

Reg. No. :

S-2201

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**SECOND YEAR HIGHER SECONDARY
SAY / IMPROVEMENT EXAMINATION, JUNE – 2023**

Part – I

Time : 2½ Hours

ENGLISH

Cool-off time : 15 Minutes

Maximum : 80 Scores

General Instructions to Candidates :

- 15 Minutes are given as cool-off time.
- Use the 'Cool-off time' to read the questions and plan your answers.
- Attempt the questions according to the instructions.
- Keep in mind, the score and time while answering the questions.

Answer all questions from 1 to 8. Each carries 1 score.**(8 × 1 = 8)**

“Father my life is in your hands. I want to do something for the children of India, I don't know how, only that I must.”

1. Who is 'I' in this statement ?
2. Who is addressed as 'father' ?
3. “Nomitha hisses like a snake” – Comment on the simile.
4. “He moves in darkness as it seems to me”. What does Robert Frost mean by the word 'darkness' ?
5. “Thou whom a woman laid in a manger” – who is the woman referred to here ?
6. What is the terror faced by the poet at the dentist ?
7. He gives me advice though he is not my father. Rewrite using 'as if'.
8. The boy sitting next to me is my brother. Change into complex sentence.



Answer any 3 questions from 9 to 12. Each carries 2 scores.

(3 × 2 = 6)

9. What reason does Ashapura Debi give for comparing women to matchboxes ?
10. “I wish there were many more of them in this world” – Comment on Sudha Murty’s wish.
11. What is the challenge raised by Wangari Maathai in her acceptance speech at Oslo ?
12. Mention any two do’s and two don’ts to save our environment.

Answer any 5 questions from 13 to 19. Each carries 4 scores.

(5 × 4 = 20)

13. Prepare a ‘Blurb’ of a book you read recently.
14. “All of my past would rise up and strike me in the face.” Sketch the character of Robert Baldwin with regard to his statement.
15. You happen to meet Sandhya, the girl from the slum. She eagerly shares to you her meeting with Shaheen. Attempt a narration of what Sandhya would have made to you.
16. “You must never set up any sort of contrariness or repression in the child’s mind. You will damage him for life ... We shall be bringing up a healthy citizen.” Comment on the concept of parenting as brought out by R.K. Narayan in the story “Crime and Punishment”.
17. A former student of your school has turned out to be a successful entrepreneur. He has been invited to your school to inaugurate a seminar on ‘Young Entrepreneurs and Opportunities’ organised by the NSS unit. Make an announcement at the school assembly informing about the seminar and the guest.
18. Edit the passage :

The river of China was dying because of soil erosion. The emperor heard off this and called at experts to discuss ways to rejuvenate a river.

19. Complete the sentences using appropriate idioms given below :
(cats and dogs, blue moon, apple of the eye, crocodile tears, on cloud nine, hard and fast)
- Once in a _____ my sister cleans her room.
 - Last night it was raining _____.
 - Accidents happen frequently because we don't have _____ rules on road.
 - John is the _____ of his Maths teacher.

Answer any 5 questions from 20 to 25. Each carries 6 scores.

(5 × 6 = 30)

20. The exciting 'division finals' match between the Puerto Rican fighters got over with a twist in the end. You, as a fan of one of them, enjoyed the fight at Tomkins Square Park. Prepare a newspaper report of the bout for the daily, you are working for.
21. As part of the study tour, your school has decided to take the second year students to the 'Milma' dairy unit at Ernakulam. The Principal has asked you as the school leader, to write a Letter of Enquiry to the Managing Director seeking permission.
(Include date, time, no. of students – teachers, purpose of visit)
22. Mr. Rajesh, your neighbour's son is working with the SammaaN. You are excited to meet him and know more about SammaaN. Prepare six exchanges between you and Mr. Rajesh.
23. The SPC Unit of your school identifies drug traders in your locality. Write a letter of complaint to the nearest police station informing them about the serious issue and asking them to post policemen on duty during school time.
24. Shaheen Mistri has been honoured with many prestigious awards for her achievements throughout her entrepreneurial journey, the latest being the Jamnalal Bajaj award for her efforts in the field of humanitarian and social work. Prepare an acceptance speech for Shaheen Mistri.
25. The poem 'Rice' points out the contemporary agricultural changes in our country and its diminishing importance, as commercial crops and their associated benefits gain attraction. Chemmanam Chacko has very well satirised this attitude of the society in the poem. Bring out the satirical elements in the poem 'Rice'.

Answer any 2 questions from 26 to 28. Each carries 8 scores. (2 × 8 = 16)

26. “A woman should be two things – who and what she wants” – such slogans have been said and gone. Still atrocities against women continue. March 8, Women’s Day is fast approaching. Write an article on “Women Empowerment – A Dire Necessity”.

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| Crescent Public School, Delhi requires a well-qualified and experienced Physical Education teacher for the High School Section. Salary will be the best. Apply on or before April 1 st 2023. |
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You have decided to apply for the above post. Draft your resume and application letter.

28. Read the following poem given below and compare it with the poem ‘Any Woman’.

Silent, Strong Dad

He never looks for praise

He’s never one to boast

He just goes on quietly working

For those, he loves the most.

His dreams are seldom spoken

His wants are few

And most of the time his worries

Will go unspoken too.

He’s there ... a firm foundation

Through all our storms of life

A sturdy hand to hold on to

In times of stress and strife.

A true friend we can turn to

When times are good or bad

One of the greatest blessings

The man that we call DAD.

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