



WEFI - SSF
PLUS TWO - EXCELLENCY TEST - 2023

ENGLISH

Time : 2 1/2 Hours

Total Score : 80

General Instruction to candidates:

- There is a 'cool off time' of 15 minutes in addition to the writing time of 2 1/2 hours.
- You are not allowed to write your answers or discuss anything during the 'cool off time'.
- Use the 'cool off time to get familiar with questions and to plan your answers.
- Read the questions before answering.
- Electronic devices except non-programmable calculators are not allowed in the Examination Hall
- Attempt prescribed number of questions from the focus and non focus areas.

Questions (1 - 6) answer any four questions. Each question carries one score.

(4x1 = 4)

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Read the given excerpt and answer the questions that follow

I have got only few years to live, but I will live those as I have lived the rest of my life. I will go to my grave clean.

1. Who speaks these words?
2. What does the word 'rest' mean in the given sentence?
3. What do these sentences speak about the personality of the speaker?

Read the lines and answer the questions that follow

Each time we stammer
we are offering a sacrifice
to the God of meanings

4. Identify the poet?
5. What does the word 'offering' mean in the second line?
6. "You must never set up any sort of contrariness or repression in the Child's mind". What do the parents in the story 'Crime and Punishment' mean by contrariness or repression?

Questions 7-10 Answer all questions. Each carries one score

(4x1 = 4)

Complete the passage given below with suitable words from those given in the box

(under, with, in, for)

The horegallu(7)..... our village holds special memories(8)..... me as it is inextricably linked(9)..... my grandfather. He was a retired school teacher and would spend hours sitting(10)..... the banyan tree

Questions 11-15 : Answer any three questions. Each carries two scores

(3x2 = 6)

11. Why does Ogden Nash say that torture at the dentist is both physical and mental?
12. List the two pieces of advice given by Irfan Alam to the future entrepreneurs.
13. Is the little 'Amigo Brothers' appropriate? Write your views in two sentences.
14. Identify the two satirical elements used in the poem 'Rice'
15. Fill in appropriately

Drugs (have/has) been discovered to prevent and cure physical diseases and reverse the disturbances that (occur/ occurs) in some mental illnesses.

Questions 16 -18 : Answer any two questions. Each carries two scores

(2x2 = 4)

16. Change the given sentences into indirect speech

Baldwin: I think that I'm sorry for John Gresham

John: It's nothing but a technicality, Dad. Nobody loses a cent.

17. Drug Abuse is the most discussed topic these days .You are touched by the arguments made in the chapter 'Dangers of Drug Abuse'. Write two pieces of advice you would offer to your friend.
You should
You had better
18. Identify two humorous elements used in the play 'Post Early for Christmas'

Questions 19 -23 : Answer any three questions. Each questions carries four scores

(3x4 = 12)

19. Your class is organising a debate on the topic Entrepreneurship is the Need of the Hour. Write four arguments supporting the statement
20. Elaborate the idea contained in the following lines
"Without me cold the hearthstone stands
Nor could the precious children thrive".
21. The dialogues of John Gresham Baldwin at the start and in the middle of the play are given below. Attempt a charecter sketch of John Gresham Baldwin.

He wanted you to lie to save his skin I'd have told him to go to the devil

Nobody loses a cent A hundred thousand is a lot of money

22. Your class has decided to publish a book on twenty five women entrepreneurs of your locality. Being the editor, you are asked to write a blurb for the book. Prepare the blurb.
23. The sun is shining, the flowers are in bloom. I know these are signs of a good day, but i don't feel it here", said a rehabilitated drug addict, pressing his chest.
What do you think, reading this? write your feelings in a paragraph.

Questions 24 -25 answer any one question. Each question carries four scores

(1x4 = 4)

24. Edit the passage

Dear sir,

I read your advertisement offering a certificate course in grammar. I am interested in the course. I am a graduate working as a receptionist in a reputed hotel. How long do the course last? How much is the fees? Does the course leads to a degree? I would request you to sent me the prospectus of the course

Your faithfully
Nithya Mohan

25. The story 'Amigo Brothers' presents the power of real friendship among adolescents. You are impressed with the attitude and commitment of the two friends, Antonio and Felix and decided to write something about the two in your blog. Write the blog entry

Questions 26 -29 answer any three questions. Each questions carries six scores

(3x6 = 18)

26. Read the following News Healines. Prepare a write up on the New Directions of Women Em powerments in India

New women president for India

Times of India

All women panel to lead discussion in Kerala assembly

The Hindu

27. As part of creating awareness against drugs, the NSS of your school has staged a street play in a town near the school. Prepare an announcement introducing the play referring to the theme, character and other features of the play
28. The play 'The Hour of Truth' is a powerful statement on the increasing levels of corruption in our society. We all are fed up with this social evil which is rampant in all walks of life. Write a letter to the editor reflecting on this issue and suggesting a few remedies
29. Just as the mother in 'Any Woman' your mother too must be very loving and caring. Do you respond to her? How much do you love her back? Express your feelings in a paragraph.

Questions 30 - 32 answer any two questions. Each questions carries six scores

(2x6 = 12)

30. RK Narayan's 'Crime and Punishment' presents the plight of a teacher in managing a naughty boy inside the classroom. Same is the case in many classrooms in Kerala. Traditional teaching styles and the aspiration of the new generation often clash inside the classrooms. Prepare a speech on the topic '21st Century Teacher'
31. K Satchidanandan, the president of Kerala Sahitya Akadami is arriving Calicut in connection with the new edition of Kerala Literature Festival. You got a chance to interview him on the poem 'Stammer'. Prepare three questions and their probable answers.

32. An Educational Film Festival was held in your school to focus on the recent trends in education around the World. Read the notice and prepare a report of the film festival

Gems Public School Educational Film Festival	
Venue : School Auditorium Time : 9.30 am	
<u>Programme</u>	
Prayer	: school choir
Welcome	: KVM Nandana
Presidential Address:	Sri Mohan (PTA president)
Inauguration	: Sri Sakariya (Film Director)
Felicitation	: Sri Rajan K (Panchayat member)
Vote of Thanks	: Sri Bindu (Staff Secretary)

Questions 33 - 35 answer any two questions. Each questions carries eight scores (2x8 = 16)

33. Read the following advertisement given by the Sammaan foundation for recruiting a Creative Head. Draft an application letter and resume.

Position Vacant : Creative Head
<u>Required skill set</u> Communication skills Well-groomed and enthusiastic, technically strong positive attitude
SammaaN foundation, SPK 85 junction Street, Bihar.

34. Study the notes taken by a student after attending a session on the chapter 'When a Sapling is planted' by Wangari Maathai

<u>Issues</u>	<u>Remedies</u>
Climate change	Minimise Carbon Emission
Huge developmental projects	Reduce, Reuse, Recycle
E-waste	Stringent laws
Pollution	Conservation in School Curriculum
Plastic waste	Concern for Nature
Sand mining	Respect Mother Earth

Now write an essay on the topic 'Climate Change: Challenges and Solutions' using the hints given above

35. Read the poem given below, compare and contrast it with 'Mending Wall' and attempt a critical appreciation

NEIGHBOUR

Build me a bridge over the stream
To my neighbour's house
Where he is standing in dungarees
In the fresh morning
Oh ring of snow drops
Spread wherever you want
And you also black bird
Sing across the fences
My neighbour, if the rain falls on you
Let it fall on me also
From the same black cloud
That doesn't recognise gates

(Ian Christian Smith)

(*dungarees: a garment consisting of trousers)