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July 2017

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## First Year Higher Secondary Improvement Examination

Part - I

ENGLISH

Maximum : 80 Scores

Time : 2½ Hours

Cool off time : 15 Minutes

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**(Q. 1 to 3) :** Read the following excerpt from the story, 'His First Flight' and answer the following questions.

"He waited a moment in surprise, wondering why she did not come nearer, and then, maddened by hunger, he dived at the fish. With a loud scream, he fell outwards and downwards into space. His mother had swooped upwards. As he passed beneath her, he heard the swish of her wings".

1. Who waited in surprise? (1)
2. What made him fly? (1)
3. What is your impression on the reaction of the mother bird? (2)

4. Your school IT club is conducting a debate on "Merits and Demerits of Information Technology". Write four arguments on the demerits of 'Information Technology'. (4)
5. Read the following dialogue. There are four errors in it. Identify them and make the necessary corrections.
- Babu : Liju, we go for a picnic?
- Liju : I'm sorry, we go for a film. If you informed me in the morning I would not have fix the film. If we have any change in the programme I call you immediately. (4 × 1 = 4)
6. In the story, 'The Serang of Ranaganji' Hasan proved to be the most useful person in the ship. Imagine that you were one of the passengers of the ship and were highly moved by his selfless service to the passengers. Later you decide to send him an e-mail to congratulate him. Prepare the script of the e-mail. (5)
7. Read the following excerpt from 'The Price of Flowers' and rewrite it into reported speech.
- "Shall I call you Miss Clifford or Alice"? He asked. "I am not grown up yet. You may call me what you like. I'm usually called Maggie" she laughed. (4)
8. Imagine that you are the captain of the ship The Titanic. Prepare an introductory speech to be delivered to the passengers of the ship before the commencement of the journey. (4)

9. Read the following essay and write a precis reducing the passage to 1/3<sup>rd</sup> of its length.

It is physically impossible for a well educated, intellectual or brave man to make money the chief object of his thoughts just as it is for him to make his dinner the principal object of them. All healthy people like their dinners, but their dinner is not the main object of their lives. So all healthy minded people like making money, ought to like it and enjoy the sensation of winning it; it is something better than money.

A good soldier, for instance, mainly wishes to do his fighting well. He is glad of his pay—very properly so and justly grumbles when you keep him ten years without it—till, his main mission of life is to win battles, not to be paid for winning them. So of clergymen. The clergyman's object is essentially baptize and preach not to be paid for preaching. So of doctors. They like fees no doubt—ought to like them; yet if they are brave and well-educated the entire object to their lives is not fees. They on the whole, desire to cure the sick; and if they are good doctors and the choice were fairly to them, would rather cure their patient and lose their fee than kill him and get it. And so with all the other brave and rightly trained men; their work is first, their fee second—very important always; but still second. (4)

10. Complete the following passage choosing the right words from the brackets.

(but, then, surely, Now, Again)

The view is superb; it is dark on the earth, **(a)**..... we are still in the light, and it is now past ten o'clock. **(b)**....., we begin to hear slight country noises, the double cry of the quail in particular, **(c)**..... the mewling of cats and the barking of dogs. **(d)**....., the dogs have scented the balloon; they have seen it and have given the alarm. (4 × 1 = 4)

11. Imagine that you were present at the time of the ritual of calling the turtles on the Fijian island. The following is the DO's and DONT's. We have to observe there and complete it suitably.

DO's
● Observe silence
● .....
● .....

DONT's
● Don't fish turtles here
● .....
● .....

(4)

12. You have read Jame's Shirley's poem, 'Death the Leveller'. Why is death called the leveller? Write your responses in two or three sentences. (3)

13. Helen Keller is a lady who proved to be unique fighting against her adversities and limitations. Prepare her profile using the hints given in the brackets.

(Hints : Birth – 1880 – Falls ill – Meningitis – Meets – Anne Sullivan – Adopts touch and feel method – Moves to New York (1888) – Graduates from Harvard University – Medal of freedom (1964) – Writes autobiography – Dies – 1968). (5)

14. "There can be no room in such an India for the curse of untouchability or the curse of intoxicating drinks and drugs. Women will enjoy the same right as men. .... This is the India of my dreams". Gandhiji has said. Do you think that women enjoy the same right as men? Write a letter to the editor of an English Newspaper about your concern on 'The place of women in the society'. (6)

15. Prepare a travel essay about a place you visited recently.

(Hints : Physical features – major attractions – issues – personal impressions etc.). (6)

**OR**

Imagine that you are a travel guide in Ooty. Prepare the script of a short speech you will make to a group of foreign tourists.

