

Reg. No. :

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FIRST YEAR HIGHER SECONDARY MODEL EXAMINATION – 2021

Part – I

Time : 2½ Hours

ENGLISH

Cool-off time : 20 Minutes

(Hearing Impaired)

Maximum : 80 Scores

General Instructions to Candidates :

- There is a 'Cool-off time' of 20 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 answer to the specific number of questions as instructed.
- Electronic devices are not allowed in the examination hall.

(Questions 1 – 11) Answer the questions as directed.**(Qns. 1 – 4) Read the following passage from the story 'His First Flight' and answer the questions given below : (4 × 1 = 4)**

"Then, he completely forgot that he had not always been able to fly, and commenced to dive and soar, shrieking shrilly".

1. Who wrote the story 'His First Flight' ?
[Dr. A.J. Cronin, Liam O' Flaherty, James Shirley]
2. Who is mentioned as 'he' in the passage ?
3. What is the real crisis faced by the young seagull ?

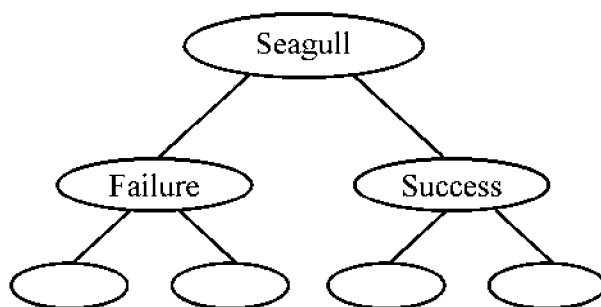
4. The word 'commenced' means _____.
[glided, cleaned, started]
5. Complete the following 'if' clauses choosing the correct answer from those given in brackets : **(3 × 1 = 3)**
- (a) If you work hard, you _____ (will / would) succeed.
(b) I would buy a car, if I _____ (get / got) a loan.
(c) If you _____ (have / had) worked with confidence, you would have succeeded.
6. Fill in the blanks choosing the correct answer from those given in brackets : **(2 × 1 = 2)**
[scraps, flock, flying, praising]
And around him, his family was screaming, (a) him and their beaks offering him (b) of dog-fish.
7. Correct the following sentences : **(2 × 1 = 2)**
- (a) One of my friends are absent today.
(b) Every school and college have a play ground.
- (Qns. 8 – 10) Read the given passage and answer the following questions. (3 × 1 = 3)**
- "The week passed. Saturday came again. I presented myself at the Vegetarian restaurant once again".
8. The 'I' referred in this passage is _____.
[(a) Maggie (b) Mr. Gupta (c) Mrs. Clifford]
9. Why did he come to the restaurant on Saturday ?
[(a) hoping to meet the girl again (b) to eat special food (c) to see his friend]
10. Where is the vegetarian restaurant mentioned here ?
[(a) New York (b) London (c) Canada]

11. Rewrite the following sentences in reported speech. (2 × 1 = 2)
- (a) “Are you leaving today ?” Maggie asked him.
- (b) Mr. Gupta asked, “How is you mother, Maggie ?”

(Qns. 12 – 20) Answer any 4 questions. Each carries 4 scores. (4 × 4 = 16)

12. “Only the actions of the just
Smell sweet and blossom in the dust”
(Death the Leveller)
Explain the message conveyed through these lines.

13. Identify the factors that prevented the young seagull from flying and those that favoured his flight



14. Read the following lines from the poem ‘If’ and answer the questions :
- “If you can dream and not make
dreams your master;
If you can think – and not make thoughts
your aim,
If you can meet with, triumph and disaster
And treat those two imposters just the same.”
- (a) Which are the imposters mentioned in the above lines. (1)
- (b) According to the poet, how should an ideal person treat those two imposters ? (1)
- (c) Pick out two pairs of rhyming words from the given lines. (2)
15. What does Dr. A.P.J. Abdul Kalam mean by being ‘unique’. Write your answer in a short paragraph.
16. Sketch the character of Maggie in the story ‘The Price of Flowers’.

