



Class No. : .....

**FY 1001**

Name : .....

**FIRST YEAR HIGHER SECONDARY SECOND TERMINAL  
EXAMINATION, DECEMBER 2022****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 – 3 : Read the excerpt and answer the questions that follow. (4)**

He was floating on it. And around him, his family was screaming, praising him and their beaks were offering him scraps of dog-fish. He had made his first flight.

**1. Who is "he" referred to here ? (1)**

**Score**

2. Which word in the excerpt is more suitable for the word “garbage” ? (1)

3. How did the young Seagull achieve his first flight ? (2)

**Question 4 : Complete the sentences suitably. (2)**

4. a) If you work hard, \_\_\_\_\_ (1)

b) If I had written the exam, \_\_\_\_\_ (1)

**Questions 5 – 6 : Fill in the blanks with suitable words. (2×1=2)**

5. While the revision process \_\_\_\_\_ (was/were/is/are) going on, he made a trip to Switzerland. (1)

6. After my address, hundreds of hands \_\_\_\_\_ (are/is/was/were) raised for asking questions. (1)



**Questions 7 – 10 : Read the excerpt and answer the questions that follow. Score  
(4×1=4)**

The title of the lecture was a question : ‘Is the end in sight for theoretical physics ?’ Hawking startled his listeners by announcing that he thought it was. He invited them to join him in a sensational escape through time and space to find the Holy Grail of Science : the theory that explains the universe and everything that happens in it.

7. What was the title of the lecture ? (1)
8. How did Stephen Hawking startle his listeners ? (1)
9. To find what Stephen Hawking invited his listeners through time and space ? (1)
10. What is the Holy Grail of Science ? (1)

**Questions 11 – 14 : Read the following lines and answer the questions that follow. (5)**

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 :

**Score**

11. From which poem are these lines taken ? (1)
12. Find out the figure of speech employed in the last line. (1)
13. Give a brief note on the theme of the poem. (2)
14. Which are not essential (substantial) things ? (1)

**Question 15 : Prepare 3 instructions on Mobile Phone usage.**

15. Eg : Don't reveal your password to any one. (3)
- a) Don't \_\_\_\_\_ (1)
- b) You should \_\_\_\_\_ (1)
- c) You shouldn't \_\_\_\_\_ (1)



Score

Questions 16 – 21 : Answer any 5 (five) questions. Each question carries 4 scores. (5×4=20)

16. Edit the following passage :

‘Young friends, let me discuss to you, how you can be unique. I have, so far, met fifteen million youth of a decades time. I learned, every youths want to be unique, that is you’. (4)

17. Jane Hawking, Stephen Hawking’s wife, was a major helping hand to Stephen Hawking. She is arriving at your school to inaugurate a science fair. As the editor of your school magazine, ask her four interview questions. (4)

18. Prepare a short character sketch of Alice Margaret Clifford. (4)

19. During a school tour to Punjab, you met Mr. Gupta. You inquired about Frank’s burial place. Prepare a conversation that takes place between you and Mr. Gupta. (4)

20. “The garlands wither on your brow;

Then boast no more your mighty deeds !

Upon Death’s purple altar now

See where the victor-victim bleeds”

Elaborate on the idea conveyed in the lines. (4)

21. Prepare a short character sketch of the young Seagull. (4)



Score

Questions 22 – 27 : Answer any four questions. Each question carries 6 scores. (4×6=24)

22. Prepare a profile of APJ Abdul Kalam by employing the hints given below. (6)

**Born** : 15 October, 1931, Rameswaram, Tamil Nadu

**Parents** : Jainulabdeen Marakayar Ashiamma

**Education** : Schwartz Higher Secondary School, Ramanathapuram.  
Saint Joseph's College Thiruchirappalli  
Madras Institute of Technology

**Books Authored** : Wings of Fire Ignited Minds

**Awards** : Padma Bhushan (1981)

Padma Vibhushan (1990)

Bharat Ratna (1997)

Von Braun Award (2013)

**Field** : Space Research

**Died** : 27 July 2015, Shillong, India.

**Score**

23. The young boy who asked questions to APJ Abdul Kalam was nervous. You would like to motivate him by saying the importance of getting confidence in life. Draft an E-mail incorporating ideas of confidence-building measures. (6)
24. The young Seagull's mother was sad about her child's failure in flying. Later, she motivated him to fly. Do you think that parents are the real force behind our achievements ? Prepare a brief note on parenting. (6)
25. Stephen Hawking was a supernova of World Physics. He came to that level by overcoming his crippling disease. Write a paragraph on Stephen Hawking's disease and his never ending struggle against it. (6)
26. Imagine you are the leader of the NSS Unit in your school. As part of the Gandhi Jayanti celebration, the NSS Unit has decided to clean the Panchayat Office Compound. Draft a letter to the Panchayat Secretary seeking his permission to clean the compound. (6)

**Score**

**27. Maggie is working as a typist in the Civil Service Stores and earning an insufficient salary.**

**Seeing her pathetic condition, you would like to write a letter to the Head of the Civil**

**Service Stores Department requesting him to increase her salary. Draft the letter. (6)**

**Questions 28 – 30 : Answer any 2 questions. Each carries 8 scores. (2×8=16)**

**28. Your school's high school section is organizing a particular motivation class for those students who will attend the arriving SSLC Public Examination. You are getting a chance to speak on that occasion. Draft the speech to deliver on that occasion. (8)**

**29. October 2, Gandhi Jayanti Day is celebrated as the International Day of Non-Violence.**

**Globally, the rate of violence is increasing rapidly. Gandhi's Ahimsa philosophy can reduce the rate of violence. Prepare an essay on Gandhi's Ahimsa (Non-Violence) philosophy.**

**(Hints : Non-Violence – the poorest shall feel that it is their country – no high class and low class of people – communities lives in perfect harmony – no untouchability – Indian culture – inclusiveness – religious amity) (8)**





Score

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

## Death

Brandi Young

Death is forever

So don't flirt with suicide

Death is painful

Stay away from knives

Death is not for lovers

So don't lie

Death is not for me

So don't even try

**Score**

Death is clever

So be careful

Death is never fun

Stay away from strangers

Death is never pleasing

So don't get caught up in the hype

Death is never fair

So get use to it

Death is always occurring

So don't ignore it

Death is never what you expected

Sorry but it has to happen



**Score**

Death is not for you

Please don't give up

Death is forever

Don't forget it

**(8)**

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