



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.

