

20 Read the poem given below and compare it with 'Any Woman.'(8)

### Minute

When I pray to God I ask him for,  
one minute back in time.

To place me in my mothers arms,  
one more cuddle just one last time.

One minute may not seem long to you,  
but it would mean the world to me.  
To feel safe wrapped up in her arms,  
but I know this never could be.  
Please never take your mother for granted,  
Love and cherish her with all of your heart.

Because one day you will pray for that minute,  
and count every second that your apart

**-Angela Wilson.**

Name of School.....

## First Term Examination Sept.2024

Time :21/2hrs

English

**Plus Two**

Score :80

**Read the given excerpts and answer the questions that follow:**

- 1 Those three words would choke me if I tried to speak them.'  
a). Identify the speaker (1) b) What are 'the three words'? (1)  
c) Why does the speaker say so? (2)
- 2 Oh, just another kind of outdoor game,  
One on a side. It comes to little more:  
There where it is we do not need the wall:  
He is all pine and I am apple orchard.  
  
a). Identify the poet. (1) b) What does 'another kind of outdoor game'  
refer to? (1) c) Why does the poet think that they don't need the wall? (1)

**Do as directed. Each question carries 1 Mark.**

- 3 (a) Gresham offered Baldwin hundred thousand dollars as bribe money to  
perjure in the court. (Begin the sentence with: ' Baldwin .....')
- (b) Change the voice: We are processing your request.

**Qns. 4-6. Each carries 4 Marks.**

- 4 'All the women should be trained in the martial arts like karate, kung fu and  
judo. It is another way to empower women.' Do you agree ? Write your  
arguments in four sentences.(4)
- 5 Edit the following. There are four errors.(4)

Now, after an series of elimination bouts, Antonio Cruz and Felix Vargas had  
informed that they were to meet each other at the division finals that were  
schedule for the seventh of August ,two week away-the winner to represent  
the Boys' Club in the Golden Gloves Championship Tournament.

6 Report the conversation (4)

Martha: What are you going to do now, Robert?

Baldwin: What do you mean?

Martha: You have been out of work since the bank closed.

Baldwin: I will find a position.

**Qns. 7-12. Answer any FIVE questions. Each carries 5 Marks**

7 Comment on Ajit's attitude toward his mother-in-law.(5)

8 What does the word 'horegallu' literally mean and how does it refresh travellers?(5)

9 What, according to Christine Lagarde, are the three essential factors for women empowerment? Write a paragraph.(5)

10 Justify the aptness of the title of the story 'Matchbox'.(5)

11 Read the words of Robert Baldwin

'I couldn't go into partnership with Greasham'

'Whatever we are to the world, let us be honest with each other'

What quality of Robert Baldwin is evident here? Sketch the character of Baldwin in a paragraph.(5)

12 Your school is hosting a District level sports and games meet. You are selected as the chief announcer of the meet. Write the script of the announcement to be made before some of the important events.(5)

**Qns. 13-17. Answer any THREE questions. Each carries 6**

13 On the occasion of observing National Integration Day, you are participating in a group discussion on the topic 'Fraternity and tolerance are the real strengths of a nation'. What would you say in the group discussion? Prepare the script of your presentation.(6)

14 You are a newspaper reporter and you witness the boxing match between the amigo brothers. Prepare the newspaper report.(6)

15 The story 'Matchbox' impressed you. You would like to collect a few more stories of Ashapura Debi and publish them under the title 'Matchbox and Other Stories of Ashapura Debi'. Prepare a blurb for the same.(6)

16 Grandfather and Ratna did 'tremendous social service' without expecting any reward or fame. How could they become horegallu to others? Could you be such a human horegallu to others? Narrate one such personal experience you had in your life.(6)

17 Antonio and Felix are born to win the trophy of friendship. You would like to prepare a write-up on the topic 'Importance of friendship' to be posted on social media. Prepare the write-up.(6)

**Qns. 18-20. Answer any TWO questions. Each carries 8 Marks**

18 Corruption adversely affects different sectors like politics, economy and development of a nation. Prepare a speech on the topic 'Multifaceted Impact of Corruption on Society'.(8)

19 "Education is the most powerful weapon which you can use to change the world."

How does education serve as a powerful tool in advancing women empowerment? In the light of your understanding of the ideas expressed by Christine Lagarde, write an article on 'The Role of Education in Women Empowerment' to be published in a national journal.(8)