

Reg. No. :

FY-261

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FIRST YEAR HIGHER SECONDARY EXAMINATION, SEPTEMBER 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.

(Question Nos. 1 – 16) Answer all questions. Each question carries 1 Score. (16 × 1 = 16)

Read the passage given below and answer the questions that follow :

'He waited a moment in surprise, wondering why she did not come nearer, and then maddened by hunger, he dived at the fish'.

1. Who is the 'he' referred to here ?

- The young seagull
- his brother
- his mother

2. The young seagull became mad by _____.

[hunger, happiness, energy)

3. Why didn't the mother seagull come near to the young one ?

- She wanted to teach him flight.
- She didn't love him.
- She was angry at him.

4. The opposite of the word near is _____.

[fast, away, close]

5. The meaning of the word dive is _____.

[jump, walk, sit]

Fill in the blanks using appropriate words or phrases from the ones given in brackets.

6. Cycling is a good exercise. _____, it helps you to save money.

[however, moreover, therefore]

7. You should study well. _____, you cannot score good marks.

[in contrast, otherwise, consequently]

8. If you read books, _____.

- You will get more information.
- You would get more information.
- You would have got more information.

9. He sat _____ the chair. [on, it, at]

10. The cat was hiding _____ the table.

[under, of, from]

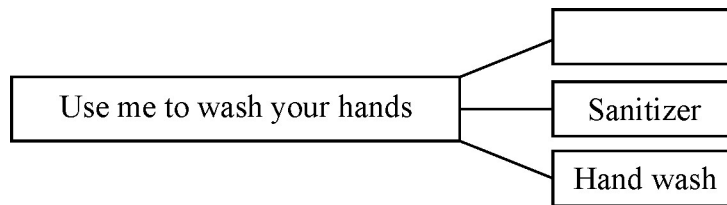
Read the passage given below and answer the questions that follow.

‘Standard recommendations to protect from Covid 19 infection include regular hand washing, Wearing of masks, avoid close contact with any one showing symptoms like coughing and sneezing and keeping social distance.

11. Write any common symptom of Covid 19.

12. Write any standard recommendation to protect from Covid 19.

13. Fill in the box given below :



Read the following lines from ‘Death the Leveller’ and answer the questions that follow.

‘THE glories of our blood and state
Are shadows, not substantial things;
There is no armour against Fate;
Death lays his icy hands on kings :’

14. Which word indicates the cold blooded nature of death ?

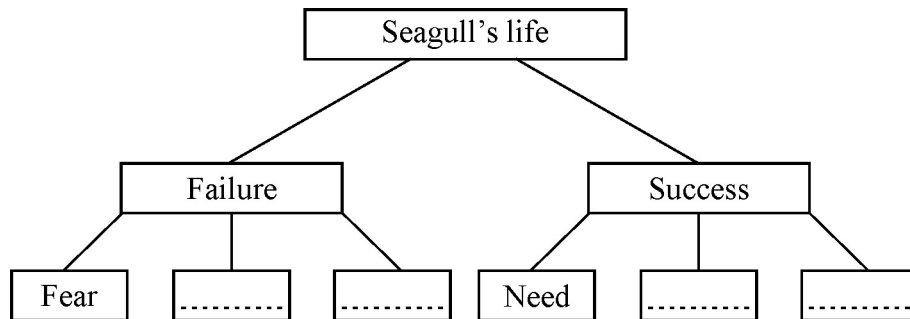
15. Who is the poet ? [James Shirley, Rudyard Kipling, Frost]

16. What does death do on kings ?

(Question Nos. 17 – 25) Answer any 4 questions. Each question carries 4 Scores.

(4 × 4 = 16)

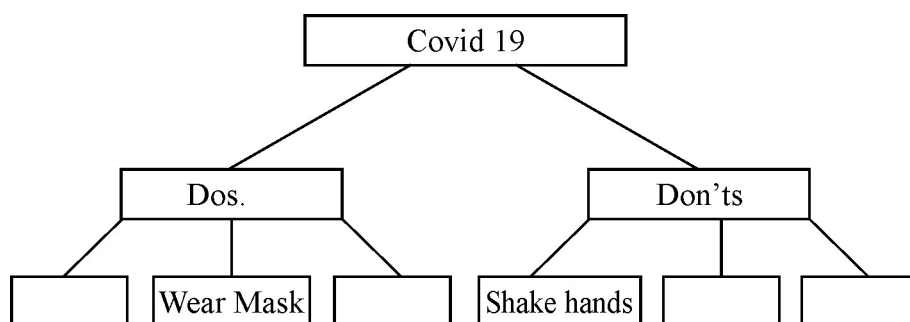
17. Complete the tree diagram given below.



