

HIGHER SECONDARY
FIRST TERMINAL SECOND YEAR EXAMINATION 2018-19

PART I
ENGLISH

Time : 2 ½ hrs
Max Score: 80

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 2 ½ hours.
- Use cool-off time to get familiarised with the questions and plan your answers.
- Read the questions carefully before answering.
- Certain sections of questions have choice. Follow the choice regulations.
- Whenever you select a question, all its sub questions (if any) must be answered from the same question itself.

(Questions 1-5) : Answer all the questions as directed.

Read the line from the poem 'Any Woman' and answer the questions that follow:

I am their wall against all danger,

Their door against the wind and snow,

Thou whom a woman laid in a manger,

Take me not till the children grow!

1. What does 'the wind and snow' represent in the poem? **(Score:1)**
2. Who is 'the woman' referred to in the third line? **(Score:1)**
3. 'Women Empowerment should begin at home'. Write four points to substantiate this statement in the light of the story 'Matchbox' **(Score :4)**
4. Suppose you get a chance to talk to Ajit, Nomita's husband. What advice would you give him to be more considerate to his wife. Write four pieces of advice that you would like to give Ajit.

You may use the following expressions.

(You had better ..., I would suggest ..., If I were you ..., Why don't you.. etc.)

(Score :4)

5. The following passage contains four errors. Edit the passage

Opera refer to a dramatic art form, originating in Europe, in which the emotional content is convey to the audience through music, both vocal and instrumental, and lyrics. Whereas, in musical theatre, a actor's dramatic performance is primary and the music plays a lesser role. The drama in opera is presented using the primary element of theatre such as scenery, costumes, and acting.

(Score :4)

(Questions 6 to 11): Each question carries 4 scores. Answer any five questions in about 80 words

6. Sudha Murty says that she wishes there were many more horegallus in this world. Considering the spirit of her words, prepare a short speech on the topic, 'Listening to the problems of others is a social service'.
7. The mother in 'Any Woman' doesn't want God to take her away till the children grow up, Write a paragraph explaining why the mother thinks so.
8. In the story 'Matchbox', Nomita torches her sari when her anger towards Ajit becomes uncontrollable. Later she lies about this incident and explains that everything happened when she lifted a hot pot of water off the stove. On the basis of the above mentioned situations, analyse the character of Nomita in a paragraph.
9. The name of the winner in the boxing championship is not mentioned at the end of the story, 'Ámigo Brothers'. Write down your inferences on why the writer decided not to declare the name of the winner at the end of the boxing competition.
10. Robert Baldwin decides to stand against Gresham in the court. He knows that Gresham will be punished the next day. Yet Baldwin shed tears when he hears about Gresham's confession. Write down the possible diary entry that Baldwin might have written on that day.
11. If the newspapers flashed the news about Gresham's confession and arrest, how would it look like? Prepare a newspaper report on the incident.

(Score : 5 x 4 =20)

(Questions 12-17) Answer any five questions in about 100 words. Each question carries 6 scores.

12. Christine Lagarde exhorts the women of the 21st century 'to dare the difference' if they want to be successful in life. Based on her views, prepare a write-up on the topic 'Women Empowerment Today-Challenges and Solutions'.

13. "Before I built a wall I'd ask to know

What I was walling in or walling out

And to whom I was like to give offence.

In view of the above lines from the poem 'Mending Wall', many social realities happening around us could be explained. Attempt an appreciation of these lines.

14. Suppose you are the convenor of the anti-corruption campaign in your school. You want to invite a faculty from the Department of Vigilance to deliver the keynote on the occasion. Draft an e-mail to the Vigilance Director explaining the aims of the programme and requesting him to send an officer to attend the function.

15. Write an editorial for your school newspaper expressing your views on the ways and means to ensure gender equality among school children.

16. You are asked to prepare a notice that announces the final boxing competition between the Amigo Brothers. Prepare a notice that includes all necessary details about the final match.

17. Imagine that the Horegallu in Sudha Murthy's village can speak. Write three questions you would like to ask the Horegallu and their possible answers

(Score : 5 x 6 = 30)

(Questions 18 to 20) Answer any two questions in about 120 words.. Each Question carries 8 Marks.

18 In 'The 3 Ls of Empowerment', Christine Lagarde affirms the fact that learning, labour and leadership are the key factors that contribute to the empowerment of women across the globe. In 'Matchbox', in spite of her vigour and integrity, Nomita is portrayed helpless and miserable. Now, prepare an article on the sufferings of women when they are denied the 3Ls. You may make use of the instances from the text and your personal experience while you write the article.

19. Write an essay on the value of mother's love, considering the poem 'Any Woman' you have already learned.

20. Read the following poem. Compare the theme of the poem with that of 'Mending Wall' and prepare a critical appreciation.

Walls and Fences

Walls and fences

All around

Creating boundaries

Both inside and out

Every word spoken
Just adds on
Building this wall
That cannot be undone
Pause and reflect
On the cost one bears
To put this wall up
That isn't even there
Its about time
That we realize
These walls and fences
Are just malice
Not far behind
Lived on the plains
Where walls and fences
Were nowhere to be seen
Oh what I would give
To go back to those days
Where soul, heart and body
Were all one and at peace

(Score :2 x 8 = 16)