

FY-301

Reg. No. :

Name :



FIRST YEAR HIGHER SECONDARY EXAMINATION, MARCH 2025

Part – I

Time : 2½ Hours

ENGLISH

Cool-off time : 15 Minutes

Maximum : 80 Scores

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.
- Write answers to the specific number of questions as instructed.

Questions 1-8. Answer all the questions. Each question carries 1 score. (8 × 1 = 8)

Read the excerpt and answer the Questions 1 and 2 :

“The girl was thirteen or fourteen years old. Her clothes betrayed her poverty..... I watched her when she was not looking so that she would not notice.”

1. Who is the girl mentioned here ?
2. Why was the narrator's attention drawn to the girl ?
3. Can we call 'Conceptual Fruit' a technology story ? Why ?
4. “A man of about forty, tall and stout, with long hair, more like a professor or a painter than a farmer”- Who is this character in 'Gooseberries' by Anton Chekhov ?

Read the lines and answer the questions below :

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:

5. Identify the poem and the poet.
6. What do the words 'blood' and 'state' mean here ?

7. Why does the poet say that 'There is no armour against fate' ?
8. What is the figure of speech used in the fourth line ?

Questions 9-12. Answer any 3 questions. Each question carries 2 scores. (3 × 2 = 6)

9. In the poem, '*Sunrise on the Hills*', the poet gives us the message that nature is the best medicine for the troubled minds. You may also have had some experiences when you turned to nature for relief and joy. Cite any instance when nature has been a source of solace for you.
10. Identify the images used by the poet William Wordsworth in the poem '*To Sleep*'.
11. Complete the sentences choosing the most appropriate cohesive device from the brackets. (however, on the other hand, moreover, though)
 - (a) _____ she had grave misgivings, she gave consent for the surgery.
 - (b) He was faced with a borderline result _____, he managed to get admission.
12. Complete the sentences meaningfully :
 - (a) If you _____ (run) faster, you could have overtaken him.
 - (b) If you _____ (take) good care of your health, you will not fall ill often.

Questions 13-19. Answer any 5 questions. Each question carries 4 scores. (5 × 4 = 20)

13. Choose the most appropriate term, from the brackets, to define each calamity given below : (Earthquake, Famine, Flood, Drought, Lava, Landslide)
 - (a) Molten rock that flows out of an erupting volcano.
 - (b) An overflow of water onto normally dry land.
 - (c) Gravitational movement of a mass of rock, earth or debris down a slope.
 - (d) Widespread scarcity of food due to crop failure, population imbalance etc.
14. Our life today is so profoundly intertwined with the internet that we cannot imagine a day without it. Almost everyone owns devices including laptops, phones, smart watches, smart TVs and the like. The more devices and accounts you have online, the greater the chance for cyber attacks. There is no doubt that online safety is important. What are the do's and don'ts of online safety ? Write two do's and two don'ts.
15. "It was hard and sour, but I saw a happy man, one whose dearest dream had come true, who had attained his goal in life, who had got what he wanted, and was pleased with his destiny and with himself." You are asked to interview this happy man Nicholai Ivanich. Prepare four questions to ask him.

16. “Young Stephen was no prodigy. He was just an ordinary English school boy, slow in learning to read, his handwriting the despair of his teachers !” Hardships often equip ordinary people to reach extraordinary heights. How far is this statement true in the case of Stephen Hawking ? Answer in a paragraph.
17. The poet William Wordsworth lies sleepless for three consecutive nights. The poem ends in a note of wistful hope and prayer. What is the importance of a good sleep in our life ?
18. A debate is being conducted in your class on the topic “Walking – a sufficient form of exercise for maintaining overall health”. Present four arguments for or against this topic.
19. Success is undoubtedly the fruit of perseverance. Had the young seagull’s perseverance helped him in achieving his goal ? Elaborate.

Questions 20-25. Answer any 5 questions. Each question carries 6 scores. (5 × 6 = 30)

20. Prepare a profile of Captain Smith using the information given :
 - Birth : 27th January, 1850
 - Birthplace : Staffordshire, England
 - Parents : Edward Smith and Catherine Hancock
 - Education : British School in Etruria, Staffordshire
 - Career : Joined the White Star Line in March 1880 – successfully commanded its ships
Captain of the R.M.S. Titanic
‘Be British, Be True’, he exhorted his crew
Icon of national spirit, discipline and courage
 - Death : Along with 1500 passengers on 15th April, 1912
21. You are a reporter assigned to report the ritual of turtle calling in Namuana. You come to know about the procedures to be followed in the watching spot. Prepare a live TV Report of the ritual of turtle calling.
22. Dr. A.P.J. Abdul Kalam exhorts everybody to be unique in his/her own way. Prepare a write-up on how Dr. A.P.J. Abdul Kalam’s Speech influenced you.
23. You are amazed to hear about the crystal ring in the story ‘The Price of Flowers’. You decide to write an e-mail to your friend about the superstitious beliefs that Maggie and her mother hold on to. Prepare the e-mail.

24. With times changing, parents are becoming more and more occupied. Children are often left to look after themselves. Family bonding forms the basis for emotional connection, providing a sense of belonging and identity. Draft a letter to the Editor of a newspaper on the need for strengthening strong family relationships.
25. “Standing with him, in the liquid moonlight, I was stung by a strange pang.” What qualities in Hasan make the doctor feel a strange pang ? Sketch the character of Hasan.

Questions 26-28. Answer any 2 questions. Each question carries 8 scores. (2 × 8 = 16)

26. “Generations to come, it may be, will scarce believe that such a one as this, ever in flesh and blood, walked upon this earth.” What qualities of Gandhiji would have made Albert Einstein make such a remark ? Prepare an essay in the light of your reading of the excerpt from Jawaharlal Nehru’s ‘Discovery of India’.
27. Your class conducted a two days’ trip to a famous tourist spot in Kerala. Prepare a travel essay based on that trip, explaining the physical features of the area, its attractions, the climate there and the feelings you had on the occasion.
28. Read the poem given below and prepare a critical appreciation of it.

What is Success ?

To laugh often and much;
To win the respect of intelligent people
And the affection of children;
To earn the appreciation of honest critics
And endure the betrayal of false friends;
To appreciate beauty,
To find the best in others,
To leave the world a bit better,
Whether by a healthy child, a garden patch
Or a redeemed social condition;
To know even one life
Has breathed easier
Because you have lived.
This is to have succeeded.

– *Ralph Waldo Emerson*