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**SECOND YEAR HIGHER SECONDARY MODEL EXAMINATION,
MARCH 2022**

Part – I

Time : 2½ Hours

ENGLISH

Cool-off time : 15 Minutes

Maximum : 80 Scores

General Instructions to Candidates :

- 15 Minutes is given as cool-off time.
- Use the 'Cool-off time' to read the questions and plan your answers.
- Attempt the questions according to the instructions.
- Keep in mind, the score and time while answering the questions.

PART - I

A. Answer any four questions from 1 to 6. Each carries 1 score. (4 × 1 = 4)

Read the following passage and answer the questions given below :

In 2006, an Indian TV show called Business Bazigar launched an entrepreneur hunt and solicited ideas for new businesses. I entered this contest with a business proposal. My idea was to organize the rickshaw sector and make it a profitable venture. According to my proposal, rickshaws were to be redesigned so that the spaces on the vehicles could be sold for the purposes of advertising and brand promotion. Also, I indicated that additional revenues could be made by selling products like water, juice, biscuits, mobile-cards and newspapers to the passengers. I won the show and was offered the seed money of Rupees 150 lakhs.

1. Which Indian T.V. show in 2006 launched an entrepreneur hunt ?
2. What was Irfan's business proposal ?

3. According to Irfan, how could rickshaw pullers make additional revenues ?
4. Why did he want to redesign the rickshaws ?
5. Which word in the passage means 'to ask for information' ?
6. Why didn't he accept the Seed money ?

B. Answer all questions from 7 to 10. Each carries 1 score.

(4 × 1 = 4)

Imagine that you are a colleague of the teacher in the story 'Crime and Punishment'. The teacher has been continuously threatened by the boy. He shares his worries and requests for your advice. Write four pieces of advice using the following expressions.

7. You'd better
8. Why don't you
9. If I were you,
10. I would advise you

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PART – II

A. Answer any three questions from 11 to 15. Each carries 2 scores.

(3 × 2 = 6)

My father says, with obvious pride :

'Son, we've stopped working on all the rice.

It was quite inconvenient. The farmer gained nothing –
only fools turn to rice farming for gain.

This is better money .. what good times !

The government gives rice to those who don't have paddy fields.'

11. Why did father stop working on all the rice ?
12. What is the better money mentioned in the Stanza ?
13. Write two suggestions to promote rice farming.
14. Pick out an instance of satire in the poem.
15. "Only fools turn to rice-farming for gain." Elaborate the idea contained in this line.

B. Answer any two questions from 16 to 18. Each carries 2 scores. (2 × 2 = 4)

16. Read the following passage and fill in the blanks choosing appropriate phrasal verbs from those given in brackets.

Nomita and Ajit have _____ (go out with/split up) their relationship. She said that she could not _____ (put up with/put up) Ajit anymore.

17. An extract from the conversation between Mrs. Smith and Mr. Brown in 'Post Early for Christmas' is given below. Report the conversation.

Mrs. Smith: Could you really manage a turkey for Christmas, Mr. Brown ?

Mr. Brown : Yes, I think I can spare one.

18. Rewrite the following as directed :

(a) We started the Green Belt Movement in 1977.

(Begin the sentence with 'The Green Belt Movement')

(b) Two major incidents of forest fire were reported by the firemen.

(Begin with 'The fire men.....')

PART – III

A. Answer any three questions from 19 to 23. Each carries 4 scores. (3 × 4 = 12)

19. The English club of your school has decided to stage the play 'The Hour of Truth'. As the director of the play, prepare a script of an introductory announcement.
20. A debate is conducted by the NSS unit of your school on the topic 'Women Empowerment is the only weapon to abolish dowry system'. Imagine that you are one of the debaters favouring the topic. Write your arguments in a paragraph. There should be atleast four points.
21. "I wish there were more Horegallus in this world." – Sudha Murty.
Prepare a paragraph on the relevance of Horegallus in this world.
22. 'I have got only a few years to live, but I'll live those as I've lived the rest of my life. I'll go to my grave clean !' Robert Baldwin never compromised with the corruption and the corrupted. Prepare a character sketch of Robert Baldwin.
23. Adolescents are falling victims to substance abuse and drugs abuse cases are growing in larger proportions. Draft an email to the Editor of a National Daily highlighting the abuse of drugs among adolescents and children.

