



Class No. :

FY 101

Name :

**FIRST YEAR HIGHER SECONDARY SECOND TERMINAL
EXAMINATION, DECEMBER 2024**

Part – I

ENGLISH

Maximum : 80 Scores

Time : 2½ Hours

Cool-off Time : 15 Minutes

General Instructions to Candidates :

- *There is a 'Cool off time' of 15 minutes in addition to the writing time.*
- *Use the 'cool off time' to get familiar with questions and to plan your answers.*
- *Read questions carefully before answering.*
- *Read instructions carefully.*

Score

Questions 1 to 8 : Answer all the questions. Each carries 1 score.

(8×1=8)

“ I would like to assert that no youth today needs to fear about the future. Why ? The ignited mind of the youth is the most powerful resource on the earth, under the earth, and above the earth. Dear young friends, I would like to talk to you on the topic 'I am born with wings'.”

1. Who is the speaker here ?
2. What does the speaker assert about the youth's attitude towards the future ?
3. Why does the speaker believe the youth should not fear the future ?
4. What is the title of the speaker's topic ?



Score

" The glories of our blood and state
Are shadows, not substantial things;
There is no armour against Fate;
Death lays his icy hand on kings:
Sceptre and Crown
Must tumble down,
And in the dust be equal made
With the poor crooked scythe and spade."

5. Identify the poem and the poet.
6. What is the figure of speech used in the fourth line ?
7. What do the "poor crooked scythe and spade" symbolise in the poem ?
8. How does the poem portray the relationship between kings and the common people in death ?

Questions 9 to 12 : Answer any 3. Each carries 2 scores.

(3×2=6)

9. a) If it rains tomorrow, _____
b) If I had won the lottery last year, _____
10. Report the following.
Mr. Gupta : "How do you know that I am not a yogi, Maggie ?"
Maggie : "Yogis do not eat meat."

11. Why was the Titanic called 'a poem of iron and steel'?

12. "Go to the woods and hills! No tears

Dim the sweet look that Nature wears"

What message does the poet convey through these lines?

Questions 13 to 19 : Answer any 5. Each carries 4 scores.

(5×4=20)

13. Write a precis of the following passage to one third of the original length and also give a suitable title.

Hawking was one of the most renowned theoretical physicists of the 20th and 21st centuries. His work focused on the fundamental laws of the universe, particularly black holes and the nature of time. Despite his physical limitations due to a debilitating disease, Hawking's intellectual contributions reshaped the field of cosmology.

Diagnosed with Amyotrophic Lateral Sclerosis (ALS) at the age of 21, Hawking was given only a few years to live. However, he defied the odds, continuing his research and writing for decades. His ground-breaking theory of Hawking radiation proposed that black holes emit radiation, a discovery that significantly altered the understanding of these cosmic entities.

Beyond academia, Hawking became a popular figure through his books, such as *A Brief History of Time*, which explained complex scientific concepts in a way that the general public could understand. His resilience, humour, and determination made him an inspiration, and his legacy lives on in both scientific advancements and public awareness of science.



Score

14. "If you can fill the unforgiving minute

With sixty seconds' worth of distance run,

Yours is the Earth and everything that's in it,

And – which is more – you'll be a Man, my son!"

Write a paragraph elaborating these lines and discussing the importance of making the most of every moment, as suggested by Rudyard Kipling.

15. Imagine you are Maggie from the story 'The Price of Flowers'. Write a letter to your friend describing Mr. Gupta and your experiences with him.

16. Write an article that could have appeared in a magazine shortly after the Titanic tragedy including the ship's luxurious beginning, its tragic sinking, and the heroic actions of Captain Smith and his crew in the face of disaster.

17. What are two essential dos and two important don'ts to keep in mind while using social media responsibly?

18. If you had the opportunity to interview H. W. Longfellow, the poet behind "Sunrise on the Hills," known for his deep appreciation of nature, what four questions would you ask him about his connection with nature and the inspiration behind his poetry?



