



BLUE STARS HIGHER SECONDARY SCHOOL

Arumbarthapuram, Villianur, Puducherry - 605 110.

Class: X - B

HOME TEST Time

Allowed: 2.30 hours

Subject: ENGLISH

Maximum Marks: 100

SECTION 1

Answer the following.

(10x2=20)

1. How does Kim help Alisha?
2. How does David operate computers with the Liberator communication Device?
3. How did Sanyal show that he had a sense of self respect?
4. Why was there a sudden change in Aditya's expression?
5. Write a few lines about the owner of the shop.
6. What was the daily routine of Sanal?
7. What was the condition of the attic?
8. What is the future of technology?
9. Do you think technology has improved communication? How?
10. What are the benefits of the internet to the common man?

SECTION 2

Read the following set of poetic lines and answer any three of the following. (8x2=16)

11. "We can neither love nor pity nor forgive"
 - a) What can a machine not do?
 - b) How should we handle a machine?
12. "Some water, coal, and oil is all we ask"
 - a) Who does 'we' refer to?
 - b) What do they ask for?
13. "We are not built to comprehend a lie"
 - a) What does the poet expect us to remember?
 - b) How are the machines built?
14. A silly young cricket accustomed to sing
Through the warm, Sunny months of gay summer and spring
 - a) What was the routine of the cricket?
 - b) Name the seasons mentioned here.
15. Began to complain when he found that, at home
His cupboard was empty, and winter was come.
 - a) Who does 'he' refer to?
 - b) Why was his cupboard empty?
16. At last by starvation and famine made bold,

All dripping with wet, and all trembling with cold.

- a) What made the cricket bold?
- b) Why did the cricket drip and tremble?

17. Not a crumb to be found

On the snow-covered ground

- a) What couldn't he find on the ground?
- b) Why was the ground covered with snow?

18. But we ants never borrow; we ants never lend.

- a) Why do you think ants neither borrow nor lend?
- b) Who says these lines to whom?

Section – 1

(8x5=40)

Answer any 8 of the following in a paragraph.

- 19. How do we use technology in our day to day lives?
- 20. "Man does change with time"- What were the various changes that came about in Aditya?
- 21. Give a brief character sketch of Sasanka Sanyal.
- 22. "Technology is a boon to the disabled". Justify.
- 23. "Some crickets, have four legs and some have two". Elucidate this statement from the poet's point of view.
- 24. What feelings are evoked in us by the machine in the poem "The Secret of Machines"?
- 25. "A silly young cricket, accustomed to sing
Through the warm, sunny months of gay Summer and spring,
Began to complain when he found that, at home,
His cupboard was empty, and winter was come".

Questions:

- (i) Identify the rhyming word of the given lines.
 - (ii) Identify the rhyme scheme of the given lines.
 - (iii) Identify the figure of speech in the first line.
 - (iv) Pick out the alliterating words in the last line.
26. **Read the following stanza and answer the question given below.**
We were taken from the ore-bed and the mine,
We were melted in the furnace and the pit
We were cast and wrought and hammered to design,
We were cut and filed and tooled and gauged to fit.
27. You are Deepan / Deepa, the Literary Association Secretary of GHSS Madurai. Prepare a notice on behalf of your school, inviting the students to participate in the oratorical competition to be conducted next month.

28. You are the Secretary of Park Circus Residents Welfare Association. Write a notice to inform the residents of your colony of a Meditation program under the guidance of Dr.P.Ranjit with a view to understanding the self-better. The program is exclusively for the residents. It will be conducted on the second Saturday of the following month from 7.00 am to 9.00 am at the children’s park nearby.

29. **Look at the pictures given below. Express your views on it in a paragraph of five sentences.**



30. **Quote from memory.**

“If you make.....
.....of your brain”

Answer any three of the following.

(3x8=24)

31. Once in Shining – cruel leader – ordered – old people – put to death – a farmer – old mother – top of a mountain – dropped twigs – help son – took back mother – hid in closet – governor – demanded – ash rope – mother’s idea – governor amazed – praised her wisdom – abolished cruel law – Old people saved.
32. Mulan – woman of courage – joins army – fights well – good leadership qualities – leads the troops – becomes General – Doctor reveals Mulan’s identity – again wins the battle – Emperor appoints – royal adviser – Mulan returns home happily.
33. **Read the following passage and answer the questions given below:**

If there is one single factor responsible for the alarming raise in heart attacks among young seemingly healthy Indians it is smoking, for patients younger than forty, smoking was the number one cause for heart disease. While the number of people who smoke, has dropped almost 40 percent in the west over the last decade, it has astonishingly doubled in India over the same period. Smoking a pack of cigarettes a day, makes you seven times more vulnerable to heart disease than a non-smoker. The good news is that quitting the smoking can cut down the risk factor by a huge margin. A person who gives up smoking, can within a year, reduce the risk factor to that of a non-smoker.

Questions:

- Why is smoking harmful to young and healthy people?
- What is the change that has taken place in the west during the last decade?
- What is the change that had taken place in India during the last decade?

d) How can a person reduce chances of having a heart attack?

34. As we rush, as we rush in the train,
The trees and the houses go wheeling back,
But the starry heavens above the plain
Come flying on our track.

All the beautiful stars of the sky,
The silver doves of the forest of Night,
Over the dull earth swarm and fly,
Companions of our flight.

We will rush ever on without fear,
Let the goal be far, the flight be fleet!
For we carry the Heavens with us, dear,
While the earth slips from our feet!

Questions:

- a) What happens to the trees and houses when the train speeds?
- b) How do the sky and star move then?
- c) How are the stars and night described?
- d) How does the poet deal with the Heavens and earth, during the journey?