

Code No. 7001

For Scheme-I & Scheme-II Candidates

Second Year – March 2015

Time : 2½ Hours
Cool-off time : 15 Minutes

Part – I

ENGLISH

Maximum : 80 Scores

General Instructions to Candidates :

- There is a 'cool-off time' of 15 minutes in addition to the writing time of 2½ hrs.
- You are not allowed to write your answers nor to discuss anything with others during the 'cool-off time'.
- Read questions carefully before answering.
- All questions are compulsory and only internal choice is allowed.
- When you select a question, all the sub-questions must be answered from the same question itself.
- Electronic devices except non-programmable calculators are not allowed in the Examination Hall.

1. Richard Wright's 'Oh ! Public Performance' brings out his nervousness and fear on the first day at the new school. Imagine that on returning home, Richard Wright narrated to his mother all that had happened in the class. His mother gave some advice to overcome nervousness and stage fright. Write two pieces of advice she would have given him. You may use expressions like, 'You should.....', 'You ought to....' etc. (Scores : 2)

2. Kalpana Chawla often said, "If the boys can do it, then why can't I ?". What was her dream ? Did she accomplish it ? Do you have any such dream ? What do you want to become in your life ? Write in a short paragraph. (Scores : 5)

3. In the essay "On Viewing the Television" David Considine says that television can develop in children "the ability to think critically about the composition of the picture, enhancing their ability to read words and worlds".
Write a paragraph of about 60 words on the impact of television to develop a new type of visual literacy among the young generation. (Hints : visual images are read – critical viewing – integrating diverse shots into a whole image, etc.) (Scores : 6)

4. Given below are few facts on Dr. A.P.J. Abdul Kalam, former President of India. Prepare a profile of him in about 50 words.

Birth	:	15 Oct 1937
Place	:	Rameshwaram, Tamil Nadu
Academic Specialization	:	Aeronautical Engineering
Careers at	:	DRDO, ISRO, Scientific Advisor to Defence Minister
Other Roles	:	Principal Scientific Advisor to Govt. of India. Professor of Technology, Anna University.
Achievements	:	Writer, thinker, visionary, educationist etc.
Honours	:	Padma Bhushan (1981) Padma Vibhushan (1990) Bharat Ratna (1997) President of India (2002-07)

(Scores : 5)

Questions 5-7 : Read the following extract from 'The Lottery Ticket'.

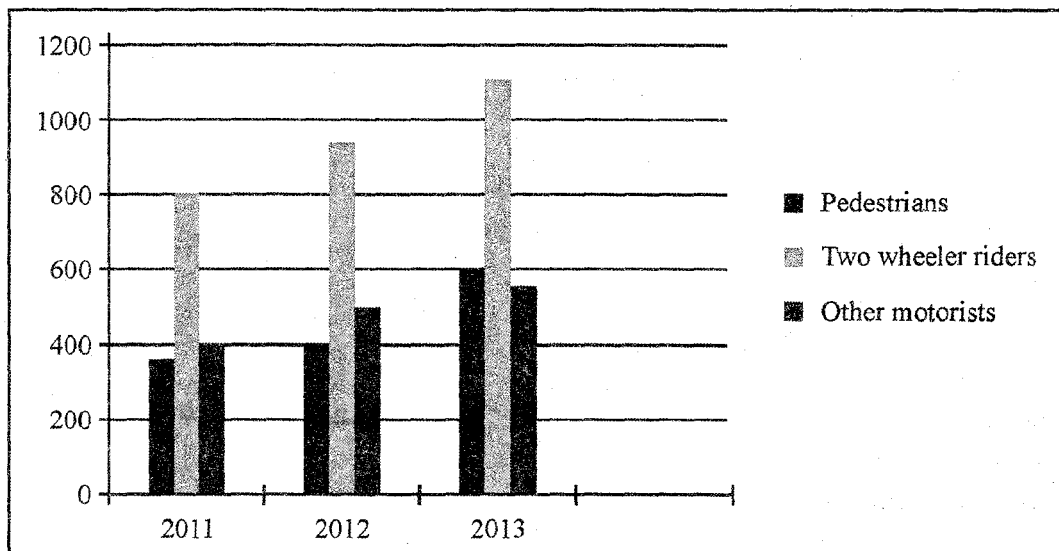
"And if we have won", he said, 'why, it will be a new life, it will be transformation ! The ticket is yours, but if it were mine I should, first of all, of course, spend twenty five thousand on real property in the shape of an estate; ten thousand on immediate expenses, new furnishing....travelling....paying debts, and so on..... The other forty thousand I would put in the bank and get interest on it."

