

SECOND YEAR HIGHER SECONDARY EXAMINATION, MARCH 2022

Part – I

Time : 2½ Hours

ENGLISH

Cool-off time : 15 Minutes

Maximum : 80 Scores

General Instructions to Candidates :

- There is a 'Cool-off time' of 15 minutes in addition to the writing time.
- Use the 'Cool-off time' to get familiar with questions and to plan your answers.
- Read questions carefully before answering.
- Write answers to the specific number of questions as instructed.

PART – I**A. Answer any four questions from 1 to 6. Each carries 1 score.****(4 × 1 = 4)****(Questions 1-3) Read the excerpt and answer the questions that follow :**

“Have you gone mad?” he says, and jumps to her side and grabs the burning patch and slaps it between his hands and puts out the fire.

1. Who is referred to as 'you' in the passage ?
2. Which phrasal verb in the passage means 'extinguish' ?
3. Why does he say that “Have you gone mad ?”

(Questions 4-5) Read the lines and answer the questions that follow :

I am the twist that holds together

The children in its sacred ring,

Their knot of love, from whose close tether

No lost child goes a-wandering.

4. Who is referred to as 'I' in the passage ?
5. Which word in the lines means 'rope' ?
6. "Not even in my dreams. I consider that to be the worst kind of betrayal. I don't think there is a greater sin than betraying someone's confidence." What is the worst kind of betrayal mentioned by Ratna in this passage ?

B. Answer all questions from 7 to 10. Each carries 1 score. (4 × 1 = 4)

Complete the passage given below with suitable words from those given in the box.

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Now, after a series (7) elimination bouts, they had been informed that they were (8) meet each other in the division finals were scheduled (9) the seventh of August, two weeks away-the winner to represent the Boy's Club (10) the Golden Gloves Championship Tournament.

PART – II

A. Answer any three questions from 11 to 15. Each carries 2 scores. (3 × 2 = 6)

11. Read the lines and answer the questions that follow :

"I see him there,

Bringing a stone grasped firmly by the top

In each hand, like an old-stone savage armed."

- (a) Who is mentioned here as "an old-stone savage armed" ?
- (b) Identify the figure of speech used in the last line.

12. Bring out the satire in the lines given below :

"Can we get some husk from the Centre, too,
to make toys with it? I don't know."

13. Recent research (a) (has/have) indicated that marijuana can damage cells. A drug user's way of life (b) (make/makes) him more susceptible to pneumonia, tuberculosis, malnutrition, and weight loss.
14. Irfan Alam has come to your school to inaugurate an entrepreneurship programme titled 'New Venture.' As the school leader, make an announcement of the event before the student. Prepare the announcement.
15. After reading the play *The Hour of Truth*, you realise that there are so many reasons for corruption. How can we discourage corruption ? Write your opinion in two sentences.

B. Answer any two questions from 16 to 18. Each carries 2 scores. (2 × 2 = 4)

16. Change the given sentences into indirect speech.

MRS. HIGGINS : I want a book of stamps and a money order for two pounds eleven shillings and five pence.

ASSISTANT : Here is the book of stamps, madam and would you please fill in this form for the money order.

17. Imagine that you are the dental doctor in the poem *This is Going to Hurt Just a Little Bit*. Someone comes to you seeking treatment. Write two pieces of advice you would make after the treatment. You can use the following expressions :

- (a) You should _____.
- (b) You'd better _____.

18. Justify the suitability of the title *Crime and Punishment* for the story.

PART – III

A. Answer any three questions from 19 to 23. Each carries 4 scores. (3 × 4 = 12)

19. Imagine that you have become a popular writer. After finishing her anecdote *Horegallu* and some other stories, Sudha Murty wishes to publish them as a book. She requests you to write a blurb for it. Prepare the blurb.
20. Your class is organizing a debate on the topic “Education Empowers a Society.” Write four points supporting the statement.
21. In the poem *Mending Wall*, the poet’s view contradicts that of his neighbour’s on building walls. Do you think that walls are necessary to create a good relationship among human beings ? Write a paragraph on the significance of man-made walls.
22. Prepare a character sketch of Nomita in the story *Matchbox*.
23. Elaborate the idea in the following lines :
“Rubber plants, twice my height,
now stand in rows around me on the ridge
where modan and vellaran used to be sown,
and confuse my path as I walk home.”

