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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 neither allowed to write your answers nor to discuss anything with others during the 'cool off time'.
- Read the 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 nonprogrammable calculators are not allowed in the Examination Hall.

(Q. 1 to 3) : Read the following excerpt from the story, 'His First Flight' and answer the following questions.

"He waited a moment in surprise, wondering why she did not come nearer, and then, maddened by hunger, he dived at the fish. With a loud scream, he fell outwards and downwards into space. His mother had swooped upwards. As he passed beneath her, he heard the swish of her wings".

1. Who waited in surprise? (1)
2. What made him fly? (1)
3. What is your impression on the reaction of the mother bird? (2)

4. Your school IT club is conducting a debate on "Merits and Demerits of Information Technology". Write four arguments on the demerits of 'Information Technology'. (4)

5. Read the following dialogue. There are four errors in it. Identify them and make the necessary corrections.

Babu : Liju, we go for a picnic?

Liju : I'm sorry, we go for a film. If you informed me in the morning I would not have fix the film. If we have any change in the programme I call you immediately. (4 × 1 = 4)

6. In the story, 'The Serang of Ranaganji' Hasan proved to be the most useful person in the ship. Imagine that you were one of the passengers of the ship and were highly moved by his selfless service to the passengers. Later you decide to send him an e-mail to congratulate him. Prepare the script of the e-mail. (5)

7. Read the following excerpt from 'The Price of Flowers' and rewrite it into reported speech.

"Shall I call you Miss Clifford or Alice"? He asked. "I am not grown up yet. You may call me what you like. I'm usually called Maggie" she laughed. (4)

8. Imagine that you are the captain of the ship The Titanic. Prepare an introductory speech to be delivered to the passengers of the ship before the commencement of the journey. (4)

9. Read the following essay and write a precis reducing the passage to 1/3rd of its length.

It is physically impossible for a well educated, intellectual or brave man to make money the chief object of his thoughts just as it is for him to make his dinner the principal object of them. All healthy people like their dinners, but their dinner is not the main object of their lives. So all healthy minded people like making money, ought to like it and enjoy the sensation of winning it; it is something better than money.

A good soldier, for instance, mainly wishes to do his fighting well. He is glad of his pay—very properly so and justly grumbles when you keep him ten years without it—till, his main mission of life is to win battles, not to be paid for winning them. So of clergymen. The clergyman's object is essentially baptize and preach not to be paid for preaching. So of doctors. They like fees no doubt—ought to like them; yet if they are brave and well-educated the entire object to their lives is not fees. They on the whole, desire to cure the sick; and if they are good doctors and the choice were fairly to them, would rather cure their patient and lose their fee than kill him and get it. And so with all the other brave and rightly trained men; their work is first, their fee second—very important always; but still second. (4)

10. Complete the following passage choosing the right words from the brackets.

(but, then, surely, Now, Again)

The view is superb; it is dark on the earth, **(a)**..... we are still in the light, and it is now past ten o'clock. **(b)**....., we begin to hear slight country noises, the double cry of the quail in particular, **(c)**..... the mewling of cats and the barking of dogs. **(d)**....., the dogs have scented the balloon; they have seen it and have given the alarm. (4 × 1 = 4)

11. Imagine that you were present at the time of the ritual of calling the turtles on the Fijian island. The following is the DO's and DONT's. We have to observe there and complete it suitably.

DO's
● Observe silence
●
●

DONT's
● Don't fish turtles here
●
●

(4)

12. You have read Jame's Shirley's poem, 'Death the Leveller'. Why is death called the leveller? Write your responses in two or three sentences. (3)

13. Helen Keller is a lady who proved to be unique fighting against her adversities and limitations. Prepare her profile using the hints given in the brackets.

