

# FIRST TERMINAL EVALUATION

HSE- 2

Marks: 80

## Part- I ENGLISH

Time: 2 hours 30 m  
Cool off Time:15 m

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**(Questions 1-8): Answer all the questions.**

Read the excerpt and answer the questions given below.

*They spoke about the difficulties they lived with. My grandfather could only listen to them but just talking to him seemed to refresh them for the journey.*

1. Whose grandfather is mentioned here? (1)
2. Who is referred to as ‘they’? (1)

Read the excerpt from the story *Amigo Brothers* and answer the questions given below.

*After all, fighting was like any other profession. Friendship had nothing to do with it. But a gnawing doubt crept in.*

3. A word in the excerpt here has the meaning “causing distress or anxiety”. Identify the word. (1)
4. What is the gnawing doubt that crept into the mind of the speaker? (1)

*I see him there*

*Bringing a stone grasped firmly by the top*

*In each hand, like an old-stone savage armed,*

5. Identify any figure of speech in the above lines. (1)
6. Who is the ‘him’ mentioned here? (1)
7. Identify the adjective clause in the given sentence. (1)

The man, who is painting the wall, is my uncle.

8. He is checking the notes to see if they are genuine.

Rewrite the sentence beginning with ‘The notes.....’ (1)

**(Questions 9-12) Answer any three. Each question carries 2 scores.**

9. Change into Reported Speech.

Baldwin: Whatever we are to the world, let us be honest with each other.

10. Fill in the blanks with the correct tense forms of the verbs given in the brackets.

Sudha Murty .....( join) the company last year. By then, Ratna .....  
(complete) 25 years in that company.

11. Now, he too picks up the poisoned knife. What is the “poisoned knife”?

12. Suggest two ways to promote more opportunities for women in the workplace.

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

13. Ashapurna Debi says, *This – this is precisely why I compare women to matchboxes. Why?*

14. Edit the errors.

Globally, women earn only three-quarters as much as men-even with the same level of education and on the same occupation. Surely, one of our most basic norm should be “equal pay for equal work!” Recent researches shows that eliminating gender gaps in economic participation can bring a increase in per capita income.

15. Read the lines from the poem “*Any Woman*”

*I am the twist that holds together*

*The children in its sacred ring*

*The knot of love from whose close tether*

*No lost child goes awandering.*

Elaborate the meaning of the above lines.

16. When Martha comes to know through the papers that there was something wrong with the bank, she decides to withdraw her deposits. Imagine she sends an e-mail to the manager to fix the nearest date for the withdrawal of her deposits and stating the reason for the withdrawal. Draft the e-mail.

17. “It’s her standard speech. The good woman has once again placed on the record the news of her various hardships and complaints....” Imagine you are Nomita’s mother. What would you have written in the letter? Draft a letter to your daughter.

18. Given below is a blurb of Ashapurna Debi’s short story MATCHBOX. But it is incomplete. What more information do you get from a blurb?

- Ashapura Debi, a stalwart among Bengali writers. (1909–95)
- One of those rare authors, who was able to render the voice of an entire culture.
- Matchbox is brilliantly translated from Bengali and retains the original flavour of the language and Debi's style.
- In the story *Matchbox*...

Complete the blurb.

19. Imagine you are one of the announcers of the Division Finals at Tompkins Square Park. Write the script of the announcement that you would make after the final bell as the fighters were past hearing it, they continued to pound on each other and the referee and the trainers were trying to pull them apart.

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

20. Imagine you have got a chance to interview Mary Kom. Prepare six questions for the interview.

21. “*I know that if I take this money, I do a dishonourable thing*”. What quality of the character is evident here? Sketch the character of Robert Baldwin.

22. There is nothing on this earth more to be prized than true friendship. How far is this statement true regarding Amigo Brothers?

23. You are taking part in a panel discussion on the topic “Sharing is Caring” being conducted by the Social Science Club of your school along with Snehatheeram Charitable Trust where a few eminent guests and other students are taking part. After the welcome speech, you are invited for panel presentation. Prepare the script for presentation.

24. As the special correspondent of New York Times, you are asked to document the arrest of John Gresham. He is accused of misappropriating the funds of depositors. Complete the news report.

*Financial Fraud: Banker Arrested*

Special Correspondent  
*New York*

*The President and owner of NCT Bank, Mr John Gresham (50) was arrested last day*  
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25. Imagine that you are the Secretary of the Social Science Club of your school. You are asked to prepare the report of Film Festival conducted under the auspices of the Social Science Club on March 8 th, International Women's Day. (Hints: Time, Date, Venue, Inauguration, Chief Guest, Film Show, Discussion etc)

**Questions 26-28. Answer any Two. Each question carries 8 scores.**

26. *Women Empowerment and Economic development are closely related.* You are asked to speak on the topic. Prepare the script for the speech in the light of reading the lesson *The 3Ls of Women Empowerment* by Christine Lagarde.

27. Corruption is not a new phenomenon. Two Thousand years ago, Kautilya had written a book *Arthashastra*, discussing corruption. The 19 th century dramatist Percival Wilde discusses the corrupting influence of money on people in his play *The Hour of Truth*. But why does it attract a great deal of attention these days? Write an article on *Corruption and the Ways to Counter It*.

28. Read the poem given below and compare it with *Any Woman*.

### **Nobel Prize for Mothers**

Mom you are a shining star  
Though the world doesn't know your name.  
You have no fancy title  
Like Baroness or Dame.

Mom you really are a star,  
My mother, mentor and friend.  
A Nobel Prize for motherhood,  
Is what I'd recommend!

And if I won the lottery  
I'd share my win with you  
I'd take you Mom on a spending spree  
Each day the whole year through!

You may not be famous,  
As your face is known to few.  
But Mom I think you are wonderful  
And I'm so proud of you!

~ *Anonymous*