(Hints : Greeting tourists – Welcoming – Describing location – Other details etc.). (Word limit is 80 – 100 words). (6)

**(Q. 16 to 18) :** Read the following lines from 'To Sleep' by William Wordsworth and answer the questions that follow.

Without Thee what is all the morning's wealth?

Come, blessed barrier between day and day,

Dear mother of fresh thoughts and joyous health!

16. Who is referred to as 'Thee'? (1)
17. Identify any two poetic devices used in the above lines. (2)
18. Write a short paragraph in about 50 words on the advantages of sleep. (4)
19. Read the following newspaper headlines.

Flood in Kashmir  
several people lost lives

Landslide in Idukki  
Roads washed away

Most of the disasters in India are due to the wrong methods of construction.

Prepare an article for your school magazine on the topic "Manmade Disasters". (Word limit is 100 – 120 words). (8)

20. Read the poem given below and write a note of appreciation.

**The Real Success**

*by Julie Herbert*

Real successes are made,  
Not dropped aside your door.  
They aren't a thought you made one night,  
While wishing upon a star.

Real successes are thought,  
To be given only the great.  
They think that they work just as hard,  
And they should have that fate.

Real successes are because,  
Of someone making it so.  
They fight for it and work real hard,  
To make their successes grow.

Real successes are envied,  
And rumoured on how they were made.  
People can be so jealous,  
And even want to betray.

But you know how real success,  
Are built with hard work and care.  
You've made your way to the top,  
I'm so proud to see you are there.

(8)






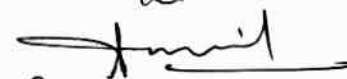
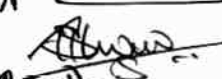



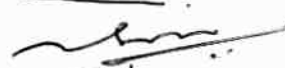
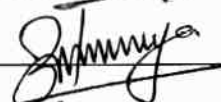

FIRST YEAR HIGHER SECONDARY IMPROVEMENT EXAMINATION JULY 2017

SUBJECT : ENGLISH

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Qn No	Sub Qns	Answer Key/Value Points	Score	Total
1		The young seagull	1	1
2		hunger / sight of food	1	1
3		Relevance of the sentence	1	2
		Grammatical accuracy	1	
4		For each relevant point	1x4	4
5		shall we / can we, we are going, had informed, would not have fixed, I shall call / I will call (Any four correct answers)	1x4	4
6		content language organisation of ideas (format preferred)	3 1 1	5
7		Report the conversation appropriately	4	4
8		Logical development of ideas Accuracy of language Comprehensiveness	2 1 1	4

Qn No	Sub Qns	Answer Key/Value Points	Score	Total
9.		Comprehensiveness Language Clarity (Title preferred, single paragraph)	2 1 1	4
10		a) but b) Now c) then d) surely	1x4	4
11		Any relevant expression	1x4	4
12		Comprehension Clarity and appropriate use of language (Title preferred)	2 1	3
13		Logical development of ideas Comprehensiveness Language (Title preferred)	3 1 1	5
14		Feelings and arguments Suggestions / opinion Language (Format preferred)	3 2 1	6
15		Description of physical features, major attractions issues etc Personal impressions Quality of language	3 2 1	6

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16		sleep	1	1
17		metaphor, personification, alliteration, oxymoron, rhyming words, assonance (Any two)	2	2
18		Comprehensiveness Proper communication of ideas Language	2 1 1	4
19		Comprehensiveness of the content Organization of ideas Sequencing Language	4 2 1 1	8
20		Comprehensiveness of the content Theme, poetic devices etc Originality Quality of language	4 2 1 1	8
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1. The rabbits in 'The Reason' have decided to conduct a dharna against man's cruelty towards them. Write two slogans that they can use in the dharna. (2)
2. Read the following passage from 'True Love'.  
The first girl arrived a week later, Milton's face turned red when he saw her. He spoke as though it were hard to do so. They were together a great deal and he paid no attention to me.  
'Let me take you to dinner', he said to her one day.  
On returning from the dinner, Milton Davidson makes a diary entry. What would he write? (6)
3. As a local newspaper reporter you came to know about the tragedy of Sir Mohan Lal in 'Karma'. You decided to prepare a detailed report for your newspaper. Now prepare the news report.  
(Hints : Sir Mohan travelling in a first class coupe – two drunken English soldiers – no seats – takes Sir Mohan to be an uneducated Indian – pushes him out of the train). (8)

4. Schweitzer sacrificed a lot of pleasures and good things of life by choosing to live and work for the poor patients in Africa. He was entirely different from the modern youth.

