

Part I – ENGLISH

HSE I

Max Score: 80

Time: 2 1/2 hours

Cool off Time: 15 minutes

1. Your parents have decided to buy a computer on hire purchase scheme. Give them two pieces of advice mentioning the disadvantages of this scheme on your reading of the one act play 'The Never-Never Nest'.

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2. Robert Frost was worried about choosing the second path but he made his choice by keeping the first path for another day. Suppose he wrote his diary that night. What would he write? Write the diary entry.

[5]

3. You visited Thekkady as per the following itinerary. Now write a travelogue with the help of it, recording your observations, feelings, experiences, impressions etc in about 150 words

Day I : 7 am- Departure from school

1 pm- Lunch

9 pm- Arrival at Thekkady

Day 2: 8 am- Breakfast

9 am- Boating

11 am- Trekking

1 pm- Lunch

3 pm- Shopping

8 pm- Return

[8]

4. Sir Mohanlal and Lachmi have an argument on the use of language Sir. Mohanlal is all praise for English and condemns Hindustani. Lachmi on the other hand is all contempt for the English Language and English man. Write a conversation between the two (About five exchanges)  
Begin like this:

Mohanlal: Lachmi, I don't like -----[5 exchanges]

[6]

5. Your class has conducted a debate on the topic, Saturdays should be declared as holidays for the higher secondary students. Those who spoke for the topic presented the following points.

For

1. Students can revise their portions
2. They do not get concession on Saturdays
3. Mental stress of students can be relieved
4. Best output can be expected from teachers

You have to speak against the topic List four points

[4]

6. Albert Schweitzer went to French Equatorial Africa leaving his parents behind in France. After setting up his mission hospital, he writes a letter to his parents about his experience in Africa. Draft the letter for him

[6]

7. You are interviewing a poet living in your village for your school magazine. Write down the interview questions and answers Details may include his latest works, style of writing, inspiration, themes, message etc.

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8. J.G Bruton considers language as a great boon to human beings. Of all the languages, English has gained more importance. Prepare a speech considering the importance and role of English as the primary language in India.

[7]

9. Your class is staging the play "The Never Nest" to raise funds for your school building. Prepare a notice giving the details of the performance and the rates of tickets.

[5]

10. Read the following poem "Life's Choices" explain the ideas and compare them with the ideas in "the Road Not Taken" by Robert frost.

### **Life's Choices**

Life is full of choices  
Make sure you pick the right one  
Don't listen to the voices  
Hear only yours and you have won  
Many people will tell you  
You need to change your looks  
Don't take to heart their view  
Fabulous bods are found only in books

[8]

11. An awareness programme on environmental hazards due to the use of plastic bags has been launched by your panchayath. Prepare two slogans for the programme. [2]
12. You are the reporter of the local daily covering the murder trial in "The Case for the Defence". Prepare a newspaper report. [7]
13. "Pride and Prejudice" deals with the affairs of match-making. What picture of society and family do you get from the novel? Write in a paragraph of 80 words. [5]
14. An exhibition on "Classical Dance Forms of Kerala" is being organized in your school. Prepare a poster for the exhibition. Write only the content of the poster. [3]
15. "Contaminate your bed and you will one night suffocate in your own waste" says Chief Seattle in "The Sacred Earth". Do you think this statement has any relevance to the present times? Express your views. [4]

[4]

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