

First Year Higher Secondary Examination March 2012

English

HSE I

Time:2.45 Hours

Max Score 80

1. 1. “Those who can see don’t see, but those who can’t see do see”. Narrate an experience from your life. (5score)
2. You know that the black boy in “As I Grew Older “ suffers from racial discrimination. Prepare two slogans against racial discrimination. (2 score)
3. It was the time of the inauguration of the English club. The club secretary asked you to speak on the “Importance of English in the present world”. Write the speech you would make in 60 words. (6 score)
4. You were happy to visit your cousin who is recently appointed as a doctor in a remote tribal village in Wayanad. His Experiences were similar to that of Albert Schweitzer. Write a likely conversation between you and your cousin. (6 score)
5. Aunt Jane got shocked by seeing the luxurious life style of Jack and Jill. After returning home she pens down her mental agony in her diary. Make a diary entry for Aunt Jane. (5 Score)
6. Your school is conducting a tour program as per the following Itinerary. With the help of it prepare a travelogue recording your observations, feelings, experience, impressions etc.
I day
8 am starting from Thiruvananthapuram by tourist bus – 1.30 pm reaches Ernakulam – lunch – visits shipyards – 5 pm – shopping, stay.
II day
Visits Hindustan News Print Ltd – lunch – visits Hill Palace, Trippunithara – stay.
III day
Visits Kumarakam – Boating to Pathiramanal bird sanctuary – returns to Thiruvananthapuram. (8 score)
7. The NSS unit of your school plans to conduct a seminar on ‘The role of students in environmental protection’. Smt. Sugatha Kumari is the special invitee. Prepare an interview which focuses on her contribution as an environmentalist. (8 score)
8. Imagine that Sri. Mukesh, the Chairman of Kerala Sangeetha Nataka Academy, is visiting your school for a lecture demonstration on theatrical techniques and trends. You are the secretary of the Arts Club organizing the program. Draft a notice in about 60 words announcing the events, date, time, venue and other relevant details. (5 score)
9. Write a review of the poem ‘The Lake Isle of Innisfree’. (8 score)
10. You have conducted a debate on ‘Internet a Boon’. Those who spoke in favour of this topic presented the following arguments.
* Information on figure tips.
* Office work made easy.
* Communication made faster and easier.
* It is easily accessible and cheaper.
Write four points against the topic. (4 score)
11. Can you suggest an alternative title for ‘True Love’ (2 score)
12. Imagine that you were present in the court during the trial of ‘Peckham Murder Case’. Prepare a newspaper report to be published in a daily. (7 score)

13. Irish cow feels guilty for betraying E. V. Lucas. She decides to write a letter of apology to him. Draft the letter for her. (7 Score)

14. Compare the attitudes and appearance of Sri. Mohan Lal and Lachmi based on the hints given below

* Handsome, distinguished, finished and refined at Oxford.

Saville Row suit, Smoothed his Balliol Tie.

* Short and fat

Dirty white sari

Sat on the grey steel trunk.

Can't understand English.

Loudly after the food.

Smelling of sweat and raw onion.

Now attempt a paragraph of about 75 words comparing Mohan Lal and Lachmi. You may use expressions like 'but', 'whereas', 'while'....etc. (7 score)

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1) 'She placed her hand tenderly upon my shoulder'. Richard Wright's teacher encouraged him to write his name and address on the black board. Write two sentences expressing your view as the teacher. Use the following expressions.

I think ..., It seems to me etc. (2)

2) Write two slogans to display in the school notice board in connection with World Peace Day. (2)

3) A debate was conducted on the topic 'The practice of taking lottery ticket'. The group who supported said:

For

- Many people get money.
- Can experience the happiness of being lucky.
- Gets more and more money with less input.
- Job opportunity to large group.

Write 4 points against the topic (4)

4) Certain character traits are given below. Read them and pick out those which suit Rose Donegan and make a character sketch.

Hardworking, selfish, sympathetic, sincere, Duty bound, Adaptable, caring, malicious, loving (6)

5) A film Festival is conducted in your school. Santhosh Pundit, Malayalam film director, is the chief guest. You get an opportunity to interview with Santhosh Pundit. (four exchanges) (8)

6) On the eve of the execution, the patriot makes a diary entry remembering his glorious entry into the town and how things had turned worst for him. He also reinforces his belief in God and ends up his diary, leaving a message for the people. Write the diary entry for him in about 60 words. (5)

7) The poem given below is written by a son to his mother on 'Mother's Day'.

