

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 hours.
- You are not allowed to write your answers nor to discuss anything with others during the 'cool off time'.
- Use the 'cool off time' to get familiar with questions and plan your answers.
- Read 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.

1. Irritated by the onslaught of human beings, animals decided to make a demonstration. Write a poster protesting against the cruelty to animals. (Score 2)
2. Your class is organizing a debate on 'Hire purchase system'. The following are the points raised by those who spoke in favour of the Hire purchase system.
 - Hire purchase system helps to improve life quality of ordinary people.
 - It helps to raise the social status of the middle class.
 - It helps people having lower income to buy things they wouldn't be able to buy outright.
 - It promotes business.If you are to speak against the topic which points will you use? List four points. (Score 4)
3. The Express is a poem by Spender glorifying the express train. Prepare a review of the poem in not more than 120 words. (Score 8)
4. Your sister approached you to give an edited version of the given passage

In the farms the hens brooded, but no chicks hatched. The farmers complained that they are unable to raise any pigs; the letters were small and the young survive only a few

days. The apple trees was coming into bloom but no bees droned among the blossoms, so there was no pollination and there will be no fruit. (Score 4)

5. We are the part of the earth and it is a part of us. It is our duty to conserve nature and never get it polluted. Prepare a speech on the topic 'Conservation of Nature' (Score 7)
6. Ruskin Bond became sad at the neglect shown towards the memorial stone of the great figure Jim Corbett. He made a diary entry on that night. Prepare it for him. (Score 6)
7. Suppose you visited Yeats' Lake Isle of Innisfree. Having visited the place you are impressed by its beauty. Now, write a letter to your friend describing the place and suggesting him to visit the place. (Score 7)
8. You have read the extraordinary murder case – 'The Peckham Murder'. Imagine that you happened to see the murderer coming out after the suspected crime. As a newspaper reporter prepare a news report. (Score 7)
9. You have visited Thiruvananthapuram and Kanyakumary according to the following itinerary. Prepare a travelogue based on it. (Score 8)

Day 1

7 pm – Departure from school.

Day 2

6 am – Reaches Thiruvananthapuram YMCA hostel.

8 am – Breakfast

9 am – Planetarium and zoo.

1 pm – Lunch at Hotel Plaza

2 pm – Visit Museum

4 pm – Sree Padmanabha Swamy Temple and Padmanabhapuram Palace

Day 3

6 am – Kanyakumari Sunrise

8 am – Breakfast

9 am – Vivekananda Rock

1 pm – Lunch

2 pm – Kovalam Beach

5 pm – Movie

9 pm - Return

10. The train in the poem 'The Express' symbolizes modern industrial civilization. Prepare a paragraph on the topic 'Industrial civilization a boon or a curse?' (Score 5)
11. After his visit Mr.Bingby left Bennets for ten days. Now he is in London. Miss Jane wants to make a phone call to him. Prepare a dialogue between Miss Jane and Mr.Bingby. (Score 5)
12. A few traits of the characters in 'Pride and Prejudice' are given below. Select suitable traits and using them compare and contrast the characters of Jane and Elizabeth. [meek, lively, beautiful, intelligent, prejudiced, arrogant, boasting] (Score 6)
13. Aunt Jane visits Jack's house and she is depressed to find the way they are living. She gives them some suggestions to lead a comfortable life avoiding hire purchase system. Write two suggestions. (you may use expressions like 'should not, ought to' etc.) (Score 2)
14. Your school has decided to organize a quiz competition on August 15. As you are the school leader you have to prepare a notice informing the students about the programme. Prepare the notice giving details like the time and place of the venue, number of members in a team, subject of the quiz etc. (Score 5)
15. Prepare two slogans for the occasion of a rally conducted by your school on world environment day. (Score 4)