Write a paragraph comparing the attitude of modern youth with that of Albert Schweitzer. (5)

5. Imagine you will get a chance to interview the great Red Indian tribal leader Chief Seattle. Write four questions that you will ask him and the likely responses that you expect from him. (8)

6. Read the following lines from the poem, 'The Road not Taken'.

Two roads diverged in a yellow wood,  
And sorry I could not travel both  
And be one traveller, long I stood  
And looked down one as far as I could  
To where it bent in the undergrowth;  
Then took the other .....

says the poet in 'The Road not Taken'

If you were in the place of the poet, which road would you select? Why? Write your answer in two or three sentences. (3)

7. Jane in 'Pride and Prejudice' is very happy at the proposal of Bingley. She decides to share her happiness with her friend by writing a letter to her. Now write the letter for Jane. (6)

8. 'The Never-Never Nest' presents before us Jack and Jill who are addicts to hire purchase system. In fact they earn only about six pounds a week, but they need eight pounds to pay back their installments. It is quite sure that they will face serious financial crisis. There are many families living around us in the same situation.

As the president of the Residents Association of your area, you want to make the members aware of the menace of hire purchase system. Prepare the speech that you would deliver in the next meeting of the Association. (7)

9. "The government's forest policy is now being called a deforestation policy. There is much talk about environment, but no talk about afforestation," Vandana Shiva criticizes the policies of our governments.

How do you react to this comment? How can we protect our environment? Write a paragraph. (5)

10. Read the following lines from the poem 'Snow Dream' written by Ellen Pond.

I feel wet snow  
 on my cold, dry skin  
 as the darkness falls  
 to settle in.  
 The stars shine bright  
 to lead my way  
 through tall, snow covered trees  
 which bend and sway.  
 I know not where I came from  
 or where I will go,  
 while strange noises crunch  
 the new fallen snow.  
 I have no fear  
 of this strange, dark place  
 where sounds surround me  
 without a face.  
 The night goes on peacefully  
 dark and slow,  
 with all beauty shining  
 as a glistening glow.  
 I have been here before  
 though I know not when.  
 As sure as I know  
 I will be here again.

*(sway – to move slowly from side to side, crunch – make loud sound like the one that is made when you walk on small stones).*

Write a brief review of this comparing and contrasting with the poem, 'The Lake Isle of Innisfree' written by W. B. Yeats.

**(8)**

11. Mrs. Salmon went to the court to give witness against the murderer. There she found wall notices such as :

KEEP SILENCE
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Write two other wall notices that she might have found in and around the court. (2)

12. Read the following extract from 'The Gift of Language' :

"Some of the languages of India and English are members of this particular family, yet it is difficult to discover any important resemblance between, for example, Hindi and English".

Prepare a short write up on language families and the resemblance between Hindi and English.

(Hints : About 7000 languages – just as people are divided languages divided – do not necessarily resemble one another – Indo-European – resemblance obscured by changes). (6)

13. You visited Trichur, Malampuzha and Kodaikanal as per the following itinerary.

Day One : 6 am : Departure from school – 10 am : reach Trichur – Visit Zoo – Museum, Vadakkumnath Temple – 1 pm : Lunch – Resume journey to Malampuzha – 5.00 pm : reach Malampuzha – Visit dam, garden – 8 pm : Dinner and depart for Kodaikanal.

Day Two : 6 am : reach hotel SunRise at Kodaikanal – 8 am : breakfast – 9 am : sightseeing Coaker's Walk – Pillar Rock – Berijam Lake – Green Valley – 1 pm : Lunch – 2.30 pm : boating at Kodai Lake – 4.30 pm : Tea – 5 pm : Botanical Garden – 8 pm : return to school.

