

Part I – ENGLISH

HSE I

Max Score: 80

Time: 2 1/2 Hours

Cool off Time: 15 minutes

1. After his bad experience in the class, Richard Wright felt very sad. He took a firm decision to perform well before an audience in future. How would he express his decision?

(Use expression like- I would---, I would rather-----)

(2)

2. After parting with his daughters, Abel Merry Weather sits down to make his diary entry. What would he write?

(6)

3. Compare and contrast the characters of Kalpana Chawla and Rose Donegan.

(6)

4. The Arts club of your school has decided to conduct a seminar on “Relevance of Cinema in the present Society”. The details are given below

Inauguration: Sri Thilakan

Paper Presentation: Master Binu

Kumari Latha

- a) Draft a Press Release on the programme?

OR

- b) Prepare a programme Notice?

(6)

5. Imagine a Debate on the topic “Mobiles are very useful in the modern society” took place in your class. Those who spoke for the topic raised the following points.

FOR

- i. It makes communication easier
- ii. It is convenient to carry
- iii. It helps to identify location
- iv. It gives privacy

Write FOUR arguments AGAINST the topic?

(4)

6. Prepare a profile of Satyajith Ray using the hints given

- Born : 1921 in Calcutta
- : BA Economics from Presidency College Calcutta
- : Started his career designing covers for Books
- : Founded Calcutta film society in 1947
- First film : Pather Panchali  
won prize at Cannes film festival
- Major films: Aparajitho, Apur Sansar, Charulatha etc
- Awards : Golden Lion Award at Venice festival  
Conferred Bharat Ratna by the Indian Govt.
- Died : 23 April, 1992

(6)

7. Alcoholism is a threat to many families now. As a social activist you organise a campaign against Alcoholism. Prepare two slogans?

(2)

8. Your class has decided to stage the play ‘The King who Limped’ you are the comperer who introduces the play to the audience. Prepare the script for compering?

(5)

9. Read the following poem

**Heaven of freedom**

Where the mind is without fear and head held high  
Where Knowledge is free;  
Where the world has not been broken up into fragments  
By narrow domestic walls,  
Where words come out from the depth of truth;  
Where tireless striving stretches its arm towards perfection;  
Where the clear stream of reason has not lost its way  
Into the dreary desert sand of dead habit;  
Where the mind is led forward by Thee into ever widening  
Thought and action  
Into that Heaven of freedom, my father, let my country awake.

Write a note of appreciation of the above poem based on its theme, relevance, mood, tone, rhythm, style etc. Compare it with ‘A Nice Citizen’

(8)

10. The trial of the Long Nosed One took place on 9<sup>th</sup> march and the previous days newspapers flashed the following headlines.

The metropolis crowded

Hotels invaded

Police station set fire.

Communal riots

Draft a feature article for a magazine in about 120 words. (7)

11. The following passage contains five errors. Identify them and edit the passage.

I am in Hyderabad giving this lecture, when a 14 years old girl asked me for my autograph. I asked her what is her ambition in life. She replied, 'I want to live in a developed India'. For her, you and I will have build this developed India. You must preclaim that India is not a under developed nation; it is a highly developed nation. (5)

12. Imagine you are invited to deliver a speech at the residents association if your local area to discuss the problems of poor health care facilities prepare the script of the speech.

(Condition of mass deprivation- the local poor under the threat of epidemics-neglect of authorities-effectiveness of low cost remedies) (8)

13. You got an opportunity to interview Sri. Salim Kumar after winning the national Award. Prepare four questions that you would ask and also their possible responses. (8)

14. Suicide rate among youngsters in Kerala is increasing at an alarming rate. Study the following table and prepare a report on the increasing rate of suicide in Kerala highlighting the social and moral problem that lead to suicides.

Year	No. of suicides reported
1990-95	250
1995-2000	400
2000-2005	520
2005-2010	700

(7)