

# MID TERM EVALUATION 2011-12

## English

STD : IX

TIME 2 ½ HRS

TOTAL SCORE 80

- I. Read the following lines from the poem 'I am the People, the Mob' and answer the questions that follow:

I AM the people – the mob – the crowd – the mass.

Do you know that all the great work of the world is done through me?  
I am the workingman, the inventor, the maker of the world's food and clothes.

I am the audience that witnesses history. The Napoleons come from me and the Lincolns. They die.

And then I send forth more Napoleons and Lincolns.

I am the seed ground. I am a prairie that will stand for much plowing. Terrible storms pass over me.

I forget.

1. Who is the 'I' referred to in the lines? (1)
2. What roles does he play? (1)
3. What does 'more Napoleons and Lincolns' mean? (1)
4. What is the only weakness 'he' suffers from? (1)

- II. Read the following stanza of the poem 'To My Nanny' and answer the questions given:

Dear dotting sweetheart of my childhood,

Companion of my austere fate!

In the lone house deep in the wild wood

How patiently for me you wait.

Alone beside your window sitting

You wait for me and blame the clock,

While, in your wrinkled hands, your knitting

Fitfully falters to a stop.

5. Who is the speaker of the poem? (1)
6. How does the speaker describe Nanny? (1)
7. Where is the speaker's house situated? (1)
8. Why does Nanny 'blame the clock'? (1)

III. Read the following passage from the story, 'The Man who Knew too Much' and answer the questions that follow:

In pursuit of his ambition Private Quelch worked hard. We had to give him credit for that. He borrowed training manuals and stayed up late at night reading them. He badgered the instructors with questions. He drilled with enthusiasm. On route marches he was not only miraculously tireless but infuriated us all with his horrible heartiness. 'What about a song, chaps?' is not greeted politely at the end of thirty miles. His salute at the pay table was a model to behold. When officers were in sight he would swing his skinny arms and march to the canteen like a Guardsman.

9. What was Private Quelch's ambition? (1)
10. What did Private Quelch do to fulfill his ambition? (1)
11. What does the term 'miraculously tireless' imply? (1)
12. Why did the trainees feel angry with Private Quelch? (1)
13. Pick out a word from the passage that means 'to look at'. (1)
14. Read the sentences given below:

He borrowed training manuals.

To get the negative meaning of the sentence, we write it as:

He didn't borrow training manuals.

Now, change the following sentences into its negative form:

- a) He drilled with enthusiasm. (1)
- b) He badgered the instructors with questions. (1)

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

Animals, birds, trees and plants were all part of our life. We had cows, dogs and cats; all called by names. They were part of the family. I remember an incident concerning one of our dogs. We called him LaFayette. He was old and infirm and everyone thought he was about to die. He had almost lost all his hair and was always dozing in some corner of the house. One day he chanced upon the *lehyam* (ayurvedic medicine) kept out in the courtyard for sunning. Before anyone noticed it, he had lapped up the whole of it. My mother had got it prepared for my sister who was resting after delivery. In a couple of weeks, to everyone's surprise, the dog started growing shiny hair, and to regain his lost youth. A perfect testimony to the efficiency of the *lehyam*!

15. 'They were part of the family.' What does the speaker refer to here?
16. What according to you is the attitude of the writer towards animals?
17. Why did everyone think that the dog was about to die?
18. What happened to the *lehyam* the mother had prepared?

