

PART I
ENGLISH

HSE I

Max. Score: 80
Time : 2.45hrs

General Instructions to Candidates:

- **There is a cool –off time of 15 minutes in addition to the writing time of 2 ½ hrs.**
- **Use the cool-off time to get familiar with questions and to plan timing.**
- **You are not allowed to write your answers or to discuss anything with others during the cool-off time.**
- **Read the questions carefully before you answer them.**
- **Answer all questions.**

1. Imagine that you got a chance to meet W.B. Yeats. While narrating his experience in the Lake Isle of Innisfree, he compares his life in city with that in the Island. Write two sentences of comparison, using expressions like where as, while etc. (2 scores)
2. Imagine that Langston Hughes wants to launch a campaign against racial discrimination. He asks you to prepare a few slogans to be used in the campaign. Write two slogans. (2 scores)
3. Imagine that a debate on the topic “English should be made the only medium of instruction in the classroom” was conducted in your class. The main points raised by the students who spoke in favour of the topic are given below:
 - *English is the global language
 - *English can be learned better if it is made the only medium of instruction
 - *English knowledge helps us to score higher grades
 - *English knowledge makes us better human beingsYou want to argue against the topic. Write Four arguments against the topic. (4 scores)
4. Mrs. Salmon witnessed the death of one of the twins after the trial. She could not forget the look and cry of the other Adams. She wrote her diary that night. What would have she written in her diary? Write the diary entry that she made that night. (5 scores)
5. You are the Secretary of the Arts Club of your school. The club has decided to organize the show of the play ‘The Never Never Nest’. Prepare a Notice of the programme. (5 scores)
6. Your School has organised a two days trip to Wayanad. You were also a part of the trip. Your Principal asked you to prepare a travelogue of the trip, to be published in the school magazine. Prepare the travelogue. The itinerary of the journey is given below.
 - DAY ONE*
 - 7.30 am : Visit at Thirunelly Temple.
 - 9.00 a m : Breakfast
 - 10.00 a m : Visit at Kuruva Dweep.
 - 1.30 p m : Lunch, Mananthavady.
 - 2.30 p m : Pazhassi Tomb, Mananthavady.
 - 3.30 p m : Visit at Banasura Sagar Dam
 - 5.30 p m : Watching a movie at a theatre
 - DAY TWO*
 - 7.30 a m : Breakfast at, Kalpetta.
 - 8.00 a m : Trecking at Edakkal Caves.
 - 11.00am : visit at Muthanga Wild Life Sanctuary
 - 1.30 p m : Lunch.
 - 2.30 p m : at Soochippara Waterfalls.
 - 4.30 p m : Visit at Pookkode Lake.
 - 5.30 p m : Boating in the Lake.
 - 6.30 p m : Return Home.(8 Scores)

7. Sir Mohan Lal is thrown out of the train by the English soldiers. He gets injured and is admitted to a hospital. While alone in the hospital, he regrets his misbehaviour towards his wife. Luckily Lachmi visits him the next day. Write a possible conversation between Sir Mohan Lal and Lachmi. (6scores)

8. An extract from the play 'The Never Never Nest' is given below.

Aunt Jane : And how do you propose to pay that back?

Jack : Oh, that's easy too. You just pay it back in installment.

Aunt Jane : Installments!

Jack finds it quite easy to buy anything in installment scheme. Do you agree with Jack? Express your views in the form of a speech to be delivered in the school assembly. (7 scores)

9. Attempt an essay, in not more than 100 words, tracing the Black boy's process of growing up with special reference to the poem 'As I Grew Older' (7 scores)

10. A few traits of character are given in the box below. Choose the characters that are appropriate to describe the character of Darcy and write a character sketch of him in about 80 words.

Intelligent, Good natured, Lively, Prejudiced, Proud, Handsome
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(5 scores)

11. Here is a poem written by James Thomson. Write an appreciation of the poem based on its theme, tone, rhythm, mood, style etc. Compare and contrast the theme and mood of this poem with those of 'The Express'.

In the Train

AS we rush, as we rush in the Train,
The trees and the houses go wheeling back,
But the starry heavens above the plain
Come flying on our track.

All the beautiful stars of the sky,
The silver doves of the forest of Night,
Over the dull earth swarm and fly,
Companions of our flight.

We will rush ever on without fear;
Let the goal be far, the flight be fleet!
For we carry the Heavens with us, dear,
While the Earth slips from our feet!

-James Thomson

(8 scores)

12. Milton Davidson is arrested and is taken to prison. From there he writes a letter to Charity Jones. Write the letter. (7 scores)

13. In his speech 'The Sacred Earth', Chief Seattle says: "Contaminate your bed and you will one night suffocate in your own waste". Has the prediction of Seattle come true in contemporary times? Write a short essay in about 120 words on the environmental problems we face today. (7 scores)

14. The villagers in Guptakashi had been requesting the authorities to provide a bus service for the local people, and for the villagers who lived off the roads. But their pleas were not considered. In protest, a 'Hunger Strike' was announced in Guptakashi. Imagine that, as a reporter of an English Daily, you were sent to report on the strike. Prepare the newspaper report in about 120 words. (7 scores)