What is a Mother's worth?
I humbly appraise my mother worth,
It began with pain to give me birth,
Which triggered off a love so strong,
Blossoming into a life-long bond.
When needed, she was always there
Some one I raised would always care

And the older I got, the more I knew,
A mother's love sincere and true.
Now as I watch my mother age in years,
I'm happy to help and ease her fears.
Privileged now to play my part.
As she did for me from the very start.

Write a note of appreciation of the above poem based on its theme, relevance, mood, rhythm and style. Compare and contrast this with the 'The Middle Age' You studied.

(8)

8) Imagine you are the editor of a famous newspaper. You decide to make the public aware of the causes of corruption and the ways to prevent them. Prepare an editorial for these purpose in not more than 120 words.

[Hints: various scams- giving and taking bribes- corrupt officials and politicians- need of Lokpal Bill]

(8)

9) Correct the errors in the following passage:

I was on Tel Aviv once and I am reading the Israeli newspaper. It was the day after lot of attacks and bombardments and deaths have taken place.

(4)

10) The lesson 'Goldmine of Indian Health Traditions' has inspired the members of the Nature Club of your school to make a garden of medicinal herbs. As you are the secretary of the club and you are to invite distinguished guests and some of your teachers for the function. Prepare a letter of invitation about 60 words.

(6)

11) A workshop on script writing is being organized in your school. The inaugural ceremony of the workshop is at 10am on 14-04-2012 at the school auditorium. Prepare a notice/press release of the inaugural ceremony.

[Hints: place- date – time – details of the ceremony – welcome speeches – chief guest – inaugural address and other speeches – entertainment programs -]

(6)

12) A grand function is organized in the Palace of Custom to celebrate the arrival of the New King. At the function, the New King addresses the officials of the palace. Prepare a speech in 80 words on behalf of the king to be presented on the occasion.

[Hints: future plans – expectations – view of an ideal country – rules and regulations he wishes to implement-]

(7)

13) The NSS unit of your school decides to visit an old age home of the locality. The program schedule is given bellow:

8.30am- reach the old age home

9.30am- address the members of the home – a brief speech by the secretary of the NSS unit.

10am to 12.30pm - intermission with the members and distribution of cloths.

1.00pm - Sadya arranged by the NSS unit.

2.30pm- 4.00 pm - cultural program.

Based on this program schedule, prepare a report of the visit in about 120 words to be presented to the principal the next day.

(7)

14) Given below are the newspaper headlines of the reports of child labor that exists in our country.

Child workers rescued
from factory

Boy punished for his
brother's
escape from hold

40,000 children
working in factories

Children, not paid
properly

Prepare a feature article for a newspaper.

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1. On the first day in the new school Richard Wright had a terrible experience. The next day you meet him. You wanted to advice him to shake off his shyness. Give two pieces of advice.

Use expressions like 'You should', 'You shouldn't', 'Why don't you....'.

Score : 2

2. Your class is organizing a debate on 'Lottery should be banned'. The following are the points raised by those who spoke in favour of the topic.

1) It is a type of gambling. (1)

2) People will become idle. (2).....

3) People squander money buying lottery ticket. (3).....

4) People believe in luck rather than work. (4).....

You want to speak against the topic. Write four points that you may raise in the debate.

Score:4

3. THEN AND NOW

When I was young I used to sit alone

And dream of stars

But now I am old, I ruminate how age

Each venture mars

When I was young, I climbed up the stairs

And earned some cheers

But now I am old, I hear how crowds

Kick me with their sneers

And rudely pushes me from off the stage

I still hold dear.

Compare the poem with ' The Patriot'. Write a comparative note in 80 words.

Score : 8

4. Kalpana Chawla's first space flight in 1997 was a great success. After reaching home she writes a diary. What would she write.

Score : 6

5. Imagine that you are a teacher. You have read the letter carefully and felt fascinated by it. You want to communicate Lincoln's views to your students. Prepare a speech in your own words.

Score :

6. Salim Kumar, the film actor, won the National award for the Best actor in 2011 for his stunning performance in 'Adaminte Makan Abu'. Imagine that you get a chance to interview him. Prepare four questions and possible responses.

7. Abel Merryweather has decided to get married again. He writes a letter to his friends justifying his decision. Write the letter for him.

Score :

8. Dr. A.P.J Abdul Kalam's speech 'Let's Respond to India's Call' highlights the need for keeping our surroundings clean. Waste management has now become a burning social issue.

Prepare an editorial discussing the issue related to dumping of waste in public places.

Score :

9. Read the points below relating to the life of Satyajit Ray. Prepare a short profile of the person in about 50 words.

SATYAJIT Ray – 1921-1992 , A director of international stature, Pather Panchali won award at Cannes film festival, 1992 Oscar for life time achievement by the academy of motion picture, 1992 Bharat Ratna – classics – Aparajito, Apur Samsar, charulatha,.. etc.