B. Answer any one question from 24 to 25. Carries 4 scores. (1 × 4 = 4)

24. Edit the passage given below :

It was 1983, we live in Jakarta, in a lovely, white colonial home on a street that was quiet. It was a pleasant, almost perfect life, until the day I was taken to visit a orphanage in the city. I do not remember the orphanage how looked, but I vividly remember the children.

25. Prepare a profile of Shaheen Mistri using the hints given below :

SHAHEEN MISTRI

- Birth : 16 March, 1971, Mumbai, India.
- Education : B.A., M.A.,
St. Xaviers College (University Mumbai),
University Manchester
- Occupation : CEO, Teach For India
- Books : Redrawing India, The Teach For India Story, Miss
Muglie Goes to Mumbai
- Known for : Social Activist, The founder of Akanksha Foundation

PART – IV

- A. Answer any three questions from 26 to 29. Each carries 6 scores. (3 × 6 = 18)

26. Inspired by Christine Legarde's Speech on 'The 3Ls of Empowerment', Sonhrida club of your school has decided to conduct a Seminar on International Women's Day (March 8). Prepare a report of the Seminar.
27. In connection with the inauguration of the Entrepreneurship club, Irfan Alam, the founder of Sammaan Foundation visits your school. Imagine that you get an opportunity to interview him. Write the likely interview questions and its possible answers.
28. The neighbour justified the need for wall by stating 'Good fences make good neighbours'. Comment on the statement and prepare a write up.

29. Prepare a blurb of “Oru Sankeerthanam Pole’ making use of the hints given below :

- Perumbadavam Sreedaran has written several novels and short stories.
- The novel revolves around the life of Dostoyevsky from the time of his meeting with Anna till their union.
- It won numerous awards, the most prestigious one being the 1996 Vayalar Award.
- The novel depicts the string of failed relationships, poverty and diseases haunt the gambler.
- The masterpiece was published by Samkeerthanam publications in 1993.
- Notable works by Perumbadavam – Narayanam, Asthapadi.

B. Answer any two questions from 30 to 32. Each carries 6 scores. (2 × 6 = 12)

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30. Read the following headlines :

Effect of this lockdown on a student – Times of India

Impact of Lockdown on the mental health of Students – India Today

Lockdown has worsely affected the mental health and happiness of our students. You have decided to arouse a public opinion on this matter via a blog entry. How could it be ?

31. Imagine that you are a lady assistant in the play ‘Post Early For Christmas’. You decide to write a letter of apology to the Post Master General stating your innocence and requesting him to reinstate you on duty. Write the likely letter.
32. Wangari Maathai, a Kenyan environmental and political activist always nurtures a sensitive and reverential love of nature. She won the Nobel Prize for Peace in 2004 for her contribution to sustainable development, democracy and peace. Prepare an article about her to be published in your school magazine.

PART – V

Answer any two questions from 33 to 35. Each carries 8 scores.

(2 × 8 = 16)

33. Read the following advertisement :

MAXWEALTH AND COMPANY

133 MARINE STREET

MUMBAI

REQUIRE OFFICE ASSISTANTS

We, the leading Logistics Company invites

application from eligible candidates for

~~Has the post of~~ **OFFICE ASSISTANTS**

Eligibility : www.hsslive.in; Graduation in any subject

Computer Skill.

Excellent Communication Skill

Age : Below 30 yrs.

Contact us

Telephone : 0141 – 4222709

Fax : 01678 – 467346

Email : hrmaxwealth.co.in

A renowned Logistics company has invited application for the post of Office Assistants. Imagine that you are a graduate and would like to apply for the post. Prepare a job application letter and resume.

34. On Anti Drug Day, you are to deliver a speech on "Drug Abuse : A Social Menace".
Draft the script of the speech.
35. Read the poem given below. Compare the poem with 'Any woman' written by
Katherine Tynan.

Mother O'mine, O mother O' mine

Rudyard Kipling.

If I were hanged on the highest hill,
Mother O' mine, O mother O' mine !

I know whose love would follow me still,
Mother O' mine, O mother O' mine !

If I were drowned in the deepest sea,
Mother O' mine, O mother O' mine !

I know whose tears would come down to me,
Mother O' mine, O mother O' mine !

If I were damned of body and soul,
I know whose prayers would make me whole,
Mother O' mine, O mother O' mine !

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