Now write a travelogue with the help of it mentioning your observations, feelings, experiences and impressions in about 150 words. (8)

14. "That evening my Chinese companion and I climbed into a minibus to go to dinner and a show, one which I had attended many times before. ...."
- Imagine you are the programme manager in that hotel. You are asked to prepare a notice of the show. Now prepare the notice. (6)

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**FIRST YEAR HIGHER SECONDARY EXAMINATION, MARCH/SEPTEMBER**

(Scheme of Valuation)

Subject: *Part I English (OS)*

Code No: 05 801

Qn.No	Scoring Indicators	Split Score	Total Score
1	Any two appropriate slogans	1+1	2
2	A few sentences related to the topic Personal feelings + reflection Language and style	Upto 2 4 6	6
3	<i>Expansion of the given hints</i> <del>A few sentences related to the topic</del> + title Sequencing of the ideas Style and presentation	Upto 2+1 6 8	8
4	A few sentences related to the topic Observations and analysis Language and style	Upto 2 4 5	5
5	Any four relevant questions with responses Organization of ideas Quality of Language and creativity	Upto 4 6 8	8
6	Two or three sentences related to the topic Language and organization	Upto 2 3	3
7	Format of a personal letter + essential details Personal feelings expressed and organization of ideas Language and style	Upto 2 4 6	6
8	Format of the speech with essential details Originality of ideas and logical presentation Language , use of discourse markers	Upto 4 6 8	8
9	Views expressed Originality of ideas and language	Upto 3 5	5
10	A brief summary of the poems Comparing and contrasting of the poems Review of the poem at multiple levels – theme, mood, tone, style etc	Upto 4 6 8	8



Subject: *Part I English*

Code No:



Qn.No	Scoring Indicators	Split Score	Total Score
11	Any two appropriate wall notices	1+1	2
12	Hints developed as sentences Comprehensiveness of the content Language and style	Upto 2 4 6	6
13	Expansion of the itinerary Reflections, observations, personal feelings Organization and quality of the language used	Upto 3 6 8	8
14	Factual description of the matter Clarity, brevity and language appropriateness	Upto 3 6	6

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**(Q. 1 to 3) :** Read the following excerpt from the story, 'His First Flight' and answer the questions that follow.

Somehow, when he had taken a little run forward to the brink of the ledge and attempted to flap his wings, he became afraid. The great expanse of sea stretched down beneath, and it was such a long way down—miles down. He felt certain that his wings would never support him;

1. Who is 'he' referred to here? (1)

2. Why was he afraid? (2)

3. How did he overcome his fear?  
(Hints : Mother's motivation – hunger). (3)

4. You are inspired by Dr. APJ Kalam's speech 'I Will Fly' and decide to communicate your thoughts to your friend. Draft an e-mail to your friend. (5)

5. Fill in the blanks choosing the right word from the box given below.

However, Otherwise

You should pass the Plus 1 examination this year. ....(a)..... you will have to answer the Improvement Examination next year. ....(b)..... you will be promoted to Plus 2 classes. (2)

- (Q. 6 to 8) :** The following lines are taken from poem 'If'. Read the lines 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 impostors just the same;

6. What, according to the poem are the two impostors in life? (2)
7. What is the poet's approach to dreams? (3)
8. Pick out one set of rhyming words in the above lines. (2)
9. Certain character traits are given below. Read them carefully and pick out those which suit Maggie and write a character sketch of Maggie in 'The Price Of Flowers'.  
Respectful, Proud, Caring, Lazy, Loving, Hard-working, Sincere, Humble, Arrogant. (5)
10. Imagine that you had a conversation with one of the passengers after the balloon ride. The following are some of the responses by the passenger. Read the answers and prepare their likely questions. (3)

You : .....(a).....?

Passenger : I enjoyed the ride very much. The view from the balloon was very beautiful.

You : .....(b).....?

Passenger : I was frightened in the beginning, but as it flew up, I enjoyed it.

You : .....(c).....?

Passenger : The Captain was very efficient and friendly. He also gave us necessary directions while landing.

11. As a reporter you visit the Namuana village to witness the ritual of calling turtles from the sea. Draft a live report of the ritual.

You may begin like this

Hello Dear Friends. It's now 10 am sharp and we are in the village of Namuana.....

(4)

(Q. 12 to 16) : Read the following passage and answer the questions that follow.

### BUTTERFLIES

Butterflies are some of the most interesting insects on the planet Earth. There are more than seventeen thousand different kinds of butterflies! Butterflies come in all shapes and sizes.

Butterflies go through four main stages of life. The first stage is the egg stage followed by the larva stage. As a larva, or caterpillar, the future butterfly eats as much as possible. After a few weeks, the caterpillar enters the next stage of its life, the chrysalis stage. In the chrysalis, the caterpillar will liquefy into a soup of living cells. Then, it will reorganize into a butterfly and the metamorphosis is complete. In later parts of the chrysalis stage, you can see the forming butterfly through the chrysalis.

When the butterfly emerges from the chrysalis, it pumps its wings to send blood through them, so that it can fly. Most butterflies only live a couple of weeks, just enough time to drink flower nectar and to mate. Some, like the Monarch Butterfly, however, may live many months.

