

## 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. Imagine that you happened to meet the black boy of the poem, 'As I Grew Older', who was disappointed by the shattering of his dreams in a white dominated society. Write two pieces of advice you would give him in such a situation. Use expressions like, 'You should ..... / You shouldn't ..... / You ought to .....'
- (2)
2. Aunt Jane in 'The Never Never Nest' is a character who stands against the Hire-Purchase system. What are your views on the Hire-Purchase system? Write your views in three sentences using the expressions, 'In my view ..... / As far as I am concerned ..... / I think .....'
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3. In 'Lifting the Veil', the writer David Lambourne, takes us to a restaurant where a music and dance performance is being held. Suppose the compere comes on the stage to announce the programme. What announcement would he make? Write the announcement for him in three or four sentences.
- (4)
4. Imagine yourself to be a fellow traveller in the compartment of the train in which Sir Mohanlal travelled. You were the witness to the whole incident which led to the tragic plight of Sir Mohanlal when the railway police came to enquire about the incident. You told them what had happened. How will you narrate the incident? Narrate the incident in a paragraph of 60 words.
- (4)
5. Given below, are a few traits of character.
- Selfish, devoted, luxurious, compassionate, courageous, service-minded.
- Choose the traits which suit the character of Albert Schweitzer and write a character sketch in about 70 words.
- (5)
6. A seminar was conducted in your school under the auspices of the literary club on the topic, "The English Language : A Window to the World." The programme chart was as follows :

**Programme**

- 09.30 am - Registration
- 10.30 am - Inaugural session
- Welcome speech - School Chairperson
- Inauguration - Smt. Indira Devi
- (Noted writer and social worker)
- Keynote address - Chief Guest
- 11.30 am - Paper presentation
- Dhanya S. - XI
- Divya C. - XII
- 02.00 pm - Interactive session
- 03.00 pm - Vote of thanks - School Principal
- Prepare a report to be submitted in the school magazine.
- (8)

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7. ✓ You visited Wayanad according to the following itinerary. Now, write a travelogue with its help in 150 words.
- Day 1 : 5.30 am - departure from school - bus from Kollam - 12.15 pm - reaches Ernakulam - lunch at Ernakulam - 1.30 pm - leave for Wayanad - reach Wayanad - 7.00 pm - stay at hotel Maharani.
- Day 2 : 7.00 am - breakfast - Kuruva island - enjoy scenic beauty and serenity of forest - 12.00 pm - leave for Tholpetty Wild Life Sanctuary - 5.30 pm - return to hotel.
- Day 3 : 7.00 am - breakfast - visit Pazhassi Tomb at Mananthavady - 9 am - return journey to Kollam.
- (8)
8. ✓ Imagine that Jane Austen's novel, Pride and Prejudice has been made into a film. That film is being shown in your school as part of the Arts Club festival. As the secretary of the Arts Club, you want to inform everyone about the show. Prepare a notice for the purpose.
- [Hints : Date and time - venue - special attractions if any].
- (5)
9. ✓ A programme on the conservation of the environment is being planned in your school as part of the activity of the Eco Club. You are to deliver a speech on "Environmental issues faced by our society and its remedy", on the occasion. Prepare a speech to be delivered.
- [Hints : Major environmental problems - man's greed - depletion of natural resources - solutions - afforestation, etc].
- (7)
10. You are familiar with the biography of Albert Schweitzer. Now, write a profile of W. B. Yeats, using the following hints :
- [W. B. Yeats - born in 1865 - Irish poet - met Maud Gonne in 1889 (subject of love poetry) - 1892 - Irish Literary Society in London and National Literary Society in Dublin - Irish Literary Theater (1899) - Nobel Prize - Translation of Upanishads].
- (4)
11. The eminent environmentalist and social worker, Medha Patkar is visiting your school to take part in a seminar organized on the eve of the World Environment Day. You want to interview her for the school magazine. Prepare four questions and their likely answers.
- (8)
12. "Four feet are thicker than two." Write a brief comment on this statement against the background of "The Reason" by E. V. Lucas.
- (5)

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13. Charity Jones has been selected by Milton Davidson as his true love. He wishes to give her a dinner on Valentine's Day and he wants to invite her for the party. Write a letter of invitation that Milton Davidson would have written.
- (6)
14. Imagine yourself to be Mrs. Salmon in 'The Case for the Defence'. You are disturbed by the sudden twist that the trial of the murder case had undergone and could not sleep that night. You want to pour out your thoughts in the form of a diary entry. Write the diary entry in about 50 words.
- (4)
15. Read the following poem carefully :

**MOTHER EARTH**

Mother Earth actually looks after me,  
She neither expects nor charges a fee.  
Every year fresh fruits she provides to eat,  
For those fruits, one another man will beat.  
So much water is there for us all,  
For water it often becomes an ugly brawl.  
A tiny insect on her I am,  
Feeding me with her assorted jam.  
Man keeps beating her with his big bombs,  
When will he realize that she is alive and that it is wrong?  
Here we must begin to appreciate,  
Immediately before it gets too late.  
From our puny race she will defend herself,  
You are just begging her to annihilate yourself.

[Brawl - a noisy quarrel; assorted - made up of various sorts;  
puny - inexperienced, feeble; annihilate - destroy].

Prepare a brief review of the poem in 120 words.

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