Score :

10. A work shop on script writing is being organized in your school. The inaugural ceremony of the workshop is at 10 am on 17.01.2012 at the school auditorium. Prepare a notice of the inaugural ceremony.

[Hints : place – date – time – details of the ceremony – welcome speech – chief guest – inaugural address – and other speeches – entertainment programs]

Or

Prepare a press release of the above program.

Score :

11. He did not know the names for the months of the year. When it was time for him to receive his salary his mother will come and take it. Then an amazing thing happened.

Edit the above paragraph.

Score : 4

12. When the courtier understood that the new king had made him the new prime minister, the courtier wrote a message to his wife informing her about his new appointment. Write the message for the courtier.

Score : 4

13. The following table shows the results of a survey conducted among HSS, HS and primary student – on how they spend their leisure time. Prepare a report using the given data.

	H.S.S	H.S	Primary
Watching TV	60%	65%	75%
Watching internet	30%	20%	05%
Listening to radio	3%	20%	10%
Reading	7%	10%	10%

14. Duty and devotion is the theme of the story ‘An Irish Rose’. Write a character sketch of Rose Donegan in about 60 words.

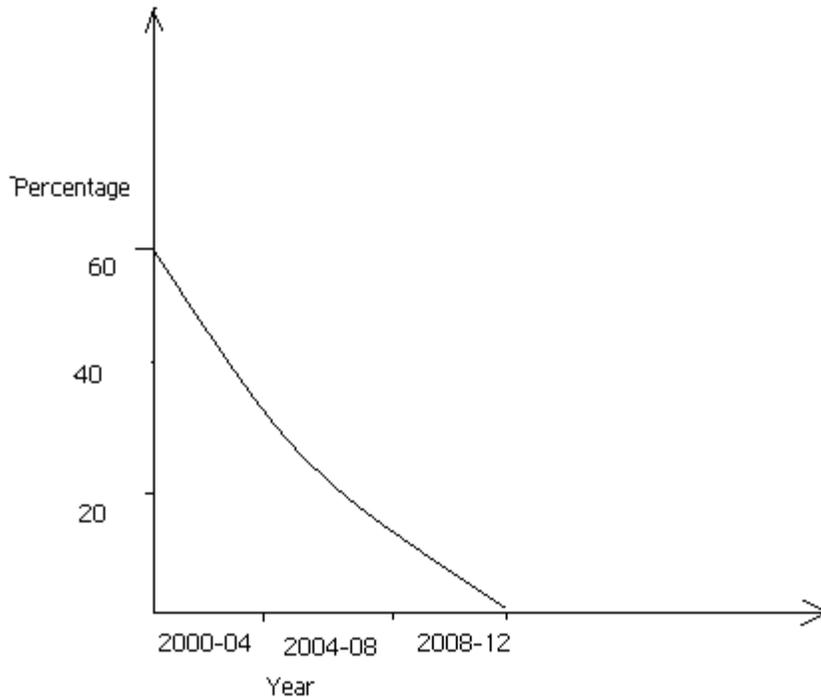
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1. The cook in the 'World Renowned Nose' was dismissed from service. Many organizations came forward to take back the dismissed employee. Prepare two slogans
score 2
2. When Michel was down with pneumonia, it was Rose who took care of him. She caught the germs from Michael. If you were Rose, what you do? Use expressions like ,
If I were, I think I will....., perhaps I will.... Score 3
3. Prepare three posters to be placed in your campus on the eve of celebrating 'Mother's Day'
score 3
4. Your class conducted a debate on 'songs are essential for films'. Given below are the arguments raised by those who spoke against the topic.
 1. Songs don't support the story.
 2. Songs are unrealistic.
 3. Songs don't promote critical viewing.
 4. People get carried away by the topic.Write four points in favour of the topic. Score 4
5. Your school is organizing a seminar on the influence of television among teenagers. On 21st march 2012 on the eve of seminar you convene a press conference. Draft a press release of the programme in about 50 words to be distributed at the press conference.
Score 5
6. Imagine that you are a reporter of a local daily and you happen to be at the place where the arrival of the new king. Prepare a report on king's arrival. Score 7
7. Mullaperiyar is a burning issue nowadays. Discussion is continuing on building a new dam or reconstructing the old one. If you were the chief editor of a local daily what would be your editorial. Prepare an Editorial. Score 8
8. One of the private secretaries of long nosed one was dismissed. He was in search of a new one. Prepare an advertisement to be published in the newspaper. Score 6



Due to the onslaught of entertainment channels, there is a marginal decrease in the number of theatre goers. Based on the above graph prepare a report in more than 80 words
Score 8

