

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.

1. Your class conducted a group discussion on "Atrocities faced by women in the society." Many opined that women are marginalized in all walks of life. Do you agree? Express your views using expressions like :

I agree

I don't agree

(2)

2. The hunter in 'The Reason' has tried an innovative trick and is successful in his second attempt. He expresses his feelings in his diary before he goes to sleep. Make a diary entry for him.

(6)

3. The arts club of your school has decided to organize a seminar on "The classical dance forms of India". Prepare a programme notice to be put up on the notice board. Include details like venue, inauguration, paper presentation, etc. (5)

4. In Isaac Asimov's 'True Love', Milton Davidson was cheated by his computer, Joe. While he was in prison, he received a letter from Charity, stating that she is waiting for him. Draft a letter for her. (7)

5. Imagine that you are the Secretary of Road Safety Club. You got a chance to interview the Transport Commissioner of Kerala, Mr. Rishi Raj Singh, I.P.S. Write four questions you would like to ask him and the possible responses he is likely to give. (8)

6. Aunt Jane in "The Never-Never Nest" is disgusted with the way Jack and Jill live. She deposited some money in their bank account. Jill wanted to withdraw some money through ATM. She doesn't know how to operate it. Give her the necessary instructions.
[Hints : ATM screen – Insert your card – Enter PIN number – Withdraw/ Balance enquiry, etc. – Press withdraw – Type Amount – Collect the money]. (6)

7. Imagine that Mr. Adams, the accused in the Peckham murder case escaped from prison and was found missing. The police decided to give a look out notice. Prepare a Look Out Notice. (5)

8. You are interested in Albert Schweitzer, who healed the tribes of Africa. Attempt a short biographical sketch of Schweitzer to be published in your school magazine. (5)

9. Your school has organized a two day trip to Wayanad. You are to prepare a travelogue to be published in the school magazine. The itinerary of the journey is given below.

Day One

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| 07.30 AM | Visit to Thirunelli temple |
| 09.00 AM | Breakfast |
| 10.00 AM | Visit to Kuruvadweep |
| 01.30 PM | Lunch |
| 02.30 PM | Pazhassi Tomb, Mananthavady |
| 03.30 PM | Visit to Banasura Sagar Dam |
| 05.30 PM | Watching a movie at the Theatre |

Day Two

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| 07.30 AM | Breakfast, Kalpetta |
| 08.00 AM | Trekking at Edakkal caves |
| 11.00 AM | Visit to Muthanga Wildlife Sanctuary |
| 01.30 PM | Lunch |
| 02.30 PM | Soochipara Waterfalls |
| 04.30 PM | Boating, Pookode Lake |
| 06.00 PM | Return home |

(9)

10. Robert Frost in the poem, "The Road Not Taken" decides to take the second road as he reach the junction. Justify his choice in about 60 words. (5)

11. The process of growing up as a black is painful. Consider this statement in the light of your reading the poem, "As I Grew Older". (7)



12. Write a review of the following poem in about 120 words comparing and contrasting it with the "The Lake Isle of Innisfree" by W. B. Yeats.

The world is too much with us; late and soon,
 Getting and spending, we lay waste our powers;
 Little we see in Nature that is ours;
 We have given our hearts away, a sordid boon!
 This Sea that bares her bosom to the moon;
 The winds that will be howling at all hours,
 And are up-gathered now like sleeping flowers;
 For this, for everything, we are out of tune

— William Wordsworth

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| Sordid | : | dirty, boring |
| Boon | : | gift |
| Howling | : | shouting |

(8)

13. Prepare a write up to be published in your school magazine on "The Evolution of English" in 120 words.

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