

Reg. No:

Higher Secondary Education
ENGLISH
Sample Question Paper -II

Maximum : 80 Scores

Time: 2½ hrs

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 or to discuss anything with others during the 'cool off time'.
- Read the 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.
- Electronic devices, except non programmable calculators, are not allowed in the Examination Hall.

(Qns. 1-3) Read the excerpt from the story 'Amigo Brothers' and answer the questions that follow.

“The announcer turned to point to the winner and found himself alone. Arm in arm, the champions had already left the ring.”

1. Who are the champions referred to here? (1)
2. 'Arm in arm' in this passage means (1)
 - a) happiness
 - b) friendship
 - c) respect
 - d) concern(1)
3. Do you think that it is right on the part of the champions to leave the ring like that? What might have prompted them to do so? (2)
4. Read the following conversation taken from the play 'The Hour of Truth.'
John : You can imagine: rotten things. And I couldn't contradict them.
Baldwin : Why not, John?
John : Because I didn't know.
Baldwin : Did you have to know? Wasn't it enough that you knew your father?
Imagine that you are going to direct this segment of the play for the English festival to be held in your school. Being the director, you have to explain the conversation to the actors. Report the details of the conversation to your actors in about 60 words. (4)
5. Edit the following letter supplying the correct tense form wherever necessary:
Dear Sir,
I was writing this letter to complain about a service charge of Rs. 30 levied on my saving bank account.

On 12 June 2015, I withdraw Rs. 2500 from my saving bank account using my ATM card. At that time, the balance in my account were Rs.7500 as per the receipt I receive from the ATM. However, I received a bank statement on 25 June 2015 which showed that I had been charged Rs. 30 for the transaction. I do not understand this as there is no service charge for the first five ATM transactions per month.

I believe this charge of Rs. 30 is wrong and I want this money to be reimbursed immediately. I look forward to hearing from you. Please respond to my complaint within 10 days.

Yours faithfully

Ravichandra T.K. (4)

6. "My little brother runs in to meet me –
I, eager to have a full meal of athikira rice.
He's carrying the rations for the whole household –
He trips over something and scatters the wheat all over the yard."
Bring out the satirical element in the above lines taken from the poem 'Rice'. (2)
7. As part of sensitizing your friends on the harmful effects of drugs on the human body, you decide to collect information on the overuse of drugs and its health hazards. Write a letter to the department of health, enquiring about the various health hazards caused by drug abuse. (5)

(Qns. 8-10) Read the following passage and answer the questions that follow.

"The child ran towards his parents gaily and walked abreast of them for a while; being, however, soon left behind, attracted by the little insects and worms along the footpath that were teeming out from their hiding places to enjoy the sunshine."

8. Why did the insects and worms come out of the hiding place? (1)
9. What is the meaning of 'abreast'? (1)
(far ahead/side by side/ in front of/opposite)
10. Pick out the words and expressions that convey the pleasant atmosphere. (2)
11. "We abuse land because we regard it as a commodity belonging to us. When we see land as a community to which we belong, we may begin to use it with love and respect," says Aldo Leopold. How far do you agree with this view? Prepare a write-up in not more than 50 words in the light of your understanding of the speech 'When a Sapling is Planted' by Wangari Maathai. (3)
12. Language puns, sarcastic dialogues, comic appearance, and an unexpected twist all contribute much to the humour in the play 'Post Early for Christmas'. Prepare a blog on the humour in the play in not more than 50 words (3)
13. Following are some of the interesting points made in the debate on 'New Generation Society and Communication.'
- They are glued to the internet, especially to social media.
 - They are mostly careerists and are least interested in issues of social concern.
 - They lack communication skills.
 - They wall themselves up from society

Being a representative of the new generation, you are not convinced of the points made. Prepare four arguments substantiating your position.