- 10 A.J Cronin presented a birthday gift to Rose. He was eager to see her in the new dress. He was shocked, when he saw her in her old dress. She pawned her birthday gift for buying milk for Michael. That night A.J Cronin made a dairy entry. What it would be?
Score 6
- 11 We know that our medias are rather negative in their attitude. Write a letter to the editor of a local newspaper, to avoid the negative tendencies.
[You may use points of APJ Abdul Kalam] Score 7
- 12 Your class conducted a seminar on the topic 'Negligence of the youth towards the old'. Prepare a paper to be presented at the seminar. Score 8
- 13 Imagine that you got a scholarship to study abroad, soon after the plus two course. Describe your dreams and plans. Score 7
- 14 Suggest another title for 'Open Window'. Score 2
- 15 You get a chance to interview Adoor Gopalakrishnan, The renowned film director. Prepare 4 question to be asked Score 4

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- 1 Imagine that you are a friend of Rose Donegen. You heard that she got ready to go to brother Michael, Who is suffering from a contagious disease. Give her two pieces of advice to her to prevent her from going there. Score 2
- 2 Your class is organizing a debate on the topic 'A new dam should be constructed at Mullaperiar'. If you are to speak against the topic, what points will you raise? List four arguments you may present in the debate. Score 4
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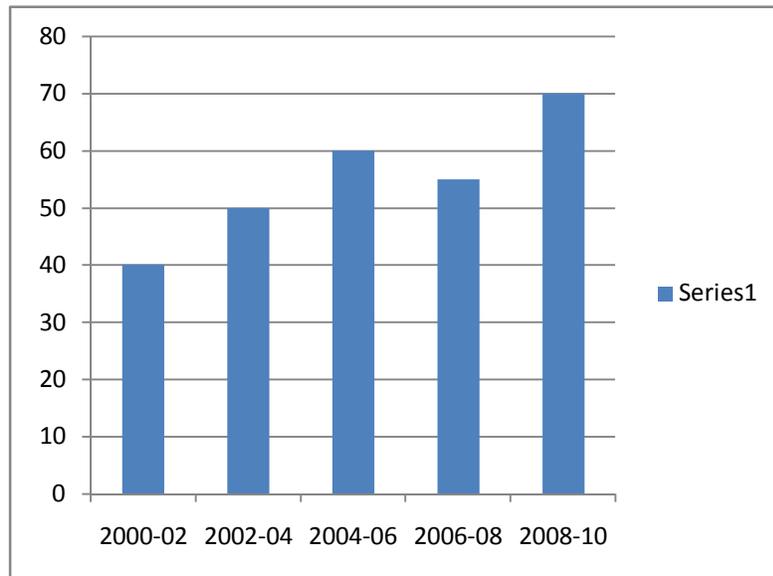
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- Prepare an editorial in not more than 120 words on evils of corruption. Score 8
- 4 Imagine that R. E Asher, the great scholar of Edinberg university is visiting your school. You are asked to interview him related to the pain and pleasure that he experienced while translating Basheer's works. (four exchanges) Score 8
 - 5 As the new generation has got higher education and most of them are working in distant places, the parents have to spend their time alone in the evenings of their life. They are not secure on age old days. Prepare an article for your school magazine about the problems of 'Old age people of Kerala'. Score 7
 - 6 Danny Donegan, Rose's father has spent so much of time and money in the bar. Now he feels sorry for his indifferent attitude towards his family. Prepare a diary expressing his cold attitude towards his family. Score 7
 - 7 A week after the patriot's arrival, the Mayor of the town decide to organize a grant function in honour of the patriot. He writes a letter inviting the patriot to attend the function. Draft a letter of invitation for him. Score 7
 - 8 The paragraph given bellow has four errors. Correct them.
They did bothered me. Much of it seem pointless, but it would have been worst if the films have not provoked strong response. Score 4
 - 9 Read the following conversation between the First Neighbour and the Second Neighbour. Report it to your class.
First Neighbour: The dog belongs to me, Your majesty, and he says it is his.
Second Neighbour: He lies, Your Majesty. The dog is mine. It was given to me by my brother last August.

Score 4

- 10 You are organizing a film festival in connection with the fifth anniversary of your Literary Club. Prepare a press release on the eve of the function. Score 5
- 11 Sill women encounters a lot of problems in the present day society. Now present the pitiable plight of women in the form of a speech score 8
- 12 A Seminar on 'The Road safety week Programme' was held at your school in connection with the sensitization drive of traffic rules among children. Now prepare a seminar report in not more than 120 words score 8

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The above graph shows the rise and fall of the petroleum price. Write a report in about 80 words. Score 8