5. Imagine that you won a lottery last year and spent it by now. Express in your words how you have spent the money (four sentences). (Scores : 4)
6. Write your opinion on the practice of 'lottery tickets' in two sentences. (Scores : 2)
7. What is Dmitritch's plan as expressed in the last sentence ? (Score : 1)
8. In Abraham Lincoln's letter to his son's teacher, Lincoln lists down his views on an ideal student. Read the views of Lincoln and those of the present generation listed below :

Lincoln's view	Views of the present generation
Students have strong faith in their own ideas	Most have no faith in their own ideas
Accept failure	Do not accept failure
Do not cheat others	Do not tolerate others
They are gentle with the gentle	Follow the crowd

Write four sentences comparing the views of Lincoln and those of the present generation using expressions like 'but', 'while', 'though', 'whereas'..... (Scores : 4)

9. Not a single day passes in our State without reports of road accidents. A considerable number of people are killed on our roads. Given below is a graph which shows the number of people killed in accidents during the last three years. Study the graph and prepare a write-up in about 100 words on road accidents. (Scores : 8)



10. The poem 'Middle Age' tells the painful experiences of a mother. Imagine a day in her life where her son left home disobeying his mother. She was greatly shocked and pained by her son's behaviour. Write a diary entry for her describing her painful experience on that day. (Scores : 5)
11. The new King in 'The King Who Limped' decides to write a notice to summon the palace officials to attend an urgent meeting. Draft the notice including the relevant details like venue, time, etc. (Scores : 5)
12. Here is a programme chart of a seminar conducted in a Higher Secondary School on 'Campus Politics'.

Programme	
Venue : Auditorium	Time : 10 a.m.
Session – I	
Welcome	: Aswin Nath (School Leader)
Inaugural Address	: K.R. Ramachandran (MLA)
Presidential Address	: L. Lathika (School Principal)
Felicitations	: P.K. Shyamkumar (PTA President)
	: C.R. Beena (Grama Panchayat Member)
	: Prof. George Thomas (Political thinker and Activist-Resource Person)
Vote of thanks	: Master Ashik Ali
Session – II	
Time : 11.30 a.m.	
Paper presentation	: (i) Chitra T.N. (teacher)
	(ii) Master Manu Mohan
	(iii) Kumari Anu Gopan
Question session	:
<i>All are welcome</i>	

Prepare a report of the seminar to be included in the school magazine in about 80 words. (Scores : 6)

13. You have read 'An Irish Rose', a story of a young girl who sacrificed her life for an eight month old brother. Given below is an extract taken from a biographical note on A.J. Cronin, the author. It contains a few mistakes. Correct them.

A.J. Cronin (1896-1974) was a doctor by training. He practiced medicine on Wales and in London. It is while recovering of a breakdown in health that he write his first novel 'Hatter's Castle'. It was a big success.

(Scores : 4)

14. In the poem 'The Patriot', the patriot is shown the way to the scaffold. Before the day of his execution he is asked to make his last wish. What might be the last wish of the patriot ? Write his last wish in four sentences.

(Scores : 5)

15.

Film Show : The Kid

It has been decided to show the film 'The Kid' by Charlie Chaplin under the auspices of the School Film Club. The film portrays the adventures of a tramp and a small boy. It would be a delightful experience to all. All are requested to be present in the school auditorium at 2.30 pm on 11th January 2014.

Secretary

Film Club

As the Secretary of the Club you want to invite a famous media personality to inaugurate the programme. Draft an invitation letter to him/her in about 75 words.

(Scores : 6)

16. A few qualities of Framton Nuttel are listed below :

- Nervous
- Over credulous
- Always concerned of his illness
- Afraid of ghosts

Making use of the hints given prepare a character sketch of Nuttel in a short paragraph.

(Scores : 4)

17. Read the following poem by Alfred Tennyson

Home they brought her warrior dead;
She nor swooned, nor uttered cry;
All her maidens, watching, said,
'She must weep or she will die'.

Then they praised him, soft and low,
Called him worthy to be loved,
Truest friend and noblest foe;
Yet she neither spoke nor moved.

Stole a maiden from her place,
Lightly to the warrior stept,
Took the face-cloth from the face;
Yet she neither moved nor wept.

Rose a nurse of ninety years,
Set his child upon her knee-
Like summer tempest came her tears-
'Sweet my child, I live for thee'.

[The poem is about living sorrow, death and grief.

Warrior-skilled in war; swoon-faint; maidens-female attendants; foe-enemy;
stept-stepped, walked; tempest-wild wind.]

Prepare a note of appreciation of the poem in not more than 100 words commenting on the theme, mood, treatment, form and rhythm. You can compare it with either 'The Patriot', or 'Middle Age'.

(Scores : 8)