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**FIRST YEAR HIGHER SECONDARY MODEL  
EXAMINATION, FEBRUARY 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.
- Write answers to the specific number of questions as instructed.
- Use the 'Cool off time' to get familiar with questions and to plan your answers.
- Read questions carefully before answering.

Score

**Questions 1 – 8, answer all. Each carries 1 score.**

**(8×1=8)**

“I was so weighed down by responsibility that I had slight concern of myself.”

1. Who is referred to as 'I' ?

“It was like eating part of himself.”

2. What pathetic condition of the seagull is referred to here ?

“ . . . . down the corridors of all time

The Titanic story shall sound sublime”.



Score

3. Why is Titanic remembered even today ?

“If you can wait and not be tired by waiting.”

4. What quality is the poet trying to bring out ?

5. What alone can survive death, as told in “Death the Leveller” ?

6. “I stood upon the hills, when heaven’s wide arch

Was glorious with the sun’s returning march.”

What is meant by

a) heaven’s wide arch ?

b) returning march ?

7. Name any two ways Nehru addresses the arrival of Gandhi into Indian politics.

8. Write two advantages of sleep.

**Questions 9 – 12, answer any 3. Each carries 2 scores.**

**(3×2=6)**

9. “And never breathe a word about your loss.” According to Rudyard Kipling how should we face unexpected loss ?

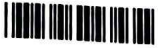
10. “The child had earned the shilling with so much toil !! I felt returning it to her. But I reconsidered.”

Explain why Mr. Gupta accepted the shilling given by Maggie.

11. “Two years passed . . . I didn’t die . . .

life was precious.”

What attitude of Hawking helped him to overcome his disability ?



**Score**

**12. Complete the sentence correctly :**

- a) One should do \_\_\_\_\_ duty for \_\_\_\_\_ country.
- b) Rewrite using the correct form of the verbs in brackets.

If I (be) you, I (buy) a new one

**Questions 13 – 19, answer any five. Each carries 4 scores.**

**(5×4=20)**

**13. Rewrite as directed :**

- a) Change into reported speech.

“Why are you Late ?” asked the teacher.

“ I overslept,” replied Meera.

- b) Change the assertive sentence into exclamatory sentence.

The dog is a very faithful animal.

**14. “The glories of our blood and state  
Are shadows not substantial things.”**

Elaborate the idea in these lines.

**15. After returning to his home town Guy De Maupassant sends a mail to Jovis. Draft an e-mail of gratitude to Jovis.**

**16. Babu, a rescue worker who actively participated in the recent flood disaster in Trivandrum was appreciated for his sincere service by the Government. You get a chance to interview him. Write four questions you would ask Babu.**

**17. Prepare four sentences suitable for the poster preparation on the Do's and Don'ts of using social media.**

(Write 2 Do's and 2 Don'ts)





**18.** Maggie and Mrs. Clifford always hope for better things in their life. Comment on the treatment of faith and aspirations in the story 'The price of flowers'.

**19.** Read the passage given below and make a précis of it.

We sometimes think it would be very nice to have no work to do. If only we had not to go to school and do our lessons, we could have holidays from January to December ! If only we had not to work in the fields, or go to the office every morning, or serve in a shop all day, how jolly life would be ! And we envy rich people who have not to work for their living, but can do just what they please all the year round.

When we feel like this, we make a mistake. Perhaps rich people are not as happy as we think are. Very likely they are tired of having nothing to do. Of Course there are some people who have too much work, or who have to do very unpleasant work. But most of us are really happier if we have regular work to do for our living, especially if the work is, the work we like.

**Questions 20 – 25, answer any 5. Each carries 6 scores.**

**(5×6=30)**

**20.** " I want a work that will make me use my head, brain work." How far do you agree with a statement like this ?

Prepare a write up on your dream job.

**21.** Write a conversation between you and a travel agent seeking information about a place of interest you wish to visit (At least six exchanges).

**22.** You succeeded in getting first hand information from the survivors of 'The Titanic'. Prepare a Newspaper report on the wreck of 'The Titanic' on the night of April 14, 1912.

**23.** Disaster management has assumed greater importance in recent times. Deliver a speech at the school assembly on October 13, International Disaster Reduction Day, on "The purpose and need for disaster management."



**Score**

24. Imagine you are Hasan, the Serang of Ranaganji. Narrate about yourself and your attitude to life.
25. You happened to travel alone for the first time without your parents. Write about your travel experience in about 120 words.

**Questions 26 – 28, answer any two. Each carries 8 scores.**

**(2×8=16)**

26. Prepare a profile of Virat Kohli using the details given below :

Name : Virat Kohli

Born : 5 Nov. 1988, Delhi

Age, Height : 35, 5' 9"

Nickname : Chiku

Parents : Saroj and Prem Kohli

Siblings : Bhavana (Sister)  
Vikas (elder brother)

Family : Anushka Sharma (wife)  
Vamika (daughter)

School : Vishal Bharathi Public School

Profession : A true cricketer  
Right handed batsman  
Right arm medium bowler

Cricket Debut : October 2002  
Under 19 category

Hobbies : Workout, travelling, singing



Awards : Arjuna Award (2013)

Padmashri (2017)

- Achievements :
- a) First Indian to score a century on World Cup debut (2011)
  - b) Fastest Indian to complete 1000, 3000, 4000 runs in ODI
  - c) Became the first Indian to cross the 200 million followers on Instagram on June 7, 2022
  - d) On his 35<sup>th</sup> birthday received a golden bat from Ganguly on Nov. 5, 2023

27. Travel is the means to satisfy the thirst for knowledge. In the modern world the amenities of travel have improved and also the opportunities of travel have increased tremendously. Write an article in 200 words on “Travel, – An important source of education.”

28. Attempt a critical appreciation of the poem given below :

**Sunset in the Golden Gate**

When day is done there falls a

Solemn hush :

The birds are silent in their

humble nest.

Then comes the Master Artist

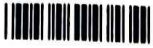
with his brush,

And paints with brilliant touch

the golden west.

The blended colors sweep

across the sky,



Score

And add a halo at the close of day.

Their roseate hues far – reaching  
banners fly.

And gild the restless waters of  
the bay.

Mount Tamalpais stands in  
purple 'tire

Against the background

Phoenix like ornate :

Apollo drives his chariot of fire

Between the portals of the Golden Gate.

No other hand than His who  
rules on high,

Could wield the brush and  
spread such bright array  
upon the outstretched canvas  
of the sky

Then draw the curtain of  
departing day.

W. E. Hutchinson

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