



May 2013

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For Scheme I and Scheme II Candidates

Second Year Higher Secondary SAY/Improvement Examination

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 of 2½ hrs.
- You are not allowed to write your answers nor to discuss anything with others during the 'cool off time'.
- Read questions carefully before answering.
- All questions are compulsory and only internal choice is allowed.
- When you select a question, all the sub-questions must be answered from the same question itself.
- Electronic devices except non programmable calculators are not allowed in the Examination Hall.

Questions 1 – 5 :

1. Dr. A. P. J. Abdul Kalam has three visions for India : Freedom, Development and Power. List out any three of India's achievements in two or three sentences. (2)
2. Your class teacher directs you to participate in a debate on whether we should accept loans from Foreign Agencies. Those who spoke against presented the following points :

Against
* By accepting loan from a foreign agency, we are surrendering our freedom and self-respect.
* The debt we incur would turn out to be a burden for the next generation as well.
* The interest rate is too high.
* Their terms and conditions are totally unacceptable.

If you speak 'For', what will your arguments be ? Give four points. (4)



3. You have read the story of Rose Donegan written by A. J. Cronin. Fourteen years old Rose readily shouldered the responsibility of her family. Who, do you think, should shoulder the responsibility of the family ?

– father, mother, the children themselves ?

Write your response in about 100 words.

[Hints : Role of father – mother – Children – Grand parents – Sharing of responsibilities etc.]

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4. The Film Critics' Society is conducting a two-day camp for young film critics in your school. Eminent writers and critics are sharing their experience with the young critics, in the morning session. The following films are expected to be discussed according to the given schedule.

Adoor's	Vidheyan	2 p.m. to 4.30 p.m.	January 24 th
Satyajit Ray's	Aparajito	2 p.m. to 3 p.m.	January 25 th
Chaplin's	The Kid	3 p.m. to 4.30 p.m.	

- a) Prepare a programme notice.

OR

- b) Prepare a Press release in about 80 words.

(5)

5. Imagine that A. P. J. Abdul Kalam visits your school to interact with the children. You are asked to introduce this great scientist at a general school assembly. Using the details given below prepare a short profile for your presentation (80 words).

(6)

* born 15th October 1931 Rameswaram, Tamil Nadu

* Studied, St. Joseph's College, Trichy

* Specialization – Aero Engineering from Madras Institute of Technology



- * Career
- 1) Joined DRDO in 1958
 - 2) Joined ISRO in 1963 – designed and developed Indian Satellite and launching Vehicles.
 - 3) Shaped the missile programme of DRDO.
 - 4) Scientific advisor to Defence Minister.
 - 5) President of India (2002-2007).

- * Awards – Padma Bhushan (1981)
Padma Vibhushan (1990)
Bharat Ratna (1997)

6. Read the following poem “Written in a Carefree Mood”, by the Chinese poet Lu Yu.

Old man pushing seventy,
In truth he acts like a little boy,
Whooping with delight when he spies some mountain fruits,
Laughing with joy, tagging after village mummers ;
With the others having fun stacking tiles to make a pagoda,
Standing alone staring at his image in the jardiniere pool.
Tucked under his arm, a battered book to read,
Just like the time he first set out to school.

[Whooping = making a cheerful cry, spies = sees ; tagging = going after ;
mummers = actors in a folk-play ; stacking = collecting, grouping, piling, jardiniere = a
vessel for the display of flowers ; tucked = folded, battered = torn]

Prepare an appreciation of the poem based on its theme, relevance, mood,
tone, style etc. How different is the mood of this poem from that of “Middle Age” ? **(8)**



Questions 7 – 9 :

Read the following extract from “The King Who Limped”.

- First Lady : Oh, I hardly know ! Why not divide the dog in two and give them half each.
- King : A Splendid idea. [To Neighbours] Do you men agree to that ?
- First Neighbour : If your Majesty thinks fit.
- King (To Second Neighbour) : And you, my man ?
- Second Neighbour : No, no ! I do not agree to that ! Let him keep the dog, your Majesty ! It is a good little dog. I cannot bear to see it harmed ! Let him have the dog.
- King : Humph ! It seems quite clear which is the owner.

The King orders to take the First Neighbour off to prison and he explains the reasons for making such a judgement.

7. What were the King’s reasons for sending the First Neighbour to prison ? (2)
8. Do you agree with the King’s decision ? If so, why ? (you may use expressions like ‘I agree/ I don’t agree, because, as . . . , since . . . etc.) (2)
9. Write your impressions on the above characters, as evident from the play. (You may use expressions like ‘sensible, resourceful, dishonest, liar, shrewd quarrelsome, kindhearted, efficient, sycophant etc.) (4)



10. You have read Cronin's Story 'An Irish Rose'. Do you like the sad ending of the story ? State your opinion in two different sentences. (2)

You may use expressions like :

I like/love . . .