18. Fill in the blanks with the correct word given in the brackets.

‘The question (a) (was/is) from a teenager who (b) (has/had) come from a far away village. He (c) (was/were) nervous and a typical representative (d) (of/on) the youth of India.

19. Complete the tree diagram given below.



20. A debate was conducted in your class on the topic ‘dowry system; a curse’. Some students are against dowry system and some support it. You are against dowry system. Write four points.

For	Against
• Dowry helps the boy to get a lot of money.	•
• Dowry helps to make good relationship.	•
• Dowry helps the marriage easy.	•
• Dowry makes the boy rich.	•

21. ‘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 impostors just the same:’

These lines are taken from Rudyard Kipling’s, poem ‘IF’. What is the message conveyed through these lines ?

22. ‘I shall work for an India in which the poorest shall feel that it is their country, in whose making they have an effective voice... This is an India of my dreams.’

What was the India of Gandhiji’s dream ?

23. Complete the following conversation.

Teacher : Where is Raju ?

You : Sir, he

Teacher : Why is he absent ?

You : Sir, he

Teacher : Tell him to

You :

24. Make 4 wall notices to put up on the school library walls.

(a)

Don't put Wastes Here
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(b)

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(c)

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(d)

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25. Fill in the blanks by choosing the correct alternative from the brackets.

- (a) Neither of us _____ (likes, like) coffee.
- (b) The boy, along with the tourists, _____ (has, have) gone.
- (c) Five miles _____ (are/is) not a short distance.
- (d) Every one of you _____ (has/have) to attend the meeting.

(Question Nos. 26 – 33) Answer any 4 questions. Each question carries 5 Scores.

(4 × 5 = 20)

26. The details of Sri M.T. Vasudevan Nair's life are given below. Using them prepare a profile.

M.T. VASUDEVAN NAIR	
Born	– On 9 th August 1933, Kudallur.
Wife	– Saraswathi
Awards	– Padma Bhushan, Jnanapith Award, Kerala Sahitya Academy Award.
Education	– Government Victoria College; Palakkad.
Occupation	– Novelist, Short story Writer, Screen play Writer, Film Director.
Notable works	– Naalukettu, Randamoozham, Manju, Asuravithu.

27. Read the programme notice given below and write a report of the programme.

ABLE PUBLIC SCHOOL

NOTICE

INAUGURATION OF ENGLISH CLUB

Date :

The inauguration of the English Club of the school by the Educational Minister, Sri V. Sivankutty is going to be held on 30th October, 2021 in the school auditorium at 2 PM.

All are invited to attend the programme.

Sd/-

Secretary

English Club.

PROGRAMME

- Prayer : School Choir
Welcome Speech : Secretary, English Club
Presidential Address : Principal
Inauguration : Sri V. Sivankutty, Educational Minister
Felicitations : School leader, P.T.A. President.
Vote of Thanks : School Leader.

NATIONAL ANTHEM

28. These are some traits of Maggie in the story 'Price of Flowers'. Write a character sketch of Maggie using these traits.

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| <ul style="list-style-type: none">• A teenage girl• With large eyes• Very beautiful• Hard working | <ul style="list-style-type: none">• disciplined• polite manners• caring of others• sincere• confident• loves her family |
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29. There is a very beautiful park with a lot of trees, plants and flowers near your home. Introduce the beauty of this place in a short paragraph. You may begin like this.

Hai friends; I am Ravi. I would like to speak about a beautiful park near my home. This park.

30. Your friend has become ill by Covid 19. Give him five pieces of advice. You may begin like this.

- You should
- You shouldn't
- You must
- You have to
- You had better

31. After reading the story 'The Serang of Ranaganji', you decided to write a letter to Hasan to thank him for serving the sick people. Write the likely letter.

32. 'He uttered a low cackle. His mother cackled too, and looked at him.'

It is clear that mothers love their children more than everything on this earth. Write a paragraph on the love of a mother to her child.

[Hints : Mother avoid sleep to make her child sleep. Sacrifices all goodness and well being for the sake of her children. Mother's love is innocent and sincere.]

