

FIRST TERM EVALUATION 2014 - 2015

Std. 10

English

Time : 2½ hrs.

Score : 80

Instructions:

- 15 minutes is given as cool-off time.
- This time is to be spent for reading the question paper.
- You are not supposed to write anything during the cool-off time.
- Attempt questions according to instructions.

Read the passage and answer the questions that follow.

Swami gave a lurid account of Samuel's violence; how when he started caning he would not stop till he saw blood on the boy's hand, which he made the boy press to his forehead like a vermilion marking. Swami hoped that with this his father would be made to see that he couldn't go to his class late. But Father's behaviour took an unexpected turn. He became excited. 'What do these teachers mean by beating our children? They must be driven out of service. I will see...' The result was that he proposed to send Swami late to his class as a kind of challenge. He was also going to send a letter with Swami to the headmaster. No amount of protest from Swami was of any avail.

1. What does swami say to prove Samuels violence? 1
2. Why did Swami say such stories of Samuel's violence to his father? 1
3. How did father respond to Swami's stories about Samuel? 1
4. Why did father decide to write a letter to the head master? 1
5. Pick out a word from the passage which means 'detailed' or 'colourful' 1
6. 'He started caning' is a positive sentence, 'he didn't start caning' is the negative of it. Now change the following sentences in to negative.
 - a. He became excited. 1
 - b. Father sent a letter to the head master. 1

Read the lines from the poem 'The Night of the Scorpion' and answer the questions that follow.

The peasants came like swarms of flies
and buzzed the name of God a hundred times
to paralyse the Evil One.

With candles and with lanterns
throwing giant scorpion shadows
on the mud-baked walls

they searched for him: he was not found.

7. What did the peasants do to help the mother? 1
8. Cite an instance for simile in the lines 1

9. What is the evil one mentioned in the lines? 1
10. Pick out the line which say that scorpion had left the place. 1

Read the lines from the poem 'The Himalayas' and answer the questions that follow.

One day he tells me
'you can read your poems now'.
I read a few, he is silent.
Thinking he's asleep, I stop.
But he says, 'continue.'
I begin a long one
in which the Himalayas rise
as a metaphor.
Suddenly I am ashamed
to have used the Himalayas like this,
ashamed to speak of my imaginary mountains
to a man who walked through
the ice and snow of Gangotri
barefoot

11. Why was the poet ashamed to continue her reading poetry? 1
12. Who is he mentioned in the lines? 1
13. hat made her stop reading the poetry? 1
14. What does the term 'Continue' mean here? 1

Read the passage carefully and answer the questions that follow

A young man from Delhi planned a vacation trip to Kolkata. His wife and children were in Kerala. Young man went to the destination first. His wife would reach there the next day. When he reached his hotel at Kolkata, he decided to send his wife a quick email. Unfortunately, when typing her address, he mistyped a letter and his note was directed instead to a widow whose husband had passed away only the day before. When the grieving widow checked her email, she took one look at the monitor, let out a piercing scream, and fell to the floor in a dead faint. At the sound, her family rushed into the room and saw this note on the screen:

Dearest Wife,

Just got checked in. Everything prepared for your arrival tomorrow

15. Why did the young man go alone to Kolkata? 1
16. What was the note he send to his wife? 1
17. How did the note reached in the widows mail? 1
18. Why did the widow fell to the floor in a dead faint? 1
19. Give a suitable title to the passage. 1

ANSWER IN DETAIL

20. Imagine that Swami narrates his story to one of his friends . Narrate it in the words of Swami in about 120 words. 7
(Hints : Doesn't want to go to school – Father forces – tells a lie – father writes a letter – asks to hand over to Head Master – goes school late – tries to get punishments – fails – finally goes to Head Master's mom – finds Samuel sir there)
21. After the shocking street incident the narrator reaches back to his room. Imagine and write down the diary entry of the narrator. 6
22. The letter written by Swami's father is the real protagonist of the story. Prepare a replay for that letter by the head master. 6
23. The experience of the narrator in the story 'Blue Bouquet' was really a horrible one. Prepare a newspaper report about that incident. 6
24. After the terrifying incident in the story 'The Blue Bouquet' the narrator narrates the whole incident to his friend. Write the likely narrative 6
25. Swami tried to provoke Samuel in the class. At last he became successful in his attempts. Imagine that one of Swami's friends asked swami about his strange behavior in the class. Write the likely conversation between them? 5
26. Prepare a profile of Nissim Ezckiel using the hints given below. 6
- Name : Nissim Ezekiel
Birth : 1924
Famous as : Poet, Playwright, and Editor
Work : Latter-Day Psalms
Awards : Sahitya Academy Award (1983)
Death : 2004

Read the given newspaper headlines and answer the questions that follow.

- Son and grandson held for killing a man.
 - Cochlea implant raises new hope.
 - Direct train between Ernakulam & Nilambur.
 - Degree classes to begin on August 12
 - India wins test series against Australia.
27. Which headline is related to the field of sports? 1
28. Identify the head line of an educational news. 1
29. _____ is the news related to the increasing crimes in our society? 1
30. The news deals with the development in the medical science is _____. 1
31. Note down the headline of a railway news. 1
32. Some words are missing in the given passage where a '/' is given. Supply the missing words by choosing from the box given. 5

The night was murmurous (a)/ the sounds (b)/ leaves and insects. The crickets had bivouacked (c)/ the tall weeds. I thought that (d) / whole universe was (e)/ grand system of signals.

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33. Read the given pieces of dialogues and re write them as directed

Samuel: 'Swami where is your homework?'

Swami: I haven't done.

You may re write the sentence as follows

- a) Samuel asked swami _____ 1
b) and Swami replied _____ 1
34. Read the given sentence and re write it as directed
If you drive fast you will reach early.
- a) The faster you drive _____ 1

35. There are a few errors in the following passage. The errors are underlined. Edit it. 5

The stranger disappeared into darkness. He was totally disappointed. The thought of blue eyes were (a) still haunting him. He walks (b) desperately towards the cottage of his beloved. 'Dear,' in an embarrassed tone he said, 'I didn't found(c) anyone who has blue eyes. I am extremely sorry. If you give me one more chance, I should (d) bring them for you.' 'A blue eye from a man! What you do (e) think about me?' she asked.