(Hints : Birth – 1880 – Falls ill – Meningitis – Meets – Anne Sullivan – Adopts touch and feel method – Moves to New York (1888) – Graduates from Harvard University – Medal of freedom (1964) – Writes autobiography – Dies – 1968). (5)

14. "There can be no room in such an India for the curse of untouchability or the curse of intoxicating drinks and drugs. Women will enjoy the same right as men. This is the India of my dreams". Gandhiji has said. Do you think that women enjoy the same right as men? Write a letter to the editor of an English Newspaper about your concern on 'The place of women in the society'. (6)

15. Prepare a travel essay about a place you visited recently.
(Hints : Physical features – major attractions – issues – personal impressions etc.). (6)

OR

Imagine that you are a travel guide in Ooty. Prepare the script of a short speech you will make to a group of foreign tourists.

(Hints : Greeting tourists – Welcoming – Describing location – Other details etc.). (Word limit is 80 – 100 words). (6)

(Q. 16 to 18) : Read the following lines from 'To Sleep' by William Wordsworth and answer the questions that follow.

Without Thee what is all the morning's wealth?

Come, blessed barrier between day and day,

Dear mother of fresh thoughts and joyous health!

16. Who is referred to as "Thee"? (1)
17. Identify any two poetic devices used in the above lines. (2)
18. Write a short paragraph in about 50 words on the advantages of sleep. (4)
19. Read the following newspaper headlines.

Flood in Kashmir
several people lost lives

Landslide in Idukki
Roads washed away

Most of the disasters in India are due to the wrong methods of construction.

Prepare an article for your school magazine on the topic "Manmade Disasters". (Word limit is 100 – 120 words).

(8)

20. Read the poem given below and write a note of appreciation.

The Real Success

by Julie Herbert

Real successes are made,
Not dropped aside your door.
They aren't a thought you made one night,
While wishing upon a star.

Real successes are thought,
To be given only the great.
They think that they work just as hard,
And they should have that fate.

Real successes are because,
Of someone making it so.
They fight for it and work real hard,
To make their successes grow.

Real successes are envied,
And rumoured on how they were made.
People can be so jealous,
And even want to betray.

But you know how real success,
Are built with hard work and care.
You've made your way to the top,
I'm so proud to see you are there.

(8)

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Qn No	Sub Qns	Answer Key/Value Points	Score	Total
1		The young seagull	1	1
2		hunger / sight of food	1	1
3		Relevance of the sentence	1	2
		Grammatical accuracy	1	
4		For each relevant point	1x4	4
5		shall we / can we, we are going, had informed, would not have fixed, I shall call / I will call (Any four correct answers)	1x4	4
6		content	3	5
		language	1	
		organisation of ideas (format preferred)	1	
7		Report the conversation appropriately	4	4
8		Logical development of ideas	2	4
		Accuracy of language	1	
		Comprehensiveness	1	

Qn No	Sub Qns	Answer Key/Value Points	Score	Total
9.		Comprehensiveness Language Clarity (Title preferred, single paragraph)	2 1 1	4
10		a) but b) Now c) then d) surely	1x4	4
11		Any relevant expression	1x4	4
12		Comprehension Clarity and appropriate use of language (Title preferred)	2 1	3
13		Logical development of ideas Comprehensiveness Language (Title preferred)	3 1 1	5
14		Feelings and arguments Suggestions / opinion Language (Format preferred)	3 2 1	6
15		Description of physical features, major attractions issues etc Personal impressions Quality of language	3 2 1	6

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16		sleep	1	1
17		metaphor, personification, alliteration, oxymoron, rhyming words, assonance (Any two)	2	2
18		Comprehensiveness Proper communication of ideas Language	2 1 1	4
19		Comprehensiveness of the content Organization of ideas Sequencing Language	4 2 1 1	8
20		Comprehensiveness of the content Theme, poetic devices etc Originality Quality of language	4 2 1 1	8
1		Raashree Sridharas Das		
2		Smrit Mathews		
3		Shyann Sukesh		
4		Tarson K Joseph		
5		John. N. J		
6		Shaju. S Palceetharam		
7		Abdusalam. P.T.		
8		Biniya Nair. R		

9. Prince Varghese