I really hate . . .

I don't think I like . . . etc.

11. Read the following passage from "Goldmine of Indian Health Traditions" :

"There is a need to initiate action at various levels. We all seem to agree that there is much that is valuable in our health traditions that needs to be strengthened and propagated."

- a) Write a letter to the editor of a popular newspaper expressing your concern over the current tendency to disregard the goldmine of Indian health traditions and go blindly after modern allopathic medicines. (8)

(Hints : Modern medicine Vs people's health traditions like Ayurveda . . . – need for a holistic approach – encourage local health practices – use of herbs – standardization and validation – take pride in our health traditions).

OR

- b) Prepare a speech, in about 120 words, to be delivered in connection with the observation of a Health Week in your school. The topic is 'Reviving Indian Health Traditions.' (8)

(Hints : Traditional health practices disregarded – Ayurveda, Unani, Siddha etc. neglected – need to have faith in our indigenous practices – support of the policy makers essential – survive the threat of globalization etc. – propagate these life-saving traditions).



12. Read the following extract from "The King Who Limped".

Second Lady : I do hope he is handsome. (She rises and smooths her dress.)

Chancellor : Ofcourse he is handsome.

Prime Minister : I hope he won't want his own way too much.

Chancellor : Ofcourse he won't want his own way too much.

Imagine that as a part of narrating the story to the class, you are changing the above passage into reported speech. Begin your narration as : Rising and smoothing her dress the Second Lady expressed her (6)

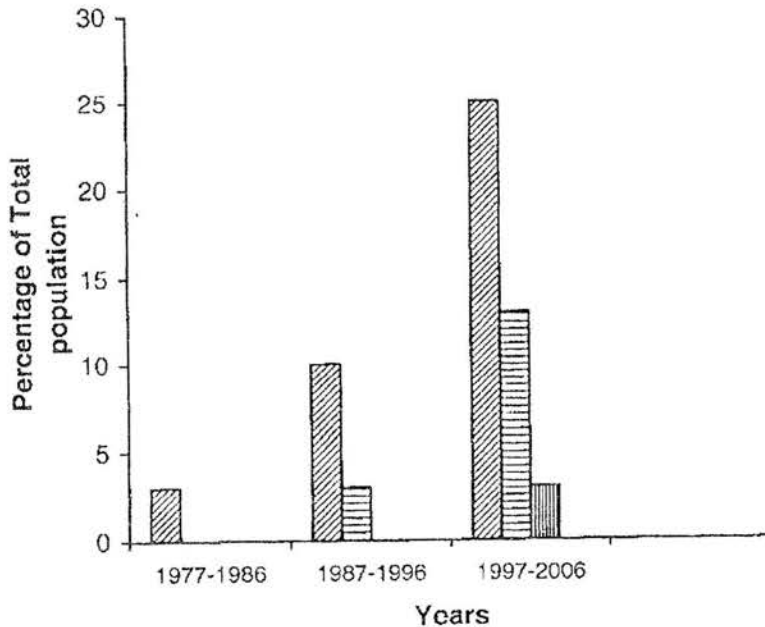
13. The interviewer asked Adoor Gopalakrishnan : "Why do you avoid scenes of Violence". What was his answer ? What are your reactions to scenes of violence on Visual Media like T. V. or Cinema ? Express your views in a paragraph of about 50 words. (6)

14. You have gone through the anti-climax in the play "The Dear Departed", when Able says : " I'll tell you what I've got to do. I've got to do three things. I've got to go to the lawyer's and alter my will, and I've got to go to the insurance office and pay my premium ; and I've to go to the St. Philip's Church and get married."

What, according to you, are the circumstances which prompted. Abel to take such a decision ? Is his decision justified ? Write in about 70 words. (7)

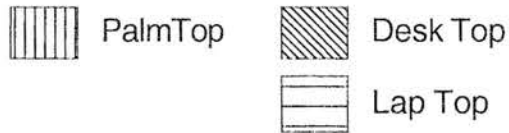


15. The following is a graphical representation of the use of computers in Kerala, according to a survey conducted by the Computer Department of an eminent Engineering College. The diagram shown below shows the percentage of the total population and the type of computers used in the last three decades.



Prepare a report in about 80 words on the above topic.

(7)



16. The teen-aged Vera played a practical joke on the middle-aged, nervous Framton Nuttel who makes a head long retreat from the place. When she comes to know of it, Mrs. Sappleton asks Vera to send him a note of apology. Write an apology in about 3 sentences.

You may use expressions like 'I am really/awfully sorry', 'Forgive', 'I should not have' . . . etc.

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