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**FIRST YEAR HIGHER SECONDARY MODEL
EXAMINATION, FEBRUARY 2025**

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.
- Write answers to the specific number of questions as instructed.
- Use the 'Cool off time' to get familiar with questions and to plan your answers.
- Read questions carefully before answering.

Score

Questions 1 to 8 : Answer all the questions. Each carries 1 score.

(8×1=8)

Read the following passage and answer the questions that follow.

“... World War I ended at last, and the peace, instead of bringing us relief and progress, brought us repressive legislation and martial law in the Punjab. A bitter sense of humiliation and passionate anger filled our people. We had become a derelict nation. Yet what could we do, how to change this vicious process ? We seemed to be helpless in the grip of some all-powerful monster; our limbs were paralysed, our minds deadened.”

1. Who is the author of the passage describing India's sense of helplessness and anger after World War I, and from which book is it taken ?
2. In the passage, who is referred to as the “all-powerful monster” ?



Score

3. What was the initial hope after World War I ended ?
4. How did the people feel after these new laws were introduced ?

Read the following lines and answer the questions that follow. Each question carries 1 score.

“I Stood upon the hills, when heaven’s wide arch
Was glorious with the sun’s returning march,
And woods were brightened, and soft gales
Went forth to kiss the sun-clad vales.”

5. What is meant by “heaven’s wide arch” in the poem and what poetic device is used in this phrase ?
6. What time of day is being described in these lines ?
7. Which natural elements are described in the poem ?
8. Which words in the poem convey a sense of movement ?

Questions 9 to 12 : Answer any 3. Each carries 2 scores.

(3×2=6)

9. Fill in the blanks with the appropriate form of verb given in the brackets.
 - a) If water _____ (freeze), it will turn into ice.
 - b) If we had taken a taxi, we _____ (arrive) on time.



Score

10. "Sceptre and Crown

Must tumble down,

And in the dust be equal made

With the poor crooked scythe and spade."

How, according to the poet, does death serve as a leveller ?

11. Report the following :

Ivan Ivanich said to Bourkin : "I left my brother early the next morning, and from that time on I found it impossible to live in town. The peace and quiet of it oppress me."

12. Edit the errors :

The team are planning to go for a retreat next week. Each member have their own preferences for the venue, but none of them is willing to compromise. Everyone were asked to provide their suggestions in writing.

Questions 13 to 19 : Answer any 5. Each carries 4 scores.

(5×4=20)

13. In Dr. A.P.J. Abdul Kalam's speech "I Will Fly", he emphasizes the importance of dreams and determination. Write a paragraph discussing how Dr. Kalam motivates the youth to follow their dreams, overcome challenges, and to be a 'UNIQUE YOU'.

14. Stephen Hawking, despite his crippling disease, became one of the most renowned physicists of all time. How his qualities, such as determination and will power helped him to overcome challenges and to become the "supernova of physics" ?



Score

15. What is the message that the poet conveys through the lines given below ?

“If you can fill the unforgiving minute
With sixty seconds’ worth of distance run,
Yours is the Earth and everything that’s in it,
And-which is more-you’ll be a Man, my son!”

16. In *The Price of Flowers*, Maggie is portrayed as a responsible young girl who begins working at an early age. Write a brief character sketch of Maggie, highlighting her maturity and sense of responsibility.

17. You are asked to prepare a list of Do’s and Dont’s for using cyberspace. Prepare a list of two important Do’s and two Dont’s that should be followed to ensure safe and responsible use of the internet.

18. Anton Chekhov’s short story *Gooseberries* portrays the lives of two brothers who pursue their goals in different ways. Describe the various phases in the life of Nicholai Ivanich, the younger brother.

19. Lifestyle diseases are on the rise today. To maintain good health, it is important to have proper sleep, engage in exercises like walking, and eat healthy food. Prepare a write up about the importance of these factors in maintaining overall health and preventing lifestyle diseases.



Score

Questions 20 to 25 : Answer any 5. Each carries 6 scores.

(5×6=30)

20. Prepare a profile of Ratan Naval Tata from the hints given below :

Born : 8 December 1937, Mumbai, India

Education : Cornell University, Harvard Business School

Notable Contributions : Tata Nano, Tata Tea's acquisition of Tetley, Tata Steel's acquisition of Corus, Tata Motors' acquisition of Jaguar Land Rover, etc.

Awards : Padma Bhushan (2000), Padma Vibhushan (2008), Honorary Knight Commander of the Order of the British Empire (KBE)

Fields : Industrialist, philanthropist, former chairman of Tata Sons, investor

Died : 9 October 2024

21. Imagine you are delivering a speech at a Parent-Teacher Meeting on the topic "The Role of Parents in Motivating Children : Lessons from 'His First Flight'." Prepare the script for your speech, including a brief summary of the story. Explain the role of parents in building confidence in children, providing motivation and support, and helping them overcome their fears.

22. The passengers aboard the Titanic were deeply moved by the heroism displayed by the crew, who remained committed to their duties even in the face of death. Imagine you were one of the passengers who survived the tragic sinking of the Titanic. Narrate the events from your perspective to a friend.

23. Imagine you were a journalist and you were among the witnesses to the novel and adventurous first flight of Le Horla, the hot air balloon controlled by Captain Jovis. This historic journey captured everyone's attention. Draft a likely newspaper report about the balloon's take off.



Score

24. The voyage of Ranaganji from Liverpool to Calcutta was successful, largely due to the selfless service of the Serang, A. J. Cronin, the ship's physician, is deeply grateful. After some weeks, he decides to send an email to Hasan, reflecting on the incidents during the journey and thanking him for his timely help. Draft the likely email the doctor would write to Hasan.
25. Disasters, both natural and man-made, are a significant concern in India due to its vulnerability to calamities. Prepare an article on the topic "Disasters and Disaster Management in India", discussing the types of disasters India faces and the steps taken by the government to improve disaster management.

Questions 26 to 28 : Answer any 2. Each carries 8 scores.

(2×8=16)

26. Kashmir is known as the "Heaven on Earth," for its breath-taking landscapes, snow-capped mountains, beautiful valleys, and lakes. It is loved by travellers for centuries. Imagine you got a chance to visit Kashmir. Write a travel essay describing your experience. (Include Kashmir's Beauty and Culture-Iconic Landscapes like Dal Lake, Gulmarg, Mughal gardens, Shalimar and Nishat Bagh. Local Culture and Warmth -Kashmiri Cuisine etc.)
27. Write an essay on the topic "Gandhiji's vision for an Inclusive and Harmonious India addressing issues like Equality and Social Justice, Women Empowerment, Cultural Fusion and Religious Tolerance, Opposition to Social Evils, and National and Cultural Identity".



Score

28. Read the poem *The Road Not Taken* by Robert Frost and prepare a note of appreciation.

The Road Not Taken

Two roads diverged in a yellow wood,
And sorry I could not travel both
And be one traveller, long I stood
And looked down one as far as I could
To where it bent in the undergrowth;
Then took the other, as just as fair,
And having perhaps the better claim,
Because it was grassy and wanted wear;
Though as for that the passing there
Had worn them really about the same,
And both that morning equally lay
In leaves no step had trodden black.
Oh, I kept the first for another day!
Yet knowing how way leads on to way,
I doubted if I should ever come back.
I shall be telling this with a sigh
Somewhere ages and ages hence:
Two roads diverged in a wood, and
I took the one less travelled by,
And that has made all the difference.

Robert Frost