17. Imagine that you got a chance to interview Dr. A.J. Cronin. Write 4 questions you would ask him.
18. Is the title 'The Price of Flowers' suitable for the story? Write your opinion.
19. Decide on a place to visit and approach a travel agency to make arrangements. Write 4 questions you would ask the travel agent.
20. Read the lines from the poem 'Death the Leveller' and answer the following questions :
- "Sceptre and Crown
Must tumble down,
And in the dust be equal made
With the poor crooked scythe and spade"
- (a) What do 'sceptre and crown' and 'scythe and spade' stand for? (2)
- (b) Why is death called a 'leveller'? (2)

(Qns. 21 – 28) Answer any 4 questions. Each carries 5 scores. (4 × 5 = 20)

21. The poem 'If' describes the traits of a perfect man. In your opinion, what are the qualities of an ideal person.
[Hints – An ideal person must be humble, _____ should consider success and _____ same _____ have self-control _____.]
22. Write a letter to the editor of 'The Hindu' voicing your concern about the rising number of cases of violence against women.
23. Explain the role of the narrator, Mr. Gupta in the story 'The Price of Flowers'.
[Hints – Indian citizen living in England – meets Maggie – makes friends with her – feels sympathy – visits her house – hides the fact about her brother's death – gives solace to her ill mother – caring and sensitive _____.]

24. Prepare a write-up on the theme of the poem 'Death the Leveller'.
25. Write a short profile of S. Ramesan Nair, the famous Malayalam lyricist and poet using the hints given below.

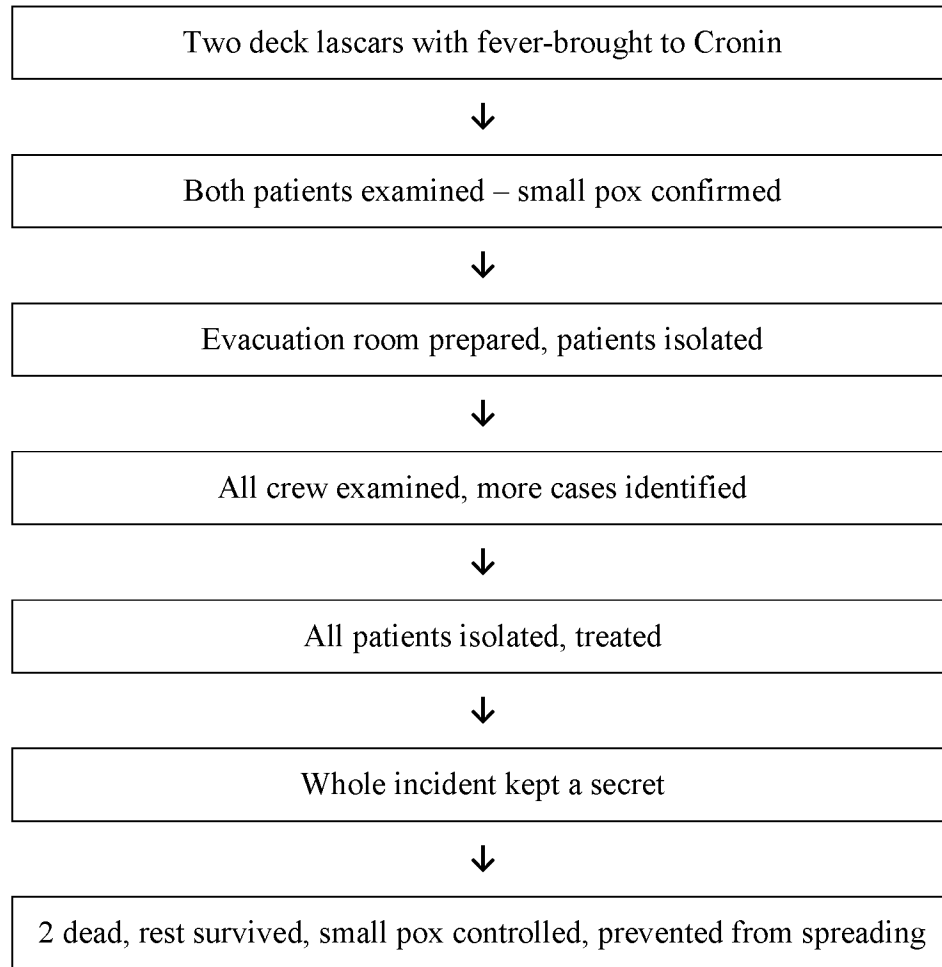
Born – 3 May 1948, Kanyakumari, Tamilnadu – worked as Sub editor in the Kerala Bhasha Institute and Producer in the All India Radio – Wrote songs for 170 films and 3000 devotional tracks – Awards – Kendra Sahitya Akademi Award in 2018, Kerala Sahitya Akademi Award in 2010 – died on 18 June 2021 due to Covid-19.