14. Imagine that Rini, Nomita's niece is a silent witness to the quarrel between Nomita and her husband. Rini feels scared and rushes to the kitchen to narrate it to other members of the family. Prepare the narration for her.
15. Rohan, a trainee journalist has jotted down the following points when he went to cover the fraud in Gresham's Bank.

Financial fraud in the bank

MD Gresham arrested

Employees are clueless as to the real culprit

Baldwin, the close associate of the MD is the only witness

Depositors concerned

Now, help him to prepare a news report on the financial fraud exposed in Gresham Bank.

16. There is an adage that says : "If you educate a boy, you train a man. If you educate a girl, you train a village". Prepare a write-up expressing your views on this in about 100 words.
17. Your class has decided to conduct a group discussion on the topic "India - A land of wonder for Young Entrepreneurs."
You are asked to initiate the discussion. Prepare the script of a presentation you would make on the occasion.
18. 'A teacher is a friend, philosopher, guide, and a mentor to the student'. Analyse the character of the teacher in the story 'Crime and Punishment' in the light of this statement.
19. Read the following advertisement and prepare an email in response to it.

VACANCY

RECEPTIONIST CUM TELEPHONE OPERATOR.

Classic Travels (Pvt) Ltd., P.O. Box 149, Kochi.

Qualification : Graduation in any discipline.

Age : Between 20 and 35.

The ideal candidate should:

- Possess good telephone manners & interpersonal skills.
- Be well groomed, friendly, presentable & energetic.
- Have good communication skills in English.
- Previous experience will be an added advantage.

Interested candidates please submit your application to
careers@classictravels.com immediately with a recent photograph.

Attractive salary and free holiday package every year.

20. The coordinators of Operation Gurukula Project of the District Panchayat are impressed by your services as the student counsellor of the Souhruda Club of your school, and they decide to honour you for that. Prepare the speech that you would deliver after receiving the award.

(Hints: expression of gratitude for the honour- explanation of services rendered - your response to the honour- advice / exhortation to the audience.) (6)

OR

You are greatly inspired by the activities of the Green Belt Movement but you decide on to launch a similar movement in your school to ensure a green campus. In order to collect more information regarding their activities, you decide to write a letter to the head of the Green Belt Movement. Prepare the letter of enquiry. [Hints: Their activities - websites/books giving details - support given to local units]

21. To listen to K. Satchidanandan is to be reminded that there are beautiful and different perspectives. Even a term such as 'language' gets a wider sense in his poems. Read the excerpt from his poem 'The Mad' and compare it with 'Stammer', focussing on their meaning, in addition to the analysis of poetic devices.

The Mad

The mad have no caste or religion.
They transcend gender,
live outside ideologies. We
do not deserve their innocence.

Their language is not of dreams but
of another reality. Their love
is moonlight. It
overflows on a full moon day.

Looking up they see
gods we have never heard of. They are
shaking their wings when
we fancy they are shrugging
their shoulders. They hold
even flies have souls
and the green god of grasshoppers
leaps up on thin legs.

In a single day they reach
the big bang at the beginning.
They go on walking restless for
their earth is boiling still.

The mad are not
mad like us.

22. Match box and Horegallu are the two inanimate objects which play vital roles in the stories "Match box" and "Horegallu" respectively. Do these objects serve any purpose? Substantiate your views, citing situations from the texts, in about 200 words. (8)

OR

Imagine that your school is conducting an essay writing competition in connection with 'International Women's Day' celebrations. You are also a contestant. The topic for the essay is "The relevance of empowering women." Write an essay about 200 words.

