

First Terminal Evaluation - 2016

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ENGLISH

Standard IX

Time : 2½ hrs
Total Score : 80

Instructions

1. The first 15 minutes is given as 'cool off time'. Use the 'cool off time' to read the questions and plan the answers.
2. Attempt all questions according to the instructions.

Questions 1 to 4. Read the excerpt from the anecdote 'Nobility of Service' and answer the questions that follow:

Gifts had been bestowed on me before when I returned to India in 1899, but this time the farewell was overwhelming. The gifts, of course, included things in gold and silver, but there were articles of costly diamond as well. What right had I to accept all these gifts? Accepting them, how could I persuade myself that I was serving the community without remuneration? All the gifts, excepting a few from my clients, were purely for my service to the community, and I could make no difference between my clients and co-workers, for the clients also helped me in my public work.

One of the gifts was a gold necklace worth fifty guineas, meant for my wife. But even that gift was given because of my public work, and so it could not be separated from the rest.

The evening I was presented with the bulk of these things, I had a sleepless night. I walked up and down my room deeply agitated, but could find no solution. It was difficult for me to forego gifts worth hundreds; it was more difficult to keep them.

1. Which expression in the passage states that the writer got a great farewell? 1
2. Why do you think the writer received so many gifts? What were those gifts? 2
3. '... it was more difficult to keep them.' Why did the writer think so? 1
4. Pick out a word from the passage that means 'give up'. 1

Questions 5 to 8. Read the following lines from the poem 'Twice a Week the Winter Thorough' and answer the questions that follow.

Now in May time to the wicket
Out I march with bat and pad:
See the son of grief at cricket
Trying to be glad.

Try I will; no harm in trying:
Wonder 'tis how little mirth
Keeps the bones of man from lying
On the bed of earth.

5. When does the speaker go out with a bat and a pad? 1
6. 'Try I will; no harm in trying.' What does this line convey? 1
7. What message does the poet give in the second stanza? 1
8. Pick out a pair of rhyming words from the first stanza. 1

Questions 9-11. Read the following lines from the poem 'Song of a Dream' and answer the questions given below.

Once in the dream of a night I stood
 Lone in the light of a magical wood,
 Soul-deep in visions that poppy-like sprang;
 And spirits of Truth were the birds that sang,
 And spirits of Love were the stars that glowed,
 And spirits of Peace were the streams that flowed
 In that magical wood in the land of sleep.

9. Where does the poet find the magical wood? 1
10. How does the poet represent the following in the poem? 2

Truth
Peace

11. What does the expression 'magical wood' mean? 1
12. Attempt any one of the following in about 120 words. 7

A. You are really impressed by the story 'Maternity'. Imagine that you narrate the story to one of your friends. Write the likely **narrative**.

(Refugee camp – Mikali, teenage boy – starves - infant brother - seeks a nursing mother - miserable and horrible experiences – help from Chinaman - his wife breastfeeds -saves the baby)

OR

B. In the light of your reading the extract 'Nobility of Service', prepare a **speech** on the topic, 'The need for upholding the values of truth, dedication and service in public life.'

(public servants - should not be greedy – honest in dealings - selfless service - building up fortunes at the expense of the public –Gandhiji – noble - sincere- dedication –right model)

13. The Sports Meet in your school is proposed to be held next month. You are asked to prepare a notice to invite the parents, officials and public for the meet. Draft a **notice**. 5

18. What did Veena want to buy for her mother? 1
19. Why did Veena think that a pet could be a good gift for her mother? 1
20. What was special about the parrot? 1
21. What did the mother do with the parrot? 1
22. Give a suitable title to the passage. 1
23. Read the word pyramid given. 4

Girls
 The girls
 All the girls
 All the girls in the class
 All the girls in the class who study well

Now, develop a word pyramid using the word 'Soldiers'.

24. Edit the following passage. 4

I decided that I could not keep these thing (a). I draft (b) a letter, creating a trust of them in favour of the community and appointing Parsi Rustomji and other trustees. In the morning, I consulting (c) my wife and children and finaly (d) got rid of the heavy incubus.

25. There are words missing in the passage given below. Complete the passage by choosing appropriate words from the ones given in brackets. 4

On my relief / (a) war-duty, I felt my work was no longer / (b) South Africa but in India. Not that there was nothing / (c) be done in South Africa, but I was afraid / (d) my main business might become merely money-making.

(from, to, that, in, an)

26. Read the conversation given below and complete it using appropriate phrasal verbs from those given in the brackets. 5

Director : Did you _____(a)_____ the seminar paper clearly?

Secretary : Yes sir, I could _____(b)_____ everything clearly.

Director : Have you _____(c)_____ all members of the committee for the seminar?

Secretary : Yes sir, but I am not sure how many will _____(d)_____.

Director : If it doesn't work today, we have to _____(e)_____ the seminar for the next week.

(make out, put off, called up, go through, put forward, turn up)

27. Read the following dialogue and answer the questions that follow. 2

Woman : What do you want?
Mikali : Have pity on this poor orphan and give him some milk.

- a) What did the woman ask Mikali?
b) What did Mikali reply?

28. Complete the following conversation suitably. 4

Ram Narayan : Hello! Tarun.
Tarun : Hi sir, Good morning!
Ram Narayan : You are upset, (a) _____?
Tarun : Yes, I failed in two subjects.
Ram Narayan : Don't worry. I saw you running. You have a good future.
Tarun : _____ (b) _____?
Ram Narayan : Of course, I'll train you. But you must participate in the race on November 14.
Tarun : _____ (c) _____?
Ram Narayan : Yes, you can win the race. If _____ (d) _____, I'll train you.
Tarun : OK sir. I'll try my best to win the race.

Questions 29-33. Given below is a table showing the details of favourite things with children.

Item	Groups	
	Boys	Girls
Video games	10	3
Money	4	4
Clothes	2	5
Smart phones	21	18
Books	3	10

29. What do girls like the most? 1
30. Which is least favoured by boys? 1
31. Which of the above item is equally liked by both the groups? 1
32. Which group prefers books the most? 1
33. Which items are more liked by girls than the boys? 1
