

MARCH 2019

Part-I
ENGLISH

Maximum 280 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.
- Certain sections of questions have choice. Follow the choice regulations.

(Question Nos. 1 – 6) : Answer the questions as directed.

(14)

Read the extract from 'Where a Sparrow is Pleased' and answer the questions that follow :
'Later, they became aware of the widespread destruction of the ecosystems, especially through deforestation. Climate instability and contamination of the soil and waters – all contributed to exacerbating poverty and subsequent riots.'

1. Who does the speaker refer to as 'they' ? **(1)**
2. Give one reason for the destruction of the ecosystems. **(1)**
3. Which word from the options given, can best replace the word 'exacerbating' ? **(1)**
(a) Entertaining (b) Progressing (c) Agonising

4. Here is a diary entry by Sudha Murty.
Fill in the blanks with appropriate similes or adjectives from the options given in brackets. **(3)**

Village days were memorable. Days were full of fun and frolic and we were all as (a) (dull/cheerful/sharp) as a lark. How I miss those days ! In Mumbai, everyone is as busy as a (b) (snail/sloth/bee) and women too, are no different. Girls who were regarded to be as (c) (sour/chill/sweet) as a rose have now transformed themselves into leaders, office and torch bearers.

5. Imagine that you are invited for an interview for the post of chef at Taj Group of Hotels. Complete the interview suitably. **(4)**

Interviewer : _____ (a) ?
You : I have specialized in Chinese and Continental dishes.
Interviewer : _____ (b) ?
You : Yes, of course. I am comfortable with all types of delicacies.
Interviewer : _____ (c) ?
You : I expect comfortable work atmosphere, fantastic team work and opportunities to develop.
Interviewer : Where do you see yourselves ten years from now ?
You : Ten years from now, I _____ (d)

6. The passage given below contains a few errors. Edit the passage appropriately. (4)
- The main conflict in the story 'Ainigo Brothers' is that off ambition. Both the friends wants to be champions. But only one of them can be the champion. So they decide to fight out it. In the end, they realize that they value there bonding more than their ambition.

(Question Nos. 7 - 12) : Answer any 5 questions in not less than 60 words. Each carries 4 scores. (5 × 4 = 20)

7. Your class is conducting a debate on the topic 'PUNISHMENTS ARE ESSENTIAL FOR STUDENT DISCIPLINE'.

Write four arguments either favouring or opposing the topic.

8. Elaborate the idea conveyed in the lines given below :

I am the pillars of the house,
The keystone of the arch am I
Take me away, and roof and wall
Would fall to ruin me utterly.

9. The activities of the literary club of your school will be inaugurated by the cine artist and state award winner, Sri Indrans. The one-act play, 'Post card for Christmas' will be staged on the day. Prepare a notice inviting all for the programme.

10. You have come to know that your close friend is having severe toothache. Prepare four sets of suggestions you would make before the doctor.

You may use expressions like :

I think you should ... / If I were you, I ... / Would you like ... / Perhaps you could ... / I'd like to suggest

11. Prepare a profile of Shaheen Mistri using the hints given below :

Birth	: 16 th March, 1971
Place of birth	: Mumbai
Academic Qualifications	: B.A. degree (Sociology), M.A. in Sociology
Alma mater	: University of Mumbai, University of Manchester
Occupation	: CEO, Teach for India
Famous as	: Indian social activist and educator
Founder	: Akanksha Foundation, Teach for India
Awards won	: Ashoka Fellow (2001) Global Leader for Tomorrow (2002) Asia Society 21 Leader (2005)
Authored	: Redrawing India - The Teach for India Story (2014)

12. Wangari Maathai says, 'Women are often the first to become aware of environmental damage ...'

Do you agree with her opinion? Substantiate your answer.

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13. Read the following story from the poem 'Pie'.
 'I'll catch some in good time, at last
 just as my mother catches the well-cooked pie.'
 This is better money - what good it was!
 How is the expression 'good times' used in the story? Substantiate your answer.

14. You have dreams of setting up a business of your own after studies. You are greatly inspired by Irfan Akbar's vision and work. Draft a letter of enquiry to Sahasrabudhi foundation asking for information about the scope of work, the involvement of the organization, mode of contribution, etc.

15. After the conclusion of Khabra's 'Cousin Pankaj', the Aangan Bhawan for the interviewed reporter: 'Was the bout affected your friendship?'
 Nelly: 'No, we both never took fighting into our hearts.'
 Reporter: 'So then, who among you really came out with the fight?'
 Antonio: 'We both are winners. The question itself is unimportant.'

16. As the secretary of the Anti-Narcotics Club in your school, you decide to write an article on the dangers of drug abuse to make aware of this growing menace among schoolmates. Prepare the article to be published in your school magazine.

17. A newspaper is reported to say wrongly that there is a plan to induce people around us not to buy in their own welfare. You feel that it is necessary to post resolutions at schools so that students can reveal their fears and fears to them. Write a letter to the Minister of Education requesting him to take appropriate steps in this regard.

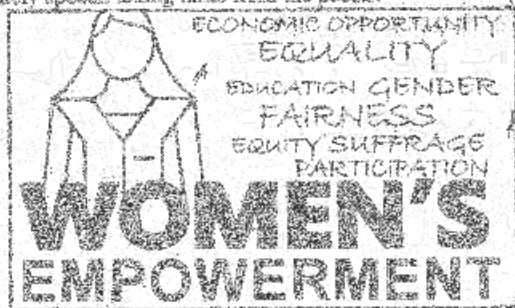
18. Ramon Galdwin in 'The Hour of Truth' stands as an example of honest judgement in the play. His decisions are never influenced by any significant power. Propose a character sketch of Ramon Galdwin.

19. The stage of Nidhi Bhadani is always about expression. You want to share your appreciation of literary work with your friends. Write a letter to your friend about the success of the play to us to bring your mind to what it is all about.

(Question Nos. 20 - 22) : Answer any 2 questions, each in about 140 words. Each carries 8 scores.

(2 x 8 = 16)

20. Given below is a poster displayed at the Assembly Hall in connection with the International Women's Day celebrations conducted by the Sodhris Club of your school. As the co-convener of the programme, you are asked to give a detailed talk on 'EMPOWERING WOMEN - CHALLENGES AHEAD'. Prepare the likely speech taking hints from the poster.



21. Read the poem given below. Compare and contrast it with 'Mending Wall' and attempt a critical appreciation.

NEIGHBOUR

Build me a bridge over the stream
to my neighbour's house
where he is standing in dungarees*
in the fresh morning.

O ring of snowdrops
spread wherever you want
and you also blackbird
sing across the fences

My neighbour, if the rain falls on you,
let it fall on me also
from the same black cloud
that does not recognize gates.

* dungarees : a garment consisting of trousers held up by straps over the shoulders.

22. In the light of reading excerpts from the lives of Jagan Aban and Shalata Mitra, you arrive at the conclusion that 'Entrepreneurs are not made, they are born.' Our nation benefits from such enterprises too. Write an essay on the topic highlighting the merits of promoting entrepreneurship among the youth.

[HINTS : youth made responsible - dignity of labour - self confident - self reliance - hard work and commitment - job satisfaction - financial stability - creating employment opportunities - initiatives like kudumbasree, mango cabs, uber cabs, flipkart, etc.]