

Part I
English

Time : 2 ½ Hrs
Marks : 80

HSE (1)
School Code : 2016

- General Instructions to candidates
- There is a cool off time of 15 minutes in addition to the writing time of 2 ½ hours
- You are not allowed to write your answer or to discuss anything with others during the cool off time
- All questions are compulsory
- Use the cool off time to get familiar with questions and plan your answers

1. Your School is organizing a campaign against the use of plastics. You are asked to prepare two slogans on the hazards of plastic. One has been done for you.

SAY NO TO PLASTIC, SAVE ENVIRONMENT

Write two other Slogans. (2)

2. You've read the play 'The Never Never Nest' by Caedric Mount. Aunt Jane visits the house of Jack and Jill and is shocked to see their way of living. She goes home and writes her diary. Prepare the diary entry.

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3. You are deeply touched by Rachel Carson's 'Fable for Tomorrow' which depicted a nameless American town where all life from fish to birds, apple blossoms to children had been "Silenced" by the harmful effects of DDT. After reading you feel like sharing it with your friend. Draft the letter in not more than 100 words.

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4. We live in a world ruled by machines. Prepare a speech to be delivered in the school morning assembly on "The impact of machines on human life".

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5. Imagine that your school has organized a study tour to Ooty. Prepare a set of instructions to be given to the students.

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6. In the story 'Karma' written by Khushwant Singh Sir Mohan met with a tragic incident in the railway station. Imagine you have witnessed it and want to report the incident to a local daily. Prepare the newspaper is not more than 100 words.

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7. You have visited Ernakulam as per the following itinerary. Prepare a travelogue

Day I - Starts from Kollam at 5.30 am by bus- breakfast at Ernakulam at 9 am – Reaches Veegaland water theme park at 10 am – enjoys rides – lunch at 1 pm. Leaves the amusement park at 3.00 pm. Evening at Marine Drive, Kochi- Marine walk, visits shopping malls- stay at Marine Drive Apartments.

Day 2- Journey to Bhoothathankettu starts at 7.30 am, after breakfast-Periyar River View- trekking- lunch at 1.30 pm- visits the nearby Dr. Salim Ali Bird Sanctuary- stay at Hornbill Rest House, Thattekkad.

Day 3 - Starts at 6.30 am – breakfast at Fort Kochi at 8.30 am – Sight seeing- Chinese Fishing nets, Jain Temple- 11.30 am Willington Island- lunch at 1.30 pm – visits Jewish Synagogue – Mattancherry Dutch palace- Kerala mural paintings -5pm at Cherai Beach 6.30 pm – return journey

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8. "English should be the medium of instruction in schools". What do you say about the given statement? (Use expressions like I agree....., I disagree....., In my viewetc)

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9. Imagine that Sri. Gopinath Muthukad the famous magician visits your school in Connection with inauguration of the arts club. Prepare a notice giving information to the students on the inauguration of the club and the magic show.

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10. “Susheela’s Story” tells you how Women end up married and working in the kitchen. In “Women of Bhopal” you can see the ill effects of the gas leak on women and socially how they are discriminated against. Women face a lot of atrocities in the present day society.

Write an article on the topic ‘Problems faced by women’ for your school magazine.

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11. Edit the following:

Written English text is usually divided on blocks called ‘paragraphs’, to make them easier to read. Paragraphs can vary in length, from several hundred words to the few sentences.

(2)

12. “Somewhere ages and ages hence:

Two roads diverged in a wood, and I -

Took the one less travelled by.

And that has made all the difference”.

Do you agree with Robert Frost’s view that people who think differently and independently are the great leaders of the world. Illustrate this statement in a paragraph.

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13. Medha Patkar the social activist and environmentalist visited Chappath, Idukki to extend her support to the Mullaperiyar survival protest and requested immediate solution to the Mullaperiyar issue. Imagine yourself as a newspaper reporter and prepare an exclusive interview with her for your daily (5 exchanges)

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14. Here is a poem in which the poet shares his experience of a railway journey with us.

From a Railway Carriage

Faster than fairies, faster than witches,
Bridges and houses, hedges and ditches;
And charging along like troops in a battle,
All through the meadows the horses and cattle;
All of the sights of the hill and the plain
Fly as thick as driving rain;
And ever again in the wink of an eye,
Painted stations whistle by.

Here is a child who clambers and scrambles,
All by himself and gathering brambles;
Here is a tramp who stands and gazes;
And here is the green for stringing the daisies!
Here is a cart seen away in the road
Lumping along with man and load,
And here is a mill and there is a river
Each a glimpse and gone for ever !

Write a review of the poem written by Robert Louis Stevenson in about 120 words comparing it with 'The Express', by Stephen Spender.

(Clambers & Scrambles – climb somewhere with difficulty, lumping – making a group
brambles – A wild bush with thorns which produces blackberries Tramp- A homeless
Person travels from place to place).

15. Read the following conversation between Elizabeth and Lady Catherine de Bourgh in
“Pride and Prejudice”

Catherine: “It is well. You refuse, then, to oblige me. You refuse to obey the claims of duty, honour and gratitude. You are determined to receive him in the opinion of all his friends and make him the contempt of the world”.

Elizabeth replied “Neither duty nor honour nor gratitude have any possible claim on me, in the present instance. No principle of either, would be violated by my marriage with Mr. Darcy”.

Draft a character analysis of Elizabeth and Lady Catherine.

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