12. How many different kinds of butterflies are there on the planet Earth? (2)
13. What are the four stages of life that butterflies go through? (2)
14. The opposite of the word 'later' is .....
- a) latter            b) earlier            c) after            d) easy (1)
15. Name the butterfly that lives for many months. (1)
16. Prepare a précis of the above passage 'Butterflies' reducing it to 1/3<sup>rd</sup> of its length. (4)
17. Imagine that Hassan in 'The Serang Of Ranaganji' is given a warm welcome in a meeting arranged by some of the passengers in the ship. Miss Jope-Smith feels sorry for having spoken ill of him and gives a speech at the function. Draft her speech at the function. (5)

**(Q. 18 and 19) :** The following lines are taken from the poem 'Death The Leveller'. Read the lines and answer the questions that follow.

Sceptre and Crown  
Must tumble down,  
And in the dust be equal made  
With the poor crooked scythe and spade.

18. What do 'Sceptre' and 'Crown' stands for? Identify the figure of speech used here. **(3)**
19. Mention the idea expressed in the above lines. **(3)**
20. You conducted a debate in your class 'Walking leads to Physical Wellness'. The first group has made the following arguments against the topic.
- Walking is not good for Health.
  - Walking is waste of time.
  - Walking on the road can be dangerous.
- Your group wants to argue against the points made. List three arguments 'For' the topic. **(3)**
21. Write a letter to the Editor of a newspaper about 'The Misuse of Mobile Phones by Teenagers'. **(6)**
22. Complete the following passage choosing the correct alternative given in brackets.
- Mohan and his brothers .....**(a)**.....(is, are) very rich. They .....**(b)**.....(has, have) more than two cars in their houses. They .....**(c)**.....(go, goes) on tour every three months. **(3)**
23. Imagine that you conducted a journey by bus from Thamarassery to Wayanad. Prepare a travel essay based on your journey. Include descriptions of physical features, scenic beauty, personal impressions etc. **(8)**
24. Write an appreciation of the poem, 'To Sleep' by William Wordsworth including details of poetic devices used.
- (Hints : Sonnet – Poet cannot sleep – Hears sounds of rivers, bees etc. – Ends in a note of hope and prayer).** **(7)**



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FIRST YEAR HIGHER SECONDARY EXAMINATION, MARCH/ SEPT. 2017...  
(Scheme of Valuation)

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Subject: ENGLISH

Code No: 861

Qn.No	Scoring Indicators	Split Score	Total Score
1.	The Young Sea gull	1	1
2.	Relevance of the response	1	2
	Clarity of the idea presented	1	
3.	Relevance of the sentences	1	3
	Quoting incidents from the story	1	
	Grammatical Accuracy	1	
4	Completeness of the Content	2	5
	Organization, layout and legibility	2	
	Originality	1	
5	Otherwise	1	2
	However	1	
6	Triumph and Disaster	2	2
7	Relevance of the response	2	3
	Clarity of the idea expressed	1	

Qn.No	Scoring Indicators	Split Score	Total Score
8	Master - Disaster Ain. - Same	2	2
9	Relevance of the traits recognized Comprehensiveness of the character sketch Appropriateness of the expressions used and language	2 2 1	5
10	Relevance of the questions	1x3	3
11	Sufficient and relevant information presented Logical presentation Appropriateness of language	2 1 1	4
12	More than seventeen thousand	2	2
13	Egg stage, Larva & Caterpillar, Chrysalis stage and Butterfly	2	2
14	Earlier	1	1
15	Monarch Butterfly	1	1

Qn.No	Scoring Indicators	Split Score	Total Score
16	Relevance and Comprehensiveness of the ideas presented Logical presentation Appropriateness of language	2 1 1	4
17	Comprehensiveness Logical presentation Appropriateness of language and expressions	2 2 1	5
18	Authority, power / king Metonymy	2 1	3
19	Appropriateness of the response Appropriateness of language	2 1	3
20	Appropriateness of the responses	1 x 3	3
21	Completeness of the content Organization, layout and legibility Originality	2 2 2	6



Qn.No	Scoring Indicators	Split Score	Total Score
22	Are Have Go	1 1 1	3
23	Comprehensiveness of the presentation of physical features, scenic beauty, personal impressions Creativity Appropriateness of the language	4 2 2	8
24	Comprehensiveness of the content Relevance of the content (theme, poetic devices etc) Originality Use of appropriate language elements	4 2 1	7