



Class No. :

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Name :

**FIRST YEAR HIGHER SECONDARY SECOND TERMINAL
EXAMINATION, DECEMBER 2023**

Part – I

ENGLISH

Maximum : 80 Scores

Time : 2½ Hours

Cool-off Time : 15 Minutes

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 the questions carefully before answering.*
- *Read the instructions carefully.*

Score

Q. No. 1 to 3 : Read the passage and answer the questions given below.

(4)

He stepped slowly out to the brink of the ledge and standing on one leg with the other leg hidden under his wing, he closed one eye, then the other and pretended to be falling asleep.

1. Who is referred to as He in this passage ? (1)

2. What is the meaning of the word 'brink' ? (1)

3. How did he pretend to be asleep ? (2)



Score

(4)

Q. No. 4 to 6 : Read the lines and answer the questions given below.

The glories of blood and state

Are shadows, not substantial things;

There is no armour against fate;

Death lays his icy hand on kings.

4. What are the insubstantial things mentioned here ? (1)
5. Identify the poetic device in the line "Death lays his icy hand on kings". (1)
6. Explain the line, "There is no armour against fate". (2)

Q. No. 7 to 8 : Fill in the blanks with suitable words from the brackets : (2)

7. The boy, along with the tourists, _____ gone. (has, have)
8. All the assignments should be submitted on time _____, they will not be evaluated.
(therefore, otherwise, on the contrary)



Score

Complete the following sentence with suitable clause.

(1)

9. If you worked with confidence, _____.

10. Edit the following passage :

(3)

I shall work for a India in which the poorest shall feel that it was their country, in whose making they has an effective voice.

Q. No. 11 to 16 : Answer any five of the following questions. Each carries four scores.

(5×4=20)

11. Sketch the character of Mr. Gupta.

12. Comment on the significance of the title of the story 'The Price of Flowers'.

13. Why does Dr. A. P. J. Abdul Kalam say that 'no youth needs to fear about their future' ?

14. How did Hawking overcome his crippling disease ? Prepare a write-up.

15. Prepare a detailed profile of Dr. A. P. J. Abdul Kalam using the hints given below.

Dr. A. P. J. Abdul Kalam

Statesman — aerospace scientist — Writer — motivational speaker



Born : 15 October 1931

Birth place : Rameswaram, Tamil Nadu

11th President of India (2002 – 2007)

Secretary of DRDO (1992 – 1999)

Chief Scientific Advisor to the Prime Minister (1992 – 1999)

Books : India 2020 (1998)

Ignited Minds (2002)

Wings of Fire (1999)

Turning Points (2012)

Failure is a Teacher

Died : 27 July 2015, Shillong

16. Explain the following lines from the poem 'The Wreck of the Titanic'.

And with these down the corridors' of all time

The Titanic's story shall sound sublime,

For never was courage more noble and true,

Than was shown on that night, by the Titanic's crew



Q. No. 17 to 23 : Answer any five of the following questions. Each carries six scores.

Score

(5×6=30)

17. As a tourist guide, you are supposed to narrate the story behind the turtle-calling ceremony in Kandavu. Narrate the story.
18. The story 'The Serang of Ranaganji' highlights the crime of Judging a person based on his/her appearance. Prepare a write-up.
19. Comment on the imagery used in the poem 'Sunrise on the Hills'.
20. Write a live report on the launching of 'Le Horla'.
21. Describe the India that Gandhi dreamed of.
22. Guy de Maupassant decides to send Captain Jovis an email appreciating him for his dynamic leadership in the Le Horla's successful launching. Draft the email.
23. Write a letter to the editor pointing out the issues with stray dogs and the harm they pose to human life.

Q. No. 24 to 26 : Answer any two of the following questions. Each carries eight scores.

(2×8=16)

24. Prepare a motivational speech based on the lessons 'His First Flight, I Will Fly, Quest for a Theory of Everything, and if', pointing the messages and ideas you derived from them.



25. Write an article explaining the cause and effect of the increasing number and magnitude of disasters these days.

26. Write a critical appreciation of the poem given below :

Journey to Success

Climb the steps one by one

For one day it will be done

Your mind body and soul will sing

‘Success is what I can achieve’.

No matter what comes your way

Never decide to run away

From problems, issues and complications

For deep within you, there is true determination

Never get disheartened if you fail

‘First attempt in learning’ is what it means,

You can overcome once you’ve failed;

If you are really keen !



Score

Many more attempts you'll make

Until its your final take,

Then you'll see your goal not very far;

Now you realise your true potential and who you really are !

– By Bhavya Paranjpe
