



September-
October, 2013

First Year Higher Secondary 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.

1. Imagine that you are a social activist working among the tribals in Wynad. You are organising a protest against the exploitation of the tribals there. You have written the following slogan to express your protest.

LET THE TRIBALS LIVE;
THEY ARE ALSO HUMANS.

(2)

Write two other catchy slogans you may use in the protest.

2. Lady Catherine came to see Elizabeth and urged her to withdraw from her relationship with Darcy. She told Elizabeth that Darcy was already engaged to Charlotte, her daughter. Though she remained stubborn throughout the meeting with Lady Catherine she was a bit disturbed. That night she pens down her feelings in her diary. Prepare the diary entry for Elizabeth.

Hints (Lady Catherine's visit– angry – Darcy's engagement – Elizabeth's stubbornness)

(6)



3. In the essay 'The Reason' the rabbit approaches the Irishcow to express his gratitude for giving them timely warning and thus saving their lives. They enter into a conversation. Prepare the likely conversation between them (Five exchanges) (5)

4. Imagine that you are asked to deliver a speech on 'Women's-Empowerment' in the school assembly. Prepare the speech in 120 words.
Hints (education – independent thinking – financial stability – participating in social and political issues) (8)

5. Imagine that Sir Mohanlal in 'Karma' decides to write a letter to one of his collegemates at Oxford. Prepare the letter Sir Mohanlal would have written, ruminating on his golden days in Oxford.
(Hints : tutors – boat races – mixed doubles – Balliol tie – sports blazers) (6)

6. A few character traits are given in the box below.

Hard working, helpful, jealous, reserved, unmindful, alert, sincere, short tempered.
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Choose those traits that are appropriate to describe the character of the author in 'Lifting the Veil' and prepare his character sketch in 100 words. (6)

7. In 'True Love' Milton Davidson, the computer programmer gets arrested for manipulation in the workplace. Imagine that you are a newsreporter and you report the incident in your daily. Prepare the newsreport in 80 words. (6)

8. Prepare a write up on the 'Evolution of English Language' for your school magazine in 100 words.
Hints : (Anglosaxon – Christian missionaries – Danes – Norman invasion – invention of printing – story of English continues) (6)

9. Imagine that you are a journalist and happen to interview the great American poet Robert Frost who has recently won the Pulitzer Prize, the third time. Write four questions that you would ask him and the responses you are likely to get from him.
Hints : (Poems first published in school bulletin – farmer poet – preferred writing career to teaching – brave decision) (8)



10. Your school is organising a seminar on 'Indian Classical Dances' as a part of its silver jubilee celebration. The famous film actress and classical dancer Miss Shobhana has consented to inaugurate the seminar.

Prepare the programme notice for the function.

(Include details like date, time, venue etc.)

(6)

11. While Meenu dictated the following paragraph in her class she made five mistakes. Correct the mistakes for her.

It has seemed me that I could be as frank and free as loveletter. If I knows that what I was writing will be exposed to no eye until I am dead and unaware and indifferent.

(5)

12. Read the following poem

Don't be a hater, a racist, evil

because I saw discrimination

One day not so long a white man walked into a cafe

and rudely asked the blackman to leave the seat

Well!!! the black turned around and started composing one of the most beautiful and unknown speeches in that time

Sir when you were born you were pink

When you're sick you're green

When you die you're pale

When you're angry you're red

And when you're hurt you're blue

When I was born I was black

When I am sick I am black

When I die I'll be black

When I'm angry I'm black

When I'm hurt I'm black

You know that and you dare to make a deal of my colour ?

That was what discrimination deserves



Everything is done for a reason

And I saw discrimination so I could tell you.

Prepare a brief review of the poem in 120 words comparing it with

'As I Grew Older' by Langston Hughes.

Hints : (Theme – content – style – tone – mood and structure – your experience of reading etc.)

(8)

13. The following itinerary shows your class tour to Kanyakumari

Day 1 : 5.30 am departure from school – 8 am breakfast at Kollam – 10 am

TVM, visit 200, museum, planetarium – 1.30 pm lunch at Hotel Horizon – 2.30 pm leave for Kanyakumari – 4.30 pm Kanyakumari – shopping – 6 pm sunset – stay at K.T.D.C. Rest House

Day 2 : 5.30 am sunrise – 8 am breakfast – 8.30 am Vivekananda rock –

10.30 am return – visit Suchindra temple – 1pm lunch at Nagarcoil – 1.30 pm visit Padmanabhapuram palace – 4 pm return to school.

Write a travelogue with the help of the itinerary in about 120 words

(Include the details of the trip, your impressions, feelings and observations.) **(8)**
