

General Instructions to Candidates:

- Read the questions carefully before answering.
- Maximum time allowed is 2 hours 45 minutes including cool-off time.
- First 15 minutes is cool-off time, during which the candidate should neither write answers nor have discussion with others.
- All the questions are compulsory and only internal choices are allowed.
- In the case of questions having internal choice only the sub-questions of the same question should be answered.

1. Milton Davidson's arrest came as a surprise to computer-lovers all over the world. All the newspapers flashed the story of his arrest on their front pages. How would the story appear in the newspapers? Prepare a newspaper report in about 150 words.
(Score: 7)
2. Here is an extract from the biography of Albert Schweitzer:
'My search is over,' he said to himself. 'That is the work I shall do.'
After reading the missionary magazine Schweitzer sat down to write his diary entry. Imagine what he could have written and prepare the diary entry.
(Score: 5)
3. In 'As I Grew Older' Langston Hughes tells us about the discrimination he had to face in America as a black boy. Do you find similar discrimination in the name of caste, colour and gender in our country? Prepare a letter to the editor of a newspaper on such discrimination that brings disgrace to a civilized society.
(Score: 7)
4. You have been chosen to speak as a delegate from India at the 'World Earth Summit' held at the city of Seattle. Recall the ideas expressed by Chief Seattle and prepare your speech on the environmental issues we are facing today.
(Score: 8)
5. Milton Davidson tells Joe how he should find his true love from the databanks of women through a process of elimination. Think what instructions he would give Joe. Write four instructions. (Use First....., Then.....etc.)
(Score: 4)
6. You are pained by the sight of many villages in Kasargode which have become exact counterparts of the town described in 'A Fable for Tomorrow' due to the excessive use of pesticides and chemicals. Your organization wants to launch a campaign against this practice. Prepare two catchy slogans to be used in the campaign.
(Score: 2)
7. A debate is conducted in your school on the topic 'Children should not be allowed to use the internet.' Those who spoke *for* the topic raised the following points:
 - Children become easily addicted to the internet.
 - Books are better than the internet as a source of knowledge.

- Children unknowingly indulge in cyber-crimes.
 - They are often trapped and exploited by criminals on the web.
- Now write four points *against* the topic.

(Score: 4)

8. In 'Karma' Sir Mohan Lal was thrown out of the train by two English soldiers. Do you think that he deserved this fate? Give your opinion using expressions like I think..... In my opinion..., If you ask me..., etc. Give your reasons also.

(Score: 3)

9. A few character traits that belong to some of the main characters in 'Pride and Prejudice are given in the following table:

proud	intelligent	bold	foolish	firm
lively	vulgar	selfish	witty	snobbish

Which of these character traits would suit Elizabeth Bennet? Choose adjectives from the table and prepare a character sketch of Elizabeth.

(Score: 6)

10. The arts club of your school has decided to organise a seminar on 'The classical dance forms of India'. Prepare a programme notice of the seminar to be put up on the notice board. Include details of the venue, inauguration, paper presentation etc.

(Score: 5)

11. Prepare a travelogue based on the following itinerary for a two days tour to the tourist attractions of Wayanad.

DAY ONE

- 7.30 a m: Visit at Thirunelly Temple.
- 9.00 a m: Breakfast
- 10.00 a m: Visit to Kuruva Dweep.
- 1.00 p m: Lunch at Hotel Brahmagiri, Mananthavady.
- 2.30 p m: At Pazhassi Tomb, Mananthavady.
- 3.30 p m: Visit at Banasura Sagar Dam, Padinjarathara.
- 5.30 p m: Film

DAY TWO

- 8.00 a m: Breakfast at Hotel Woodlands, Kalpetta.
- 9.00 a m: Trekking at Edakkal Caves.
- 1.00 p m: Lunch .
- 2.30 p m: At Soochippara Waterfalls.
- 4.30 p m: Visit to Pookkode Lake.
- 5.30 p m: Boating in the Lake.
- 6.30 p m: Return home.

(Score: 8)

12. Read the following poem written by *Henry Wadsworth Longfellow* and write a review comparing and contrasting it with 'The Lake isle of Innisfree.'

Nature

As a fond mother, when the day is o'er,
Leads by the hand her little child to bed,
Half willing, half reluctant to be led,
And leave his broken playthings on the floor,
Still gazing at them through the open door,
Nor wholly reassured and comforted.

By promises of others in their stead,
Which, though more splendid, may not please him more
So Nature deals with us, and takes away
Our playthings one by one, and by the hand
Leads us to rest so gently, that we go
Scarce knowing if we wish to go or stay,
Being too full of sleep to understand
How far the unknown transcends the what we know.

(Plaything=toy, scarce=rarely, transcend=go beyond)

(Score: 8)

13. As part of a survey on 'installment schemes' you have decided to visit Jack and Jill. Now they are very much worried about the debt trap they are in. Prepare a possible interview with Jack and Jill. There should be at least four questions and their answers.

(Score: 8)

14. In 'Lifting the Veil' the narrator and the blind man went to a dinner and a show. Imagine that there was an announcement at the beginning introducing the show. How would it be? Write a script for the announcement.

(Hints: musical performance - five men - musical instrument - coconut shell - dancers - golden finger nails, etc.)

(Score: 5)