19. What, according to the writer, is the perfect testimony to the efficiency of the *lehyam*?
20. Answer any one of the following (7)
- A. The stories 'The Man who Knew Too Much' and 'The Resignation' highlight the theme 'Dignity of Labour'. Imagine you are asked to deliver a speech on 'Dignity of Labour' in your school assembly. Prepare a speech on the basis of the two stories in about 120 words. (Hints: introduction - hard working nature of the characters - Quelch: curious and over ambitious in nature - inquisitive - Fatehchand: obedient - humble - unquestioning -)
- A. The editorial 'Make the Right Choice' and the article 'Memories of a Dying River' highlight the need for protection of nature and natural resources. Do you agree to this statement? Prepare a short write-up expressing your views in about 120 words. (Hints: need for protecting the Earth - climate change - temperature rise - scarcity of drinking water - sand mining - energy scarcity - emission of chlorofluoro carbon - depletion of ozone layer - global warming)
21. The story 'The Man who knew too Much' opens up a debate that one should develop skills other than hard work to succeed in life. Do you agree to this? Substantiate your argument in not more than sixty words. Write a short **paragraph**. (5)
22. The Nature Club of your school has prepared a manuscript magazine titled 'The Dying Rivers of Kerala'. Imagine that you are the editor of the magazine. Draft an **editorial** for the magazine in not more than sixty words. (5)
23. The members of the Eco Club of your school plans to write a letter to the editor of a daily to make the public aware of the indiscriminate felling of trees for the expansion of roads in the city. Draft a **letter** highlighting the consequences of indiscriminate felling trees. (5)
24. The Princess reaches safely back at the palace. Florimund is eager to know where she has been. Attempt the likely **conversation** between the Princess and Florimund. Write at least 4 exchanges. (4)
25. The Eco Club of your school has produced a documentary film titled Dangers of Global Warming. The preview of the film is scheduled on November 14. Draft a **notice** giving the details. (5)
26. Your school is planning a rally to make the public aware of the Mulla Periyar issue. Prepare three **slogans** to be used in the rally. (3)

27. Read the details about RemyaMangalath. And help her to fill in the application form.(5)

RemyaMangalath is a student studying in ninth standard in ABC High school since 2006. The school is at Anna Nagar, Second Street and Remya stays with her uncle Samuel in Bapuji Nagar which is 50 kilometres away from the school. The journey to school is too tiresome for her. She discussed her problems with her teacher. She told her to apply for a short-stay home near the school. Remya is very happy. Samuel gave his mobile No: 944622818 to her. Remya has her student ID No: TD123423.

APPLICATION FORM:

Name :RemyaMangalath

Student ID : TD123423

House address : \_\_\_\_\_ a \_\_\_\_\_

Standard : \_\_\_\_\_ b \_\_\_\_\_

Name of the school: \_\_\_\_\_ c \_\_\_\_\_

How long have you been studying in the school? \_\_\_\_\_ d \_\_\_\_\_

Name of local guardian and contact details: \_\_\_\_\_ e \_\_\_\_\_

28. Some words are missing in the given passage. Choose appropriate words from the box and complete the passage. (6)

SLEEP

The National Sleep Foundation in / (a) United States says / (b) 7-9 hours of sleep daily is best for / (c) adult. Seven to nine hours / (d) sleep is good for memory, alertness, problem solving / (e) health. Getting too much sleep may not be good / (f) anyone.

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29. Complete the following conversation suitably. (5)

Sabu : It's long time since we met, \_\_\_\_\_ a \_\_\_\_\_ ?

Sanal : Yea, I've been away for quite some time.

Sabu : \_\_\_\_\_ b \_\_\_\_\_ ?

Sanal : I've been to Chennai.

Sabu : In your absence \_\_\_\_\_ c \_\_\_\_\_ ?

Sanal : My elder sister and her husband will take care of my parents.

Sabu : \_\_\_\_\_ d \_\_\_\_\_ ?

Sanal : I'll be here for a month

Sabu : You're planning to settle in Chennai, \_\_\_\_\_ e \_\_\_\_\_?  
 Sanal : Not yet decided so. Let's see.

30. Read the conversation and complete the sentences that follow: (2)

Sergeant (Have you got any training?)  
 Quelch (It's all a matter of intelligence.)

- a) Sergeant asked ( have you )  
 b) Quelch replied ( As usual )

31. Read the following passage and complete the given table suitably (4)

John is a doctor. He cares his patients well. He has a car. He visits his patients at their houses. He makes them comfortable. But some consider him insane. Nobody ever finds him idle. He always looks energetic.

Complements	Object complements
A doctor	Comfortable
c. ....	d. ....
e. ....	f. ....

32. Edit the following passage. (4)

The preparations for the execution completes. The executioners stepped aside. The sergeant was waiting by the signal from the captain. At a signal the sergeant would step aside and the plank upon which he stand would tilt and the condemned man would went down between two ties.