



Reg. No. :

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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 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 the secretary of the Youth Club protesting against the decision of the Corporation authorities to cut down a 150 years old banyan tree in your locality. You have written the following slogan to express your protest.

Save the banyan tree; it's our mother

Write two other catchy slogans against the felling of the banyan tree.

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2. When N'Zeng did not turn up, Albert Schweitzer decides to appoint a new interpreter. He puts up a notice outside his hospital inviting the service of a French speaking native as his interpreter. Write the likely notice for Schweitzer in about 60 words. (4)
3. Imagine that the Detective Inspector of Police arrives at the house of Mrs. Salmon, the day after the Peckham murder. Mrs. Salmon describes to him the murderer she has seen. Write down the description that Mrs. Salmon would give to the police officer in about 70 words. (5)
(Hints : Stout – muscular frame – Short – bulging – bloodshot eyes)
4. Imagine that Milton Davidson writes a letter to Charity Jones from jail. In this letter he confesses how he has identified her as his sweetheart. Write the likely letter for him in about 80 words. (5)
5. Imagine that Langston Hughes is arriving in Kochi to address a conference on 'Human Rights'. You are the editor of your school magazine and you get permission to interview him for your magazine. Write 4 questions you would ask him and the answers he is likely to give you. (8)



6. Think that you visited Ooty according to the itinerary given below.

Day 1 : 5.45 a.m. Depart from school – bus – Ernakulam – Ooty
 8.30 a.m. – Breakfast at Coimbatore – 10 a.m. shopping –
 3 p.m. – leave for Ooty. Reach Sterling Holiday Inn by 7 p.m.

Day 2 : 8 a.m. – Breakfast at Hotel Hill View
 11 a.m. – Visit to Botanical Gardens – Children's Park –
 lunch at Hotel Hill View – 2 p.m. – Shopping – Camp-fire

Day 3 : 8 a.m. – Return Via Mettupalayam
 10 a.m. – Visit Black Thunder – 3 p.m. Return journey.

Write a travelogue based on this itinerary in about 120 words. Include all the details of the trip, your feelings and impressions.

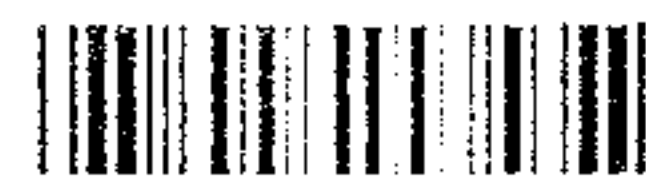
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7. Read the following poem.

Leisure

What is this life if, full of care,
We have no time to stand and stare.

No time to stand beneath the boughs
And stare as long as sheep or cows.



No time to see, when woods we pass,
Where squirrels hide their nuts in grass.
No time to see, in broad daylight,
Streams full of stars, like skies at night
No time to turn at Beauty's glance,
And watch her feet, how they can dance.
No time to wait till her mouth can
Enrich that smile her eyes began.

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A poor life this if, full of care,
We have no time to stand and stare

[beneath : under
bough : branch]

Write a brief review of the poem in about 120 words comparing and contrasting it with 'The Lake of Innisfree' by W.B. Yeats.

(Hints : Theme – Love for beauty of nature – hurries and worries of modern life – mood and tone, etc.)

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8. Imagine that Jane in 'Pride and Prejudice' writes her diary the day Bingley announced his love for her. Write the likely diary entry for her in about 80 words.

You may begin like this

It is the day of greatest pleasure for me. . .

(5)



9. a) Imagine that you are the secretary of the literary club of your school which is organising a seminar on 'English as a Global Language'. The Programme Chart of the seminar is given below :

Seminar	:	English as a Global Language
9 a.m.	:	Registration
10 a.m.	:	Inaugural Session
	:	Welcome Speech : School Leader
	:	Lighting the lamp : Sri Sarat Chandran The Chief Guest, Writer and M.P.
	:	Key note address – Chief Guest
11 a.m.	:	Paper Presentation – Swapna E. – XI Std. Babu N.M. – XI Std.
2 p.m.	:	Discussion
3 p.m.	:	Valedictory function
	:	Vote of thanks – Secretary, Literary Club

Prepare a report to be presented at the next meeting of your Literary Club in about 120 words.

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OR

9. b) Imagine that you are a newsreporter. You came to hear about the racial discrimination shown against Mr. Mohan Lal by two British soldiers. Write a newsreport of this incident to be published in your newspaper in about 120 words.

(Hints : The position of Mr. Mohan Lal – his railway journey – events that happened in the first class compartment – public response to this etc.)

(8)



10. Aunt Jane in 'The Never – Never Nest' is of the view that one should not buy anything on hire purchase. Do you agree with her view ? Write your views on the hire purchase system in a paragraph of 70 words. (6)

11. During the annual meeting of the company, the narrator's chairman in 'Lifting the Veil' praises him on the successful completion of his assignment with the Chinese business executive. Write the speech of thanks you imagine the narrator would deliver in about 70 words. (5)

(Hints : His experience during the trip – at the hotel – how the veil before his eyes was lifted.)

12. Imagine that Milton Davidson was asked by a friend the process by which a word file could be saved. Write down the instructions that Milton Davidson would give using the points given below.

Boot the computer . . . Right click on icon WORD DOCUMENT . . . create a file . . . name the file . . . save the file.

You may begin like this – First you boot the computer . . . (4)

13. 'This town does not actually exist, but it might have a thousand counterparts in America or elsewhere in the World', says Rachel Carson. Can you cite a counterpart in India ? If so, what could be the reasons for such a situation ? Give your view points in a paragraph of about 60 words. (6)



14. The following chart shows the spots visited by Ruskin Bond during his trip through Mandakini Valley and what he saw there ?

Spot	What Ruskin Bond Saw
Rudraprayag	Mandakini and Alakananda rivers join together
↓	
Gulabrai Village	Memorial of Jim Corbett
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Guptkashi	Shiva temple
↓	
Kedarnath	Sadashiva temple

Trace the journey of Ruskin Bond in a paragraph of 60 words. You may begin like this

First of all Ruskin Bond visited . . .

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