from the lines given above? Why? (2)

10. Read the following lines from *Song of a Dream* and prepare a note of appreciation focusing on its theme, images and poetic devices. (5x1=5)

ONCE in the dream of a night I stood
 Lone in the light of a magical wood,
 Soul-deep in visions that poppy-like sprang;
 And spirits of Truth were the birds that sang,
 And spirits of Love were the stars that glowed,
 And spirits of Peace were the streams that flowed
 In that magical wood in the land of sleep.

Questions 11-15. Read the passage and answer the questions that follow. (1x5=5)

Humanoid robot is a robot with its overall appearance based on that of the human body. It consists of a torso with a head, two arms & two legs. They may also have a face, with eyes and a mouth, but it lacks feelings and emotions. Androids are humanoid robots built to resemble the male human, and Gynoids are humanoid robots built to resemble the human female.

Humanoid robot can be used in everyday life where they can do the jobs that people wouldn't want to do. They can do jobs more efficiently as well. They are adept at dealing with many things. They will do easily and cheaply many tasks that the human workers do now. It is a great challenge to robotics to build robots that do things like humans in a world made for humans. They can move and perform well-designed tasks. It can be used for functional purposes, like interacting with human tools and environments, for experimental purposes, such as the study of locomotion, or for other purposes.

11. What is a humanoid robot?
12. What are Gynoids?
13. A great challenge to robotics is.....
14. How does a humanoid robot differ from a human being?
15. List the different uses of humanoid robots.

Questions 16-17. Answer any ONE of the following questions. (7x1=7)

16. You are really impressed by the story *Maternity* by Lilika Nakos. You narrate the plight of Mikali to one of your friends. Prepare the likely narrative.

(Mikali- a teenage boy-refugee camp-starves with his infant brother-leads a miserable and horrible life- seeks a nursing mother-meets the Chinaman- Chinaman's wife feeds the boy-saves life)

17. "Support of family and friends play an important role in one's success." Prepare a **write-up** on the topic based on the story *The Race*.

Questions 18-21. Answer any **TWO** of the following.

(5x2 =10)

18. The character Ram Narayan in the story *The Race* appeals to everyone because of his love, support and motivation as a trainer. Prepare the **character sketch** of Ram Narayan.
19. The sports meet of your school is proposed to be held on August 29, The National Sports Day. Prepare a **notice** to invite students, parents, officials and public to the meet.
20. *Maternity* is a story that reflects the values of love and compassion. In the light of your reading of the story, write a **paragraph** on how the Chinaman's family turns out to be saviours of Mikali.
21. Ramakanth Achrekar agreed to admit Sachin in the training camp. Sachin was delighted to get such an opportunity and he jotted down his feelings. Prepare the likely **diary entry**.

Questions 22-26. Answer any **THREE** of the following.

(6x3 =18)

22. Write a short **profile** of Sarojini Naidu using the hints given below.

Born : 13 February 1879, Hyderabad
Famous as : Freedom fighter, Political activist, Poet
Alma mater : Cambridge University, Girton College
Nickname : Nightingale of India
Notable Works : The Golden Threshold(1905), The Broken Wing(1917), The Bird of Time(1912)
Died : 2 March 1949, Lucknow

23. You are the reporter of a leading daily. You get a chance to report the miserable life of the people in the Armenian refugee camp. Prepare the likely **news report**.
24. Tarun's meeting with Ram Narayan in the park was a turning point in his life. Ram Narayan promised to train Tarun if he won the race on Children's Day. Prepare the likely **conversation** between Tarun and Ram Narayan.
25. You get an opportunity to interview Sachin Tendulkar, the legend of Indian cricket. Prepare **six questions** that you might ask him.
26. Tarun's mother writes a letter extending her sincere gratitude to Ram Narayan for being a strong mentor in the life of Tarun. Prepare the likely **letter**.

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Questions 27-31. Read the details of the gold medallists of the men's 100m race at the Olympics and answer the questions that follow. (1x5 =5)

Name of Winners	Nationality	Year	Time (seconds)
Thomas Burke	USA	1896	12
Jesse Owens	USA	1936	10.3
Hasely Crawford	Trinidad	1976	10.6
Carl Lewis	USA	1984	9.99
		1988	9.92
Usain Bolt	Jamaica	2008	9.69
		2012	9.63
		2016	9.81

27. Which year did Hasely Crawford win the medal?
28. How many athletes in the list won the medal within a time of 10 seconds?
29. Who won the 100 m race in the first Modern Olympics held in 1896?
30. Which country did Carl Lewis represent?
31. The athlete who bagged Olympic medal three times is
32. Read the conversation given below and complete the sentences that follow.

(1x2 =2)

Achrekar : Why didn't you turn up at the nets?

Sachin : Sorry sir, I was playing with my friends in the street.

- a) Achrekar asked.....
- b) Sachin apologised and added.....

33. Here is an excerpt from the review of *Maternity*. Edit the passage. (1x4 =4)

The famous short story 'Maternity' is **wrote** (a) by Lilika Nakos. The protagonist Mikali or (b) his little brother live in a **refugy** (c) camp. Mikali finds **difficult to it** (d) feed the baby as they lost their mother.

34. Replace the bold words with the appropriate forms of the phrasal verbs given in bracket. (1x4=4)

One day, Achrekar sir called Mr. Tendulkar and **submitted** (a) his suggestion to change Sachin's school. Father and Ajit **accepted** (b) the plan. Before finalising, they **communicated** (c) the matter to Sachin. He **decided** (d) to move to Shardashram Vidhyamandir.

(agree with, put across, make up one's mind, put forward, turn down)

35. Complete the following passage choosing suitable words given in bracket. (1x4=4)

Tarun got up ----(a)--- third time. The twelve-year-old determined boy, ----(b)--- was last on the track, got up ----(c)--- ran with all the strength he had and managed ----(d)--- cross the finishing line.

(who, to, and, a, for)

36. Read the passage carefully and pick out **any two noun phrases** in **subject position**. (1x2=2)

Tarun was a mediocre student. He could barely satisfy his parents. His elder brother always made the family proud. His family and his friends didn't support him when he failed in his examination.

37. Complete the conversation given below suitably. (1x4=4)

Ajith : You run summer camp this year,(a).....?

Achrekar : Yes, of course.

Ajith : I have one request to you.

Achrekar :(b).....?

Ajith : Kindly admit my brother Sachin in your camp.

Achrekar : Let me see.(c).....?

Ajith : Yes, he is really interested in playing cricket.

Achrekar : Fine. If he performs well,(d).....

Ajith : Thank you sir.