B. Answer any one question from 24 to 25. Carries 4 scores. (1 × 4 = 4)

24. You are one of the students of Shaheen Mistri. You could not attend her class for two weeks as you were COVID positive. Prepare an email to your teacher explaining your condition and inability to attend the class.
25. Imagine that you were one among the audience who witnessed the boxing contest between the amigo brothers. You were deeply impressed by the fight and their friendship. You wish to write a blog about it. Prepare the blog.

PART – IV

- A. Answer any three questions from 26 to 29. Each carries 6 scores. (3 × 6 = 18)**
26. Nomita is infuriated by the behaviour of Ajit. She feels pity for her mother and herself. She writes a letter to her mother revealing the real nature of Ajit. Prepare the letter.
27. Your school has conducted a seminar on the topic 'The Role of Schools in Women Empowerment.' Prepare a report of the seminar to be published in the school magazine. You can use the given hints :
(Hints : venue – date and time – welcome speech – inaugural address – paper presentation – open forum – vote of thanks)
28. After reading the anecdote *Horegallu*, you realise that you were also a horegallu in some way. Narrate the incident in which you have become the horegallu of another person.
29. After giving evidence in the court, Robert Baldwin and Gresham meet at the courtyard. Prepare a likely conversation that would take place between them. (Write at least 6 exchanges)
- B. Answer any two questions from 30 to 32. Each carries 6 scores. (2 × 6 = 12)**
30. Imagine that you become a topper in the Civil Service Examination, and you realise the value of education in the modern world. Your classmates and juniors arrange a function to honour your success. Prepare the script of the speech you would deliver on the occasion.
31. You are appointed as a reporter of a channel. Your first assignment is to interview the famous Malayalam poet Sri. Satchidanandan who lives nearby your locality. Prepare six relevant questions and the possible responses to them.

32. After reading the chapter *When a Sapling is Planted*, your school decides to conduct a panel discussion on the topic "The Role of Women in Environmental Conservation." Three eminent personalities come to your school as panellists. You are to introduce the panellists. Prepare the script of the speech welcoming the panellists and introducing them to the audience.

PART – V

Answer any two questions from 33 to 35. Each carries 8 scores.

(2 × 8 = 16)

33. *Dangers of Drug Abuse* by Hardin Blair Jones focuses on the effects of drugs on the brain and body. But you recognize its effects on society too. Write an essay on drug abuse and its impact on society.
34. Irfan Alam has started a new firm to organise the street vendors of Kerala. He has given the following advertisement in a popular daily seeking applications from eligible candidates to carry out the programme in each district. Imagine that you have all the qualifications for the post. Prepare an application letter and a resume for the post.

WANTED DISTRICT CO-ORDINATORS

Wanted District Co-ordinators for ABC Foundation in Kerala to handle commercial and administrative functions independently.

Educational Qualification – Graduation / Post Graduation in Social Work

Desirable – proficiency in English, computer skills, leadership ability

Experience – 2 years and above in social work

Age – less than 40 years

Attractive remuneration package

Please send a detailed resume with contact number and mailing address to

Irfan Alam CEO, ABC Foundation SRA 34, Raj Street, Kerala - 9

35. Read the lines from the poem *Silent, Strong Dad* written by Karen K. Boyer

Silent, Strong Dad

(Karen K. Boyer)

*He never looks for praises.
He's never one to boast.
He just goes on quietly working
For those he loves the most.
His dreams are seldom spoken.
His wants are very few,
And most of the time his worries
Will go unspoken, too.
He's there ...a firm foundation
Through all our storms of life,
A sturdy hand to hold onto
In times of stress and strife.
A true friend we can turn to
When times are good or bad.
One of our greatest blessings,
The man that we call Dad.*

(**Hints:** sturdy – strong; strife – dispute)

Now, compare the poem with *Any Woman* by Katharine Tynan.

(**Hints :** theme, message, style, tone, poetic devices, etc.)