

FIRST YEAR HIGHER SECONDARY EXAMINATION

PART -1
ENGLISH

Time:2 ½ hrs

Max score:80

Cool off time:15 minutes

1 Imagine that you are conducting a rally against the felling of trees in your area

Prepare THREE slogans to be pasted on placards Score 3

2 You get a chance to visit Innisfree Isle and meet W.B Yeats and have a nice experience

there. Make a diary entry of your experiences Score 5

OR

Imagine that Milton Davidson of True love is thoroughly disturbed by his arrest . He believes that his computer Joe has the role in it . he writes his diary describing the circumstances of his arrest that night. Write the diary entry for him. Score 5

3 That English is not the language of the original inhabitants of England provides ample evidence for the complexity of English language. Invasions and inventions have contributed to the growth of this language .Briefly trace evolution of English language.

(Hints;-Invasions -Romans-Anglo Saxons-Christian missionaries-French invasion-influence of Shakespeare- Modern English.) Score 7

4 Susheela's story tells us the pathetic condition of an Indian village woman. In this world we can see many types of atrocities against women. Prepare a write-up suggesting solutions to this burning problem Score 8

5 The narrator in the story Lifting the veil narrates his experience with a blind man in a realistic and interesting way . Have you got any experience with any blind man? Narrate it in a paragraph Score 7

6: You visited Mysore as per the following itinerary. Now write a travelogue with the help of it recording your observations, feelings, experience etc in about 150 words.

Day1 10 A.M- Departure from school

Day 2 5 A.M –AM-Arrival at Mysore

8 A.M-Breakfast

10 A.M-Zoo

1.00P.M Lunch

2.00P.M-Mysore palace 8.00P.M-
Dinner 10.P.M. Chamundi Hills
11.P.M-Return

Score:8

- 7 Here are a few lines from the poem `Telephone Conversation` by Wole Soyinka, an African writer. Compare this poem with Langston Hughes` poem `As I Grew Older`.

Telephone Conversation

The prices seemed reasonable, location Indifferent. The
landlady swear she lived Off premises. Nothing remained

But self confession. “ Madam”
I warned “I hate a wasted journey,
I am African Silence.
Silenced transmission of
Pressurized good breeding.
Voice, when it came
Lipstick coated, long gold-rolled
Cigarettes-holder piped, caught I was, foully
How dark? ...I had not misheard ...are you light
Or very dark?

Score 8

8. “The shining water that moves in the streams and rivers is not just water, but the blood of our ancestors so says, Chief Seattle in “The Sacred Earth” Now prepare a speech highlighting the importance of preserving Mother Earth.

(Hints – different types of pollution- importance of all beings on earth- impact of over exploitation of nature)

Score-7

OR

9. You have read the poem On Killing A Tree .Imagine you were a tree, write an autobiography to be published in your school magazine .(Hints:-Birth-babyhood-interesting experience-help in many ways-but man unkind and selfish etc.)

Score 7

- 10: Mark Twain believes that an autobiography should deal with all the privacies in the writer’s life. Do you agree with this? Write your opinion in a paragraph.

Score-7

11. At the end of the story ‘Karma’ by Khushwant Singh, Sir Mohanlal is pushed out of the train by the two drunken English soldiers. Suppose the Station Master rushes to the spot to enquire about it, what will be their conversation. Write at least five exchanges.

Score-5

- 12 Pay just Rs.1000 and take a brand new car, rest in easy installments.” Your cousin Rohan is fascinated by this and plans to buy a car. Write a letter to him explaining the ill-effects of installment schemes, in the light of your study of the “The Never Never Nest”.

Score 5

- 13 In The Case for Defense one of the twin brothers dies in an accident after the verdict. Do you think it was a divine vengeance or a strange coincidence? Prepare a write up.

Score 5

14 Significance of the title 'Pride and Prejudice' and give the name of the characters who represent these qualities.

Score 5

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