

ENGLISH

Time : 2½ hrs

Total Score: 80

Std : IX

INSTRUCTIONS:

- ◆ 15 minutes is given as cool off time.
- ◆ This time is to be used for reading the question paper.
- ◆ You are not supposed to write anything during the cool off time.
- ◆ Attempt the questions according to the instructions.

Questions 1 - 5: Read the excerpt from 'Toys to Teens' and answer the questions that follow.

(5 x 1 = 5)

Eight-year-old Grace came home from third grade one day and announced to her mother, "I need a Monster High doll for Halloween, Mom. The one I like is named Draculaura."

Her mother was a bit surprised, given that Grace had not expressed any interest in such a doll before.

"What's a Monster High doll?" her mother asked.

"They're cool, Mom. They all have monster names like Frankenstein and Clawdeen Wolf. But I like Draculaura. She has long black hair, pink boots and a pet bat. I love her outfits," replied Grace.

"How do you know about these dolls?" her mother asked. "Maddi told me about them. We watched some of their videos at Maddi's house and we even played a computer game. Mom, Draculaura has her own website!" said Grace.

"What do the dolls do in these videos?" probed her mother.

"They put on make-up and write in their diaries. They all go to Monster High together," Grace replied.

1. Which event does Grace need a doll for?
2. Why does Grace prefer Draculaura?
3. Who told Grace about the Monster High dolls?
4. Pick out a word from the passage that means 'a set of clothes worn together'.
5. Why was the mother surprised when Grace expressed her desire to get Draculaura?

Questions 6 - 9: Read the lines from the song 'Let it Go' and answer the questions that follow.

(4 x 1 = 4)

The snow glows white on the mountain tonight

Not a footprint to be seen

A kingdom of isolation

And it looks like I'm the queen

The wind is howling like this swirling storm inside

Couldn't keep it in, Heaven knows I tried.

Don't let them in, don't let them see

Be the good girl you always have to be

Conceal, don't feel, don't let them know

Well, now they know.

6. Why does the speaker call the place 'A kingdom of isolation'?
 7. Pick out an instance of simile from the lines given above.
 8. What is it that Elsa couldn't keep in?
 9. Why is Elsa asked to conceal her feelings?
10. Prepare a note of appreciation of the poem 'Walk Alone' focusing on the theme, imagery and other poetic devices. (1 x 5 = 5)

If no one listens to your call-
Then you must walk on alone.
Move on alone, move on alone, and move on alone.
If no one speaks to you - oh, oh my hapless one,
If everyone turns the other way, if everyone is afraid,
Then open your heart and speak out your mind alone.
If everyone turns away, oh my hapless one,
If as you walk alone on a dark road
No one joins you on your journey,
Then you must crush the thorns in your path
With your bleeding feet and walk ahead alone.

Questions 11 - 14: Read the passage and answer the questions given below. (4 x 1 = 4)

Climate change refers to significant, long-term shifts in global temperatures and weather patterns, primarily driven by human activities. The burning of fossil fuels such as coal, oil, and natural gas releases greenhouse gases like carbon dioxide into the atmosphere, intensifying the natural greenhouse effect and leading to global warming. This warming results in melting glaciers, rising sea level, and increased frequency of extreme weather events, including hurricanes, droughts, and heat wave. Additionally, climate change disrupts ecosystems, leading to biodiversity loss and threatening food and water security. It requires a collaborative global effort to reduce the impacts of climate change. To achieve this, we should reduce greenhouse gas emissions, switch to renewable energy sources, and implement sustainable practices across all sectors of the society.

11. What is climate change?
12. How does climate change affect biodiversity?
13. Which among the following is a green house gas?
 - a) oxygen
 - b) nitrogen
 - c) carbon dioxide
 - d) argon
14. How does climate change affect sea level?

Questions 15 - 16: Answer any ONE of the following questions.

(1 x 7 = 7)

15. We live in a world where the advertising media often lures us to become consumers of products we do not want. In the light of your reading of the article 'Toys to Teens', prepare a **write-up** on 'The Influence of Advertisements on Adolescents.'
16. The meeting between the legendary cartoonist Joseph Barbera and the King of Pop, Michael Jackson hit the headlines the next day. Prepare the likely **news report**.

Questions 17 - 19: Answer any TWO of the following questions.

(2 x 5 = 10)

17. Read the passage given below and prepare **five questions** based on it.

Bangalore, the city where I live when not in my village Mundakkottukurissi in Kerala, was going through its windy phase. For over a week now, a brutal wind had been sweeping the northern outskirts of the city with a menacing growl. Window shutters banged. Doors unlatched themselves. Around my home, trees creaked and groaned while leaves hissed and whispered. Through night and day, the wind blew, pushing the monsoon clouds away. So, a turbulent flight into Kerala indicated possible rains. Except that, as we descended into Kochi, it seemed to have no rain either.

