

## English

Std. X

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Time : 1 hr.

Max. Score : 25

- I. Read the following passage from Tea-shops in Malayalam Cinema and answer the questions that follow. 5 marks

The tea-shop represents a time and space free from the drudgery of work, and therefore teems with a wide cross-section of society. Along with genial villagers, one also finds local toughs, political workers and, of course, a host of strangers at the tea-shop. The sheer variety of the customers and the possible activities - reading newspapers, exchanging local news, discussing politics, gossiping or just chatting - makes the tea-shop an ideal place to reveal the messages and concerns of the film. In every film which depicts the conflict between the individual/family and society, the tea-shop, one can say, is a prominent character.

1. ✓ "The tea-shop teems with a wide cross-section of society" What contributes to the popularity of the tea-shop?
2. ✓ What makes a tea-shop an ideal place to reveal the messages and concerns of the film?
3. The writer mentions about two varieties in the passage. Mention them separately and give some examples for the same.
4. ✓ How does a tea shop help in conveying the message of a film?
5. Pick out the phrase which means 'To contain in large numbers'.

- II. Read the following extract and answer the questions that follow:- 5 marks

And those who are successful,  
Be always on your guard,  
Success walks hand in hand with failure  
Along Hollywood boulevard.

I wish my life a non-stop Hollywood movie-show,  
A fantasy-world of celluloid villains and heroes,  
Because celluloid heroes never feel any pain  
And celluloid heroes never really die.

1. ✓ Why should those who are successful be on their guard?
2. Poet wish his life to be a non-stop Hollywood movie show. Why?
3. 'Success walks hand in hand with failure'. Do you agree with this view of the poet? Why?

4. What does the poet mean by saying 'the celluloid heroes never die'?

5. The poet says about his wish about his life. What is your wish? You may complete this sentence suitably. "I wish my life....."

- III. The characters in the one act play 'The Beggar and The King' are true representatives of the present society. Do you agree with this statement? Prepare a write-up in about 120 words. 6 marks

(Hints: The beggar and the king leading characters in the play. Beggar cries for bread-the cries annoy the King- orders to send him away-cries louder soldiers - king's orders - cries again- slain by the soldiers- regains life- commands the King-proclaims his strength.)

- IV. Here are a few hints about **Anton Pavlovich Chekhov**, the famous Russian physician, dramaturge and author. Write a brief profile about him. 5 marks

**Anton Pavlovich Chekhov**

Born: 29 January 1860(1860-01-29) Taganrog, Russia

Died: 15 July 1904(1904-07-15) (aged 44) Badenweiler, Germany.

Spouse: Olga Knipper.

Books: The Lady with the Dog, Sories of Anton Chekhov, The Kiss etc.

Occupation Physician, short story writer, playwright

Fame: Considered to be among the greatest writers of short stories in history.

- V. Read the following dialogue and answer the questions that follow: 2marks

Mother: They don't usually forgive. You must be ready to die.

Boy: But I don't know where they live.

1. What did mother tell the boy?
2. What was the boy's reply?

- VI. There are some errors in the sentences given below: Edit the following using correct tense forms. 2marks

Children usually liking cartoons. They are attracting towards actions and movements. But the youngsters preferred sports and movies while, the liking of the elders gravitating towards some serious stuff.

The Beggar In the one <sup>2/2</sup> act play