

MODEL EXAMINATION FEBRUARY-2012

HSE I PART I Time: 2¾ hrs
ENGLISH Max Score: 80

1. Imagine you met a blind man on your way to school. You remembered the story of 'Lifting the Veil'. You decided to hold a discussion with him about his experience as a blind man. The first hand account of his experience as a blind man touched your heart. That day you write the diary reflecting on the feelings of blind people. What would you write. (5)
2. You met a rabbit running away from the forest. You had an interview with the rabbit in which it reveals to you, the threat of extinction the animals face in the forest- life. Write five exchanges. Begin like this:
You : Hi Rabbit! Where are you from? You run as if you are in trouble.
Rabbit: (Shocked on seeing) Oh, God! Here is another man. Sir, Please let me go. (5)
3. Bernard Shaw said "All autobiographies are lies". Do you agree with Shaw's statement? Write three sentences either agreeing or disagreeing with the statement. Use expressions like I agree/ disagree because, I think..... (3)
4. 'Every where women are in chains - irrespective of culture, language etc'. How far is this statement true? Express your view in a paragraph in not more than 80 words. (5)
5. Read the following news headline.

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How do you comment on this? Write your opinion using the following expressions.
I feel..., I think..., I don't think..., In my view...etc (4)

6. Imagine you are one of the English officers traveling in the cantonment along with Sir Mohan Lal. Write the conversation you had with him. Begin like this
English officer : Hai, It's a fine day. Could you please..... (5)
7. You are conducting a seminar on 'The Conservation of Forest'. Draft FOUR wall notice that would catch the immediate attention of the participants. One has been done for you.

Each one, plant one

(4)

8. Read the following extract that constitutes the last part of the story 'The Case for the Defence'.
"Then it happened. I don't know how, though I was only six feet away. The crowd moved and some how one of the twins got pushed on to the road right in front of a bus. He gave a squeal like a rabbit and that was all; he was dead, his skull smashed just as Mrs. Parker's had been. Divine vengeance? I wish I knew. Now imagine that you are the reporter of 'The Hindu'.
Prepare a report of this event that occurred outside the court. (6)
9. Imagine yourself to be a famous environmental activist. You are invited by an environmental organisation to deliver a speech as part of their anniversary celebration. Prepare the speech. (7)
10. Your class is organizing a debate on the topic 'Man is not a prisoner of his fate, but of his own mind'. A debater, arguing in favour of the topic presented the following points:
*There is no such thing as 'fate' in life
*'Fate' is a superstitious belief
*It is a false excuse made by lazy people
*Our future is determined only by our character.
As a debater of the opposing group , what will be your arguments? List FOUR points. (4)

11. Some words are given below. Use appropriate words and write a character sketch of

Albert Schweitzer.

* Idealist * Practical * Sentimental * Service minded * Artistic
* Religious * Aristocratic * Systematic

(6)

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. (5)

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

15. 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 (8)

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

16. Read the following poem “Life’s Choices” explain the ideas and compare them with the ideas in “the Road Not Taken” by Robert frost. (8)

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

[bods=persons]
