

WEFI - SSF
PLUS ONE - 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)

Read the given passage and answer the questions that follow.

She was rather a shy teenager, serious minded, with a strong faith in God ingrained from childhood by her mother, and a belief that good can come out of any adversity

1. Who is 'she' referred to here?
2. What does the word 'ingrained' mean here?
3. Comment on the interesting aspects of her personality.

For never was courage more noble and true
Than was shown on that night by the Titanic's crew

4. Identify the poet
5. Why is courage described as 'noble and true' here?
6. "Greta would never have a house of her own. She would live in a group house with other people like her".
Why is it that Greta would never have a house of her own?

Questions (7 - 10) .Answer all questions. Each question carries one score each. (4x1 = 4)

Fill in the blanks choosing the right words given in the box.
(however, when, while, but)

.....(7)..... Jane met him again after his discharge from the hospital, he was really in a pathetic state. She was not(8).... put off by his physical or mental condition.

He spoke with what sounded like a slight speech impediment.(9)..... more than that they remember his brashness in sessions including some of the world's most distinguished scientists.(10)..... other researchers kept a reverential silence, Hawking daringly asked unexpected and penetrating questions.

Questions (11 – 15) Answer any three questions. Each question carries two scores. (3x2 = 6)

11. List two important ways in which family can support growth and development of children.
12. New standards and values were set up and the pomp and splendor of the viceregal court and princes suddenly appeared supremely ridiculous. Define the new standards and values as envisioned by Mahathma Gandhi.
13. “Then the turtles will not rise to the surface of the bay and the turtle calling will have to be abandoned.” What makes organizers cancel the event?
14. Which are the two crucial benefits of walking in the morning?
15. List the defining features of iPod generation as explained in the chapter ‘Is Society Dead?’

Questions (16 – 18) Answer any two questions. Each question carries two scores. (2x2 = 4)

16. Report the given sentences
Who is going to help me attend these men? Asked Dr. Cronin.
Why, naturally it is I, Hasan glanced at me in surprise.
17. I _____ (realise) that superstition was not confined to India. I did not _____ (has) the heart to tell the mother and daughter that ring was nothing much, brass with a piece of ordinary glass stuck into it.
18. Explain the idea contained in the lines given.
Go to the woods and hills ! No tears
Dim the sweet look that Nature wears

Questions (19 - 23) Answer any three questions. Each question carry four scores. (3x4 = 12)

19. Can technology help us to deal with the recurring disasters affecting people of Kerala? What is your view in this regard? Write four arguments supporting or opposing the perspective given.
20. Edit the following passage
What’s unique about cyberspace are that it liberate us in the tyranny of power structures, where everyone live by the rule of the majority
21. Elaborate the idea contained in the given lines
Without thee what is all the morning’s wealth?
Come, blessed barrier between day and day,
Dear mother of fresh thoughts and joyous health !
22. Do you believe that Gandhi’s two fold action laid down the foundation for modern India ? Write your views in a paragraph.
23. Rudyard Kipling ends the poem ‘IF’ with his views on meaningful management of time in one’s life. What is your strategy of time management? Write a short note.

Questions (24 - 25) Answer any one questions. Each question carries four scores. (1x4 = 4)

24. The story 'Conceptual Fruit' by Thaisa Frank details the life of Greta, the differently abled girl using the tools available in Cyber Space. Do you think that technology can do a lot in their lives? Write a letter to the editor expressing your views in this regard.
25. Prepare a travel info on your favorite tourist destination.

Questions (26 - 29) Answer any three questions. Each question carries six scores. (3x6 = 18)

26. Write a profile of Dr. BR Ambedkar , the greatest fighter against oppression in a caste ridden society.

Born: 14 april 1891

Studied : Mumbai University, Columbia University

Economist, Social Scientist and Lawyer

Fondly called : Baba Sahib

key architect of Indian constitution

Bharath Ratna in 1990(posthumously)

First Law Minister of Government of India

Founded Independent Labour Party

Died : 6th December 1956

27. Chekhov in his short story 'Gooseberries' says "money, like vodka , can play queer tricks with man". Even Though, he was addressing the Russian society of his time, the words are prophetic and they are still relevant. Prepare a write up on the topic 'Negative Impact of money on Youth in Kerala.
28. Read the programme Notice and write a report

NEW AGE PUBLIC SCHOOL	
NOTICE	
Inauguration of Readers Forum	
Time :10 am	
Date :25th January 2023	
Venue : School Auditorium	
<u>Programme</u>	
Prayer	: school choir
Welcome	: Secretary, Readers forum
Chair	: Principal
Inauguration	: Subash Chandran (writer)
Felicitation	: PTA President
	: Staff Secretary
Vote of thanks	: School Leader

29. The story 'His First Flight' by Flaherty presents the brilliant efforts of a seagull family to support a less confidant young one in the family. The mother does try many interesting techniques to motivate him. How do you look at the parenting attempted here. Prepare a small write up on the parenting style of your family.

Questions (30 - 32) Answer any two questions. Each question carries six scores. (2x6 = 12)

30. Turtle calling is a great crowd puller programme in the Fijian Island called Kadavu. People from around the globe attend this culturally significant episode. Imagine that you have been assigned to cover the ritual for the AL JASEERA TV for its Arab viewers in a new light. Prepare the live TV report of the programme.
31. Sathyam Nadalla, the CEO of Microsoft, recently visited the Prime Minister of India for a high level meeting on digital infra structure for the aspiring youth of India. Imagine you got a chance to interview him for the magazine 'India Today', Write 4 questions and their probable answers.
32. Mr. Gupta is a friendly character. He is ready to adjust with the need of others. His attitude and character represents Indianness in it's core. What else can you add to the personality of Mr. Gupta in the story The Price of Flowers . Write a character sketch.

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

33. Gandhi's idea about freeing India from intoxicating drinks and drugs is still valid in our country. Recently the Government of Kerala launched a series of programmes to create awareness about drug abuse among the youth. What can be done to eradicate this social menace. Write a speech on the topic 'Gandhi and Eradication of Drugs.'
- (Hints: Social issues, health issues, interpersonal issues , issues in campuses, poor work performance)*
34. Do you think that cyber space leads youth away from the pressing social issues of the day ? Does it make them more aware of burning issues of the daily life faster than their previous generation. Where do you stand in this debate? Prepare a write up making your position.
35. Read the poem given below and write a critical appreciation of it.

Self centered world

This world is selfish, it is full off I's
Too self centered, and full of lies
People withdrawing, inside their cocoon
The world on computer, alone in their room
No physical contact, of human kind
It is cyber space melding, of keyboard and mind
I phone , I chat, I rate on Ipad
I isolate with IPod and still I am sad
True love needs contact, with kisses and hugs
The holding of hands , and excitement of touch
Tweeting and blogging and Facebooking taps
Cannot compare with real life apps
Start with a smile, and friendly hi,
Engage in a chat, without telling a lie
Lend a helping hand , with their open heart
And do unto others make a great start

(Bill Hoeneveld)