Score

19. Fill in the blanks by choosing the correct cohesive devices from the bracket.

(Firstly, Whereas, Moreover, However, Nevertheless)

- a) I was late for the meeting, _____ I managed to finish my presentation on time.
- b) It was raining heavily, _____ they decided to go for a walk.
- c) _____, I would like to thank everyone for coming to the event.
- d) She doesn't like to read fiction, _____ she enjoys non-fiction books very much.

Questions 20 to 25 : Answer any 5. Each carries 6 scores.

(5×6=30)

- 20. Liam O'Flaherty explores the theme of courage and fear in 'His First Fight'? Attempt a review of the story.**
- 21. Imagine that Guy de Maupassant has just returned from the thrilling balloon journey filled with captivating sights and sounds. He wishes to share his overwhelming happiness and experiences with his close friend. Compose an email from Maupassant to his friend detailing his adventure.**
- 22. As a reporter for a renowned channel, you are in Kadavu to cover the turtle calling ritual. Prepare a live TV report to broadcast this unique cultural event to your audience.**
- 23. Having witnessed the tragic landslides in Wayanad, consider whether timely warnings could have prevented the disaster and saved lives. Write an essay discussing the importance of early warning systems, community preparedness, and how advancements in technology can contribute to mitigating the impact of future disasters.**



Score

24. Hasan, a character in 'The Serang of Ranaganji', is depicted with various admirable qualities, including sincerity, courage, self-control, and faith. Write a character sketch of Hasan, highlighting these traits and their significance in the narrative.
25. Given below are the details from the life of Kaviyoor Ponnamma, who has been widely recognized for her motherly roles, portraying compassionate and dignified characters. Prepare her profile using the details given.

Birth : September 10, 1945, Kaviyoor, Kerala

Education : Early training in classical music and theatre

Influenced by : The rich traditions of Malayalam cinema and theatre

Occupation : Indian Film actress

Achievements : Acted in over 500 films; Renowned for playing motherly roles in Malayalam cinema; Kerala State Film Award for Second Best Actress for four times, several other recognitions for lifetime achievement in cinema

Death : Died from cancer at Lissie Hospital in Kochi, Kerala, on 20 September 2024, at the age of 79.

Questions 26 to 28 : Answer any 2. Each carries 8 scores.

(2×8=16)

26. "Non-violence is the greatest force at the disposal of mankind," stated Mahatma Gandhi. Do you believe that non-violent protests are still effective in today's world? You are asked to make a speech on this topic to present at school assembly. Prepare the script of the speech exploring the relevance of non-violence in modern social scenario.



Score

27. You and your family make an exciting journey to a picturesque destination known for its stunning natural beauty, vibrant culture, and rich history. Describe the experiences you encounter during your travels, including the sights you see, the activities you engage in, and the local cuisine you savour. Reflect on how this journey deepens your appreciation for nature and strengthens family bonds. Write a detailed travel essay capturing the essence of your adventure.
28. Read the poem 'In Praise of Creation' by John Donne and prepare a note of appreciation.

In Praise of Creation

O Lord, I am Thy servant:
To thee, I am bound;
To thee, I owe my life,
And all my joys abound.

Thou art my strength and stay,
My guide, my joy, my light;
Without thee, I am nothing;
With thee, all things are right.

In thee, I find my comfort,
In thee, I find my peace;
For all thy creation sings,
In praise of thee, my heart's release.



Score

The sun that lights the day,
The moon that shines at night,
The stars that twinkle softly,
All sing of thy great might.

From mountains high to valleys low,
From rivers deep and wide,
Thy hand has made the universe,
In thee, I shall abide.

O Lord, I am Thy servant,
My life I give to thee;
For all thy love and beauty,
In praise of creation, I shall be free.

John Donne

(Thee : An old English word for "you"
Thy : An old English word for "your"
Thou : An old English word for "you")