18. Michael Jackson is quite fascinated by the sketches of a cartoon by Joseph Barbera. He jots down his feelings in his diary. Prepare the likely **diary entry**.
19. **Describe the picture** given below based on your reading of the article 'Toys to Teens'.



Questions 20 - 23: Answer any THREE of the following questions.

(3 x 6 = 18)

20. You get a chance to meet Joseph Barbera, one of the cartoon artists who created Tom and Jerry. Prepare a **conversation** between Joseph Barbera and you.

21. Neerja Bhanot exemplifies the indomitable human spirit. Her courage and self sacrifice is an inspiration to all. Prepare the character sketch of Neerja Bhanot.
22. M. T. Vasudevan Nair is a prolific and versatile writer in Malayalam literature. His demise marks the end of an era. Yet, his legacy will forever remain in the hearts of millions. Prepare a short profile of M. T. Vasudevan Nair using the details below.
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| Full Name | : Madath Thekkepaattu Vasudevan Nair |
| Birth | : 15 July 1933, Kudallur |
| Alma mater | : Victoria College, Palakkad |
| Famous as | : Novelist, short story writer, screenplay writer, film director |
| Genre | : Novel, short story, children's literature, travelogue, essays |
| Notable works | : Naalukettu, Randamoozham, Kaalam, Asuravithu, Iruttinte Athmavu |
| Awards | : Padma Bhushan, Jnanpith, Sahitya Akademi Award |
| Died | : 25 December 2024, Kozhikode. |
23. We need to follow and practise online manners to communicate courteously on the internet. Prepare an email to be sent to the editor of a leading daily about the need to educate the public on cyber etiquette.

Questions 24-28: Study the following news headlines and answer the questions that follow.

(5 x 1 = 5)

Koneru Humpy wins Women's Rapid Chess Championship
84% Indians feel AI will significantly influence their life
Kerala's Kappad and Chal beaches get global Blue Flag Certification
Legendary singer P. Jayachandran passes away
Kerala will be free from extreme poverty by 2025
Thrissur clinches Kerala School Kalolsavam Trophy

24. How is P. Jayachandran who passed away recently described in the headline?
25. The headline that deals with the winners of School Kalolsavam is.....
26. Which headline may significantly boost the confidence of Kerala Tourism industry?
27. What do Indians feel about AI?
28. The headline that refers to a historic win by an Indian is

29. Report the following dialogue.

(2 x 1=2)

Michael Jackson : Have you really written all those Tom and Jerry series?
Joseph Barbera : No, I drew them.

- a) Michael Jackson
- b) Joseph Barbera

30. Edit the following passage.

(4x1=4)

Marketers has (a) developed sophisticated strategies like the use of sound effects, bright colours, jingles, animated (b) characters, and a variety to (c) other production techniques to target youngest (d) consumers.

31. Complete the passage given below using the appropriate forms of the phrasal verbs given in brackets. (4 x 1 = 4)

When the two legends (a), they were highly impressed by each other. Michael Jackson (b)..... admiring Joseph Barbera and he, in turn, could (c)..... how genuine a person Michael Jackson was. Barbera (d)..... his demand for an autograph which was immediately obliged by Michael Jackson.

(make out, call on, put across, meet up, go on)

32. Complete the following passage choosing suitable words given in brackets. (4 x 1 = 4)

In a strange tale (a) courage and resilience, four children, one (b) young as eleven months, survived (c) deadly plane crash. The plane crashed deep (d) the Colombian Amazon.

(a, of, as, in, on)

33. Fill in the blanks choosing the correct word given in brackets. (2 x 1 = 2)

The hijackers of the (a)..... (plane/plain) gained access posing as airport security (b)..... (personal/personnel).

34. Read the conversation between Grace and her mother and complete it suitably. (4 x 1 = 4)

Mom : You really want the Monster High doll, (a).....?

Grace : Yes mom, they are so cool.

Mom : Would you mind if (b).....

Grace : Yes, I do. I don't want you to buy any other doll.

Mom : If you promise me to be good, (c).....

Grace : Oh, thank you! (d).....?

Mom : Okay, I will buy the doll named Draculaura.

35. Read the sentences given below and identify the Noun Phrase in subject position and the Verb Phrase. (2 x 1 = 2)

- a. The influence of advertisements on adolescent consumer behaviour is evident in their heightened awareness of brand names.
- b. A tiger shark attacked Bethany Hamilton.

