



March 2014

*For Scheme I & Scheme II Candidates***Second Year Higher Secondary 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. Dr. A. P. J. Abdul Kalam in his speech "Let's Respond to India's Call" says that Indian news papers give a negative picture by highlighting killings, bombardments, death, crime etc. You want to advise Indian media persons not to be negative. Write two pieces of advices that you could give them.

You may begin with :

- i) You should not (1 Score)
- ii) You ought to (1 Score)
2. Richard Wright became a famous teacher later in his life and was given the Best Teacher Award. His old school invited him for a felicitation where he was asked to make a speech on the duties of a teacher in moulding a new generation. Write a short speech for him in about 80 words. (6 Scores)



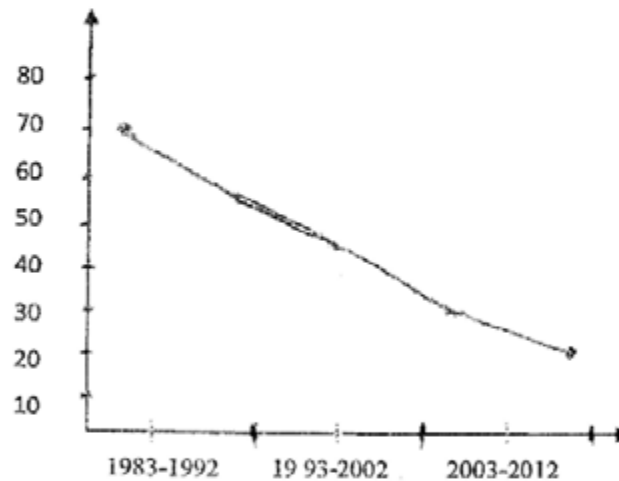
3. Mrs. Slater and Mrs. Jordan thought that Abel Merryweather has died in sleep. The priest is informed immediately. He prepares a notice on Abel's death to be displayed on the Church notice board. Draft a notice for him in about 50 words. **(5 Scores)**
4. Imagine that actor Mohanlal is visiting your school. As the Editor of the School magazine you would like to conduct an interview with him. Write at least five questions that you would ask him. **(5 Scores)**
5. Imagine that you witnessed the Patriot's grand entry into the town a year ago and now you watch the same person shamefully paraded and taken to the scaffold to be executed. These two incidents make you think about the sudden change of fame and fortune in the Patriot's life. Write a paragraph in not more than 80 words comparing the two events. **(6 Scores)**
6. "Kalpana Chawla had to face many difficulties in fulfilling her dream. She decided to go to America to study further, in spite of strong opposition from her family, friends and relatives". That evening she writes a diary entry about her future plans and the opposition from her family and others. Write a diary entry for her. **(5 Scores)**
7. Here is a notice put up on the notice board of a resident's association requesting people to keep their area clean. There are a few mistakes in it. Correct. **(4 Scores)**

Chikunguniya have claimed many lives in different parts of Kerala. Chief causes for the epidemic is uncontrolled dumping of garbage in public places and stagnant water were the mosquitoes breed. A collective effort of all the people can bring the disease in control. I request all the residents to keep their surroundings clean.

8. As the reporter of a prominent daily you want to bring out the pathetic condition of Loughram Street where Rose Donegan lived. Write a report in about 100 words.
(Hints – slum-like condition – crowded, noisy-no good drinking water – no proper sanitation – poorest section of the society ...)
(8 Scores)



9. Due to rapid increase of entertainment channels on television, the number of book readers has considerably gone down and the book publishing industry is facing serious economic set backs. The following is a graphical representation of the percentage of book readers over the past three decades.



Study the graph and write a paragraph about the crisis that the publishing industry faces. **(5 Scores)**

10. A debate on the topic "Are Songs Essential for Films" was conducted by the School Film Club. Given below are the arguments raised by those who spoke against film songs.

- i) Songs are unrealistic.
- ii) Viewers are carried away by the songs.
- iii) Songs do not support the story.
- iv) Songs do not promote critical viewing.

Write four points in support of film songs. **(4 Scores)**

11. In the play "The King who Limped" the King settles the dispute between the two neighbours regarding the ownership of a dog. How did the King settle the dispute? Narrate in your own words, in not more than 50 words using expressions like "Firstly, then, thereafter, finally etc." **(5 Scores)**

12. The Nature Club of your school has decided to celebrate "World Environment Day" (June 05). A few programmes like quiz, debate, poster-exhibition and a talk by an eminent green activist are organised. As the Secretary of the Club you are to invite distinguished guests and some of your teachers for the function. Prepare a letter of invitation. **(5 Scores)**



13. Write a paragraph on your plans for a career or higher studies after you complete the Higher Secondary Course. **(6 Scores)**

14. A few features of human character and qualities are given below :

(nervous, conversationalist, smart, over credulous, excited, intelligent and imaginative, afraid of ghosts, talks only about illness, creates stories instantly)

Some of these qualities apply to Vera and the others to Nuttel. Making use of the hints above, prepare character sketches of both Vera and Nuttel in two short paragraphs. **(6 Scores)**

15. Read the following poem :

Sonnets are full of love, and this my to me
Has many sonnets: so here now shall be
One sonnet more, a love sonnet from me
To her whose heart is my heart's quiet home,
To my first love, my Mother, on whose knee
I learnt love-lore that is not troublesome,
Whose service is my special dignity,
And she my loadstar while I go and come
And so because you love me, and because
I loved you, Mother, I have woven a wreath
Of rhymes where with to crown your honoured name,
In you not fourscore years can dim the flame
Of love, whose blessed glow transcends the laws
Of time and change and mortal life and death

(Sonnet = a short poem, tome = volume, lore = tale, loadstar = guiding light,
Score = twenty, mortal = human)

Write a note of appreciation (not exceeding 100 words) of the above poem based on its theme, relevance, mood rhythm and style. Compare this poem with "Middle Age". **(8 Scores)**