33. Explain the idea conveyed by the following lines of the poem 'Death the Leveller', by James Shirley.

'Your heads must come

To the cold tomb;

Only the actions of the just

Smell sweet and blossom in their dust'.

[tomb = A pit for burying the dead
just = good actions and deeds
dust = soil in the grave yard.]

(Question Nos. 34 – 38) Answer any 2 questions. Each question carries 6 Scores.

(2 × 6 = 12)

34. Some of the traits of Hasan, the Serang of Ranaganji ship, is given below. Write a character sketch by using these traits.

• Hasan is a middle aged man • He had no friends or family • He was a Muslim by religion • He was not greedy • He didn't love money making • He was hard working, sincere, caring, innocent and kind hearted.

35. The details of A.J. Cronin's life are given below. Using them prepare a profile.

A.J. CRONIN		
Born	–	On 19 th July 1896, Scotland.
Wife	–	Agnes Gibson
Award	–	National Book Award
Education	–	University of Glasgov
Occupation	–	Doctor in Royal Navy, Novelist, Short story Writer
Notable works	–	The Citadel, The Green years, The Judas Tree...
Died	–	On 6 th January, 1981

36. The famous film actor Mammotty is coming to your school. You want to interview him. Prepare three questions to ask him and the likely responses.

You may ask about his ambition, career, experiences etc.

Eg : - You : Sir, what made you to the world of films ?

37. You are attending your classes on T.V. or on your mobile phones. Write three advantages and disadvantages of online classes.

Eg : Advantages

- We can attend online classes from all places.
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Disadvantages

- We cannot attend the class if there is no internet.
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38. After reading the anecdote 'The Serang of Ranaganji, you want to know more about Hasan. Write an E-mail to A.J. Cronin to give you a detailed description of Hasan's story.

(Question Nos. 39 – 43) Answer any 2 questions. Each question carries 8 Scores.

(2 × 8 = 16)

39. Hard-work, Confidence, Perseverance and Sincerity are the four pillars behind most of the successful persons. Prepare a speech on this to deliver in the school assembly. You may begin, Dear friends,

[Hints : All successful persons are hard working. – They had immense belief in themselves – they faced everything with courage – they continued their hard-work without stopping on the way – They worked with passion for success and sincerity. They had a great ambition to succeed – They kept alive when all other were sleeping.]

40. During your school vacation you got a chance to visit Ootty on a one day tour programme. Prepare a travel essay on the experiences you had in the tour. You may include the details like,

[Hint : We travelled by a tourist bus – Ootty is 100 kms away from my home – The climate is very dry and cold in Ootty – it is famous for flowers and vegetables – We can eat fresh carrot and different fruits – The Ootty flower garden is a vast and unique botanical garden in India – We cannot forget this trip.]

41. Write a critical appreciation of the poem 'Death the Leveller' by James Shirley.

[Hints : Glories of blood and state are shadows – there is no armour against death – Death takes all including kings – All are equal before death – All are laid equally in the grave yard – All people, irrespective of their rank and reputations have to stoop before death – No boasting nor any wealth can save us from death – only the actions of the just and sweet stand in the memory of people. All other will be mixed with dust and mud.]

42. You have read the travel essay 'the Sacred Turtles of Kadava'. There the women of Namuana village are calling the turtles by chanting a strange song. Write a report of the turtle calling incident to send it to a newspaper. You may include details like,

[Women of Namuana village dressed in black – chanting strange song from the seashore – Large turtles come to the surface of the sea water – Believed that they are the off-springs of Tinaicoboga the princess and Raundalice her daughter – Turtles do not appear if anybody other than the women of Namuana village calls them.]

43. Gandhiji dreamt an India in which women will enjoy the same right as men. However, women are not given equal status with men still now. Attacks and harassments against women are increasing day by day. Dowry system poses a serious threat against women. Write a letter to the editor of a newspaper highlighting the need of stopping the attacks and abolition of dowry system immediately. You may begin.

[Hints : I am very much shocked to see that the attacks and harassment towards women are on its peak – we have to consider women as the better halves of the society – They have the equal rights as men have – Dowry system is another curse – Any money or wealth given to the boy at the time of marriage should be abolished – Dowry makes a lot of problems in many families – The family of the boy always harasses the girl to get more dowry – Love, not dowry, should be the base of family.]