Answer Key/Value points

Qn. No.	Sub Qns	Answer Key/Value points	Score	Total
1		Antonio Cruz and Felix Vargas	1	1
2		friendship	1	1
3		Yes/No; justify the response rationally	2	2
4		Content Organization of ideas Appropriateness of language	2 1 1	4
5		Am writing, withdrew, was, received	1x4	4
6		Relevance of the content Appropriateness of language	1 1	2
7		Relevance of the content Proper communication of ideas Appropriateness of language	2 1 2	5
8		The insects and worms came out of the hiding place to enjoy the sunshine.	1	1
9		side by side	1	1
10		gaily, teeming out, sunshine, etc.	2	2
11		Comprehensiveness of the content Appropriateness of language Clarity of ideas	1 1 1	3
12		Organisation of ideas Clarity in presentation Quality of language	1 1 1	3
13		Appropriate arguments	1x4	4
14		Comprehensiveness of the presentation of experience, personal impressions, etc. Creativity Appropriateness of language	2 1 1	4
15		Comprehensiveness of the content Organisation of ideas Quality of language	2 1 1	4
16		Comprehensiveness of the content Appropriateness of language Clarity of ideas	2 1 1	4
17		Comprehensiveness of content Clarity in presentation Quality of language	2 1 1	4

Answer Key/Value points

Qn. No.	Sub Qns	Answer Key/Value points	Score	Total
18		Relevance of the traits recognized Comprehensiveness of the character sketch Appropriateness of the expressions used	3 1 1	5
19		Comprehensiveness of the content Organisation of ideas Appropriateness of the format Quality of language	1 1 1 1	4
20		Comprehensiveness of the content Relevance of the points Clarity of presentation Logical sequencing of ideas	2 1 1 2	6
21		Comprehensiveness of the content Relevance of the points Organization of ideas Expression of one's own view point Quality of language	3 1 1 1 2	8
22		Comprehensiveness of the content Organization of ideas Relevance of the thoughts and ideas presented Clarity of ideas	3 1 2 2	8

WEIGHT TO CONTENT

No.	Name of the Unit	Score	Percentage
1	Flights of Freedom	20	25
2	Heights of Harmony	16	20
3	Challenges of Life	16	20
4	Live and Let Live	16	20
5	The Lighter Side	12	15
	Total	80	100

WEIGHT TO TYPE OF QUESTIONS

No.	Type of Questions	No. of Questions	Score	Percentage
1	Objective	7	16	20
2	Short answer	12	42	52.5
3	Essay	3	22	27.5
	Total	22	80	100%

WEIGHT TO THINKING SKILLS

No.	Thinking Skills	Score	Percentage
1	Concept Attainment	48	60
2	Concept Generation	32	40
	Total	80	100%

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Unit	Thinking skills/Content	Conceptual Attainment			Conceptual Generation			Total
		OB	SA	Essay	OB	SA	Essay	
1	Flights of Freedom	1(1)	4(1)	8(1)	1(1)	2(1) 4(1)	20	
2	Heights of Harmony	1(1) 4(1)	2(1) 4(1)		1(1) 4(1)			16
3	Challenges of Life		4(1)			4(1)	8(1)	16
4	Live and Let Live		5(1) 3(1)			2(1)	6(1)	16
5	The Lighter Side	4(1)	3(1) 5(1)					12
	Total	10(4)	30(8)	8(1)	6(3)	12(4)	14(2)	80(22)

QUESTION-BASED ANALYSIS

Qn. No.	LO. No.	Form of Questions	Score	Time
1	4.10	Objective	1	1
2	4.10	Objective	1	1
3	4.10	Short answer	2	2
4	2.15	Short answer	4	4
5	5.13	Objective	4	6
6	4.15	Short answer	2	5
7	4.17	Short answer	5	8
8	4.10	Objective	1	1
9	4.10	Objective	1	1
10	4.10	Short answer	2	3
11	4.12	Short answer	3	6
12	3.8	Short answer	3	6
13	1.10, 2.11	Objective	1x4	4
14	1.10	Short answer	4	6
15	2.7	Short answer	4	10
16	1.1, 1.3, 1.6	Short answer	4	10
17	2.11	Short answer	4	10
18	5.8	Short answer	5	10
19	3.12, 3.13	Short answer	4	10
20	4.13	Essay	6	10
21	3.16	Essay	8	18
22	1.12	Essay	8	18