

General Instructions to Candidates:

- Read the questions carefully before answering.
- Maximum time allowed is 2 hours 45 minutes including cool-off time.
- First 15 minutes is cool-off time, during which the candidate should neither write answers nor have discussion with others.
- All the questions are compulsory and only internal choices are allowed.
- In the case of questions having internal choice only the sub-questions of the same question should be answered.

1. Vera in 'The Open Window' has played a prank on Mr. Nuttel. Do you think that her attitude is justifiable? Write your personal opinion in two sentences. You may use the following expressions:

I think, As far as I am concerned., I don't think..., Personally Speaking **3 Score**

2. "I sat with my ears and neck burning, hearing the pupils whisper about me, hating myself, hating them." If you meet Richard Wright at this stage, what piece of advice would you give him?

Write two pieces of advice that you may give him. Make use of the following structures:

... had better ..., If I were you, ...should.... **2 scores**

3. You are familiar with Abraham Lincoln's poem 'A Nice Citizen'. He tells what the process of education is and how a child is to be moulded into a nice citizen. What concept of education do you have? Try to define it in two sentences of your own. **2 Score**

4. Suppose that Masha and Ivan Dmitritch have won a huge amount of money in a lottery. Certain reporters surround Ivan Dmitritch and ask what he is going to do with the money. If you were Ivan Dmitritch, how would you present your plans? Write any four plans that you may have , using the expressions given under :

I think I will..... I am going to Maybe I will, I am thinking of **4 Score**

5. The Oratory club of your school is organising a debate on 'Modern Medicine, The only scientific stream of medicine'. Those who spoke for the topic presented the following arguments



supporting	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> · It is based on scientific principles. · It is experimented and proved · It is validated by scientific principles. · It is standardised.
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If you were to speak against the topic, what points would you use? List four points.

4 Score

6. You are the secretary of the Science club in your school. In connection with the International Space Day, the club is planning to organise a seminar on 'Space Mission', commemorating the contributions of Kalpana Chawla in special.

- a) On the eve of the programme you plan to convene a press conference. Prepare a press release in about 80 words to be distributed there.

Press Release	 Science Club Holy Spirit HSS, Peckham 
	Date : *****

OR

- b) Prepare a programme notice inviting students and teachers to the seminar. **5 Score**

7. *“People from distant lands came to see him. They stood stunned with surprise at his long nose. Some touched it too.”* Imagine that you also visited the long-nosed one. One of your friends asks you to describe the long-nosed one. How would you describe him? Use as much details as possible. **6 Score**

8. Read the following poem

Fame is a Fickle Food

Fame is a fickle food
 Upon a shifting plate
 Whose table once a
 Guest but not
 The second time is set
 Whose crumbs the crows inspect
 And with ironic caw
 Flap past it to the
 Farmer's corn
 Men eat of it and die.

- Emily Dickinson

Prepare a review of the poem comparing and contrasting it with 'The Patriot'. Comment on its theme, relevance, tone, mood, rhythm and style. Write the review in about 100 words.

8 score

9. *“Her own mis-spelled postcards breathed a happiness she had never known before - and ended invariably with a glowing account of how well the country suited Michael.”*
 Imagine that you are Rose Donegan who is living with the Carrolls. If you send a letter to Dr. Cronin, what will you write? Prepare the letter that you may send him.

7 Score

10. a) *"Everybody is out to abuse and rape the country. Nobody thinks of feeding the system. Our conscience is mortgaged to money."*

You are inspired by the words of Kalam and feel the urge to pass this message to your friends. You decide to deliver a speech in the school assembly next day on the significance of civic sense. Prepare the speech in about 120 words.

OR

b) *'The Lottery Ticket', 'Middle Age' and 'The Dear Departed'* deal with hypocrisy and selfishness in family relationships. Imagine that you are the editor of a famous news paper. You decide to make the public aware of the consumerist culture and selfishness that adversely affect many relations and ruin the concept of family in general. Prepare the Editorial.

8 Score

11. *King:[to the second neighbour] take your dog home now, and on your way out, call in at the palace kitchen and tell the cook to give you a bone for him – but not a chicken bone..*

The second neighbour approaches the palace cook as directed by the King. He tells the cook about the King's direction and the cook asks why he has come to the palace. He tells the cook about the dog dispute and how he got justice. Develop a conversation between the cook and the second neighbour in the context mentioned above. There should be six exchanges.

6 Score

12. Your class is bringing out a manuscript magazine titled *'24 Frames'* to introduce the renowned film makers. You would like to include a short profile of Charles Chaplin in the magazine. Prepare a short biographical sketch using the hints given below.

Name : Charles Spencer Chaplin

Date of Birth : 16th April, 1889

Place of Birth: Walworth, London, England, UK

Parents : Charles and Hannah, both music hall performers

Features : most recognized as an icon of the silent film era - his popular "Little Tramp" character – Toothbrush moustache, bowler hat, bamboo cane, and a funny walk

Family : Financially not sound. Charlie and his half-brother, Syd Chaplin , spent lives in and out of charity homes and workhouses- insane mother

Career : Began his official acting career at the age of eight - life and career full of scandal and controversy- The Great Dictator (1940), his first "talkie", created a stir - earned five Academy Award Nominations - married four times - a total of 11 children- In 1972, honoured with an Academy Award for his incalculable effect in making motion pictures the art form of the century."- authored two autobiographical books, 'My Autobiography' (1964), its companion volume, 'My Life in Pictures' (1974)-Chaplin died of natural causes on December 25, 1977

6 Score

13. *...but you need them all the same,*

And badly too, so

That when left alone, you touch their

Books and things, and

Weep a little secretly.....

Suppose you are the mother whose love is rejected. You would like to record the feelings in the personal diary. Draft the diary note.

6 Score

14. The following extract contains a few errors. Edit and correct the errors.

Abel : I'll trouble you for another cup of tea, 'Melia, two lumps and plenty off milk.

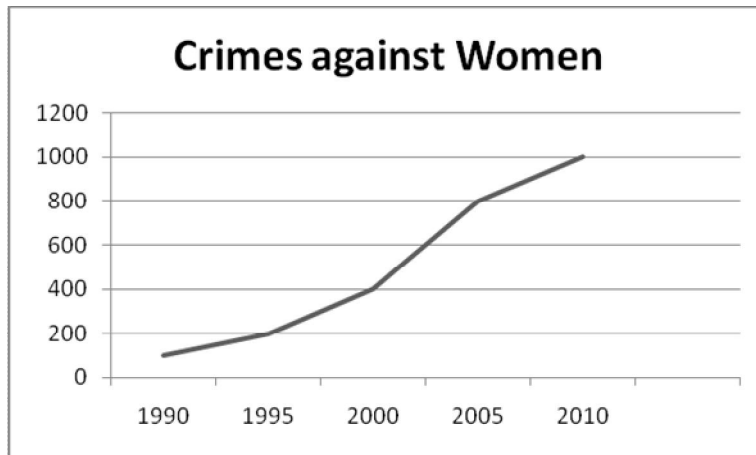
Mrs. Slater : With pleasure Grandfather (she pours out the tea)

Abel : I don't want to be hard on anyone. I'll tell you what I'm going to do. Since your mother has died, I've lived part of the time with you, 'Melia, and part with you, Lizzie.

Well, I shall make a new will , living all my bits of things to whoever I'm living with when I died. How do that strike you?

5 Score

15. The following chart gives details of crimes against women in our state over the past few years. Study the chart carefully and prepare a report on the increasing rate of crimes against women, highlighting the social and moral problems arising out of it. Your report may not exceed 80 words.



8 score