26. Prepare a travel info of a place of your choice :
- [Hints – Visiting time – How to get there – Where to dine – Cultural highlights etc.]
27. Hasan in 'The Serang of Ranaganji' plays a very important role in controlling the outbreak of small pox on deck. Now prepare a character sketch of Hasan.
28. What was the India of Gandhiji's dream ?
- [Hints – A country where the poor people have a voice – no class differences – all communities to live in harmony – end social evils like untouchability – equal status for men and women etc.]

(Qns. 29 – 33) Answer any 2 questions. Each carries 6 scores. (2 × 6 = 12)

29. Based on the hints given below, prepare a write up on the seagull's first flight.
- [Hints – The young seagull alone – his two brothers and sister _____ flown away. He was afraid to fly because _____. He had not eaten – previous night. He saw his mother _____. He dived _____ His hunger _____. He was no longer afraid.]

30. The boy who raised the question in ‘I will fly’ decides to communicate to his friend the impact of Kalam’s speech on him. Draft the e-mail for him.
31. Write a report of how Dr. Cronin and Hasan, the serang of the ship controlled the spreading of small pox in the ship, based on the flow chart given below :



32. Read the following passage and answer the questions that follow :

The Lantern Festival

The 15th day of the first lunar month is known as the ‘Lantern Festival.’ The Lantern Festival signals the end of the New Year festival period. During Lantern Festival people get together watching lanterns and fireworks, guessing lantern riddles and performing folk dances.

Long time ago, there were many fierce wild beasts and birds that greatly affected local people. In order to protect themselves, people had to kill those wild animals. One day, a sacred bird in heaven accidentally got lost and fell on the mortal world. However, an ignorant hunter thought the bird was kind of fierce animal and killed it. Furious the emperor planned a firestorm as retaliation. The emperor's daughter warned the villagers first. The villagers didn't know what to do. A wiseman asked them to hang red lanterns outside their homes, make bonfires and light fire crackers for three days. On the day of the retaliation, the Emperor was tricked into thinking the village was already ablaze. From then on, the Lantern Festival was celebrated.

- (a) How do the people celebrate Lantern Festival ? (2)
- (b) Why did the emperor plan a firestorm ? (2)
- (c) How did the wiseman save the villagers ? (2)

33. A few weeks after the narrator's departure from London, he writes a letter to Maggie. What might be the content of the letter ?

Draft a letter, assuming that you are Mr. Gupta, the narrator of 'The Price of Flowers'.

(Qns. 34 – 38) Answer any 2 questions. Each carries 8 scores. (2 × 8 = 16)

34. Imagine that you got a chance to witness the strange ritual of turtle calling in Kandavu. Narrate the experience to your friends.

[Hints – The women of Namuana dressed in black sings a strange chant – giant turtles rise – listening to the music – If any member of the nearby village present – turtles will not rise to the surface of the bay – turtle calling based on an ancient legend _____.]

35. 'Hopes and aspirations are what human beings live on'. Write an essay on the treatment of hope and aspirations in the story 'The Price of Flowers'.

[Hints – Story of a 13 year old girl Maggie and her widowed mother Mrs. Clifford – Maggie hopes to get a better job – mother thinks to arrange music classes for Maggie – hopes his son will come back ...]

36. In connection with Gandhi Jayanti, your class is organizing a programme to propagate the relevance of Gandhian values in the present day. Prepare a speech.
[Hints – Gandhian values – simplicity, truthfulness, fearlessness,]

37. Write a critical appreciation of the poem ‘If’ by Rudyard Kipling.
[Hints – didactic poem about conditional fulfilment – traits of a perfect man – addressed to Kipling’s son – think about dreams – Triumph and disaster – two sides of the same coin – be humble, truthful – have self-control – figure of speech – rhyme scheme etc.]

38. Read the poem given below and write a critical appreciation of it.

Fear No More the Heat O’ the Sun

- William Shakespeare

Fear no more the heat of the sun
Nor the furious winter’s rages;
Thou thy worldly task hast done,
Home art done, and ta’en thy wages
Golden lads and girls all must,
As chimney – sweepers, come to dust.
Fear no more the frown O’ the great,
Thou art past the tyrant’s stroke,
Care no more to clothe and eat;
To thee the reed is as the oak.
The Sceptre, learning, physic, must
All follow this, and come to dust.
