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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

(Hearing Impaired)**General Instructions to Candidates :**

- 15 minutes is 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.

PART – I**Read the passage and answer all the questions given below. Each carries 1 score.****A. Read the following extract from “Amigo Brothers” (4 × 1 = 4)**

“Every chance they had, the boys worked out; sometimes, at the Boy’s Club and sometimes, at the gym. Early morning sunrises would find them running along the East River Drive, wrapped in sweat shirts and short towels around their necks. While some youngsters were into street, negatives, Antonio and Felix slept, ate, rapped and dreamt positive.

1. Identify the writer of the short story.

[Robert Frost, Piri Thomas, Percival Wilde]



2. What did the youngsters dream of ?

[to get a job, to become a football player, to become a light-weight champion]

3. Mention the quality of the youngsters referred here.

[hardworking, lazy, intelligent]

4. What is the theme of the short story "Amigo Brothers ?"

[Business, Friendship, Hostility]

B Read the following lines from the poem "Any Woman" and answer the questions given below.

(4 × 1 = 4)

"I am their wall against all danger.

Their door against the wind and snow

Thou whom a woman laid in a manger,

Take me not till the children grow !"

5. Who is "thou" here ?

[Buddha, Woman, Jesus Christ]

6. Identify the figure of speech.

[simile, metaphor, oxymoron]

7. What do 'wind' and 'snow' suggest here ?
[love of the mother, adversities in the life, climatic change]
8. Write the rhyme scheme of the given lines.

PART – II

Questions 9-12. Answer any 3. Each carries 2 scores.

(3 × 2 = 6)

9. Complete the following sentences using the verbs given in the brackets.
In the Town, new buildings (a) by the government. (construct)
Yesterday two thieves (b) (arrest) by the police.
10. Choose the correct form of the verb given in the bracket.
Last year I (a) (go/went/will go) to Australia. I (b) (go/went/will go) to Canada next year.
11. Comment on the importance of the title "Matchbox".
12. Give two pieces of advice to Nomita to help her to come out of her problems. Use expressions like.
(a) You should _____
(b) It is better to _____

PART – III

Questions 13-19. Answer any 5. Each carries 4 scores.

(5 × 4 = 20)

13. Prepare an announcement script for staging the play “The Hour of Truth.”

(Hints : by Percival Wilde – time – date and venue – direction – actors)

14. Edit the following passage :

I was 17 year old in that time. I was travelling on a rickshaw and in the middle at the journey, I was very thirsty.

15. Prepare a blog based on your reading of the poem “Rice”.

[Chemmanam Chacko – Returning home after four years – Imagining his homeland – father – farming – wishes to eat athikira rice – Reality – Comercial farming – no one farms rice – Cash crops give better money]

16. Prepare the character sketch of Robert Baldwin.

[Protagonist of The Hour of Truth – Honest – Loyal – Truthful.]

17. A panel discussion on “The New dimensions of Entrepreneurship” is going to be held in your school. Prepare a speech to welcome the following panelists :

	Panelist	Designation
1.	V. Sivankutty	Minister of Labour, Kerala
2.	Biju K.S.	Chief Labour Officer
3.	A. Jayashankar	Lawyer
4.	Irfan Alam	Founder, Sammaan Foundation

Begin like

Good morning,

I am extremely happy to

18. Prepare four points against the topic “Development is more important than environment.”
[Hint : The need to protect environment.]
19. Prepare the profile of Mother Teresa using the given hints.

<u>Mother Teresa</u>	
Born	: 26 August 1910, Skopje, North Macedonia
Full name	: Anjeze Gonxhe Bojaxhiu
Known as	: Mother Teresa
Awards	: Nobel Peace Prize (1979) Bharat Ratna, Order of the Smile etc.
Organizations founded	: Missionaries of Charity, Kalighat Home for the Dying etc.
Died	: 5 September 1997, Kolkata

PART – IV

Questions 20-26. Answer any 5. Each carries 6 scores.

(5 × 6 = 30)

20. Write a brief review of Robert Frost’s “Mending Wall”
[Hints : Two neighbours – meet every spring to mend – the stone wall – its importance – Repairing the division – the need – mending human relationship – stylistic aspects]
21. Write a letter to the editor of a newspaper regarding your concern over the increase of drug abuse among youngsters.
[Hints : Instances from your locality – school students as drug carriers – increase in crime rate – antisocial elements – health issues etc.]
22. Imagine that you are greatly inspired by the environmental related activities of Wangari Maathai. Draft an email to congratulate on her achievements. Invite her to your school too.
[Hints : Green Belt Movement – how it changed the environment and nature – won Nobel Prize – First African woman to win it – etc.]

23. Imagine that you are going to interview Christine Lagarde, the first woman to become the head of the International Monetary Fund. Prepare three questions and possible answers.
24. A seminar was conducted in your school on the topic “Women Empowerment : The Challenges in India.” as per the following programme chart. Read it carefully and prepare a report of the seminar.

VIDYANIKETHAN HIGHER SECONDARY SCHOOL	
KASARAGOD	
	Date : 20.12.2022
Venue	: Seminar Hall
Time	: 10 am
Programme Prayer	: School Choir
Welcome Speech	: Smt. Bindu G.K. (Principal)
Presidential Address	: Sri. Muneer. M. (Standing Committee Chairman)
Inaugural Address	: Smt. Bhandari Swagat Raveerchand, IAS (Collector)
Keynote Address	: Vandana Shiva (Eco-rights activist)
Felicitation	: Smt. Diana M. (MPTA) Sri. Jayashanker (PTA Member) Anu V. (Teacher)
Vote of Thanks	: Reetha T.P. (Staff Secretary)
All are Welcome	

25. Imagine Robert Baldwin becomes the President of the Third Nationals. What would be the newspaper report about it ?

26. Sudha Murthy went back to her hometown after getting a new job. She visited her grandfather and they talked about Ratna. Write the possible conversations that took place between them. (Six exchanges)

PART – V

Questions 27-29. Answer any 2. Each carries 8 Scores.

(2 × 8 = 16)

27. Write an essay on “The challenges faced by Women in India”.
[Hints : Gender discrimination, harassment, sexual abuse, lack of education, dowry, safety issues at work places etc.]
28. Imagine Irfan Alam visits your school to inaugurate the Career Guidance Club of your school. Draft a speech for him to be delivered on this occasion.
[Hints : Life story – How I started to work with rickshaw pullers – Founded Sammaan in 2007 – how it worked – social entrepreneurship, etc.]
29. Read the following advertisement.

AI INTERNATIONAL

13, Colaba, Mumbai – 3

Require Accountants

The leading Logistics Company invites application from Eligible candidates for Accountants (3 Nos.)

Eligibility : B.Com with First Class

Computer Skill

Excellent Communication Skill

Age : Below 30 yrs.

Imagine that you are a B.Com graduate and would like to apply for the post. Prepare a job application letter and resume.

