SECOND YEAR

Kerala Board Question Paper 2023

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SECOND YEAR HIGHER SECONDARY EXAMINATION, MARCH 2023

Part – I

ENGLISH

Maximum : 80 Scores

Time : 2½ Hours

Cool-off time : 15 Minutes

General Instructions to Candidates :

- There is a 'Cool-off time' of 15 minutes in addition to the writing time.
- Use the 'Cool-off time' to get familiar with questions and to plan your answers.
- Read questions carefully before answering.
- Write answers to the specific number of questions as instructed.

Questions 1 – 8. Answer all questions. Each carries 1 score. **(8 × 1 = 8)**

Read the passages and answer the questions that follow :

'I come home at the end of four years of research in North India, having earned a doctoral degree and generous praise for my work on making toys with husk; bored with eating chapaties day after day, I'm eager to eat a meal of athikira rice.'

1. Identify the poet.

2. Who has gone to North India ?

3. What is the purpose of his journey ?

4. What is he eager about to eat from home ?

She went about her repetitive, mundane work with an 'infectious cheerfulness'.

5. Who is the 'she' referred to in the passage ?

6. Identify the speaker.

7. What is the figure of speech used here ?

8. Choose the phrase from the passage which means ability to spread happiness.

Questions 9 – 12. Answer any three questions. Each carries 2 scores. **(3 × 2 = 6)**

9. Why does the poet dislike sitting on a dentist's chair 'with his mouth wide open ?'

10. (a) Neither the shoes nor the bag _____ (match) the dress.

    (b) These trousers (need) _____ to be ironed.

11. Ashapurna Debi compares women to match boxes. Do you agree ? Give reason.

12. 'Women deserve equality and not reservation'. Write 2 points either to support or counter the statement.

Questions 13 – 19. Answer any five questions. Each carries 4 scores. **(5 × 4 = 20)**

13. If you have the two options of becoming a government servant or an entrepreneur, which one would you prefer ? Express your thoughts in a paragraph.

14. "Women sometimes lack confidence to match their competence." Comment on the statement.

15. Justify the aptness of the title of the story "Crime and Punishment".

16. "Stammer" symbolizes the ability to protest, respond and react to the evils of the society. Do you agree ? Comment.

17. "Good fences make good neighbours". Elaborate the idea in a paragraph.

18. Edit the following :

    Today, over fifty years later, the stream have dried up, women walks long distances to water which is not always clean, and children will never know what they has lost.

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19. Assistant : "No parcel for me to weigh ?"

Mrs. Smith : Good gracious, no ! I've sent all my presents and cards. I believe in posting early for Christmas".

Assistant : "I wish more people would do that."

(Report the passage)

Questions 20 – 25. Answer any five. Each carries 6 scores. (5 × 6 = 30)

20. As the reporter of the BBC News you are present at the court during the time of Gresham's trial. Give a live TV report regarding the trial.

21. Explain the significance of the title 'Horegallu'.

22. Imagine you are selected as the announcer of the match between Argentina and Portugal at the Fifa World Cup 2022. Write the script of the announcement to be made before the match.

23. Akansha Foundation is doing a significant job by transforming the lives of underprivileged children. Draft an e-mail to your friend on your impression about Akansha Foundation.

24. Bring out the elements of satire in the poem "Rice" highlighting the changes in the attitude of people with the changing times.

25. Irfan Alam says "It is important to take risks to achieve your dreams." Comment on this statement.

Questions 26 – 28. Answer any two. Each carries 8 scores. (2 × 8 = 16)

26. Saving the youth from drug and alcohol addiction has become the need of the hour. As a volunteer of the anti-narcotic club, prepare a speech to be presented at the school assembly on the topic "Drug Abuse among Teenagers : Causes and Effects."

27. "Emancipation and empowerment of women is of prime importance in every society". In the light of your understanding of the ideas expressed by Christine Legarde, prepare an editorial on the role played by women in the progress of the nation.

28. Read the following poem given below and compare it with "Mending Wall".

As I Grew Older

Langston Hughes

It was long time ago
I have almost forgotten my dream
But it was there then,
In front of me,
Bright like a sun –
My dream
And then the wall rose,
Rose slowly,
Slowly,
Between me and my dream.
Rose until it touched the sky –
The wall.
Shadow.
I am black.
I lie down in the shadow.
No longer the light of my dream before me,
Above me.
Only the thick wall.
Only the shadow.
My hands !
My dark hands !
Break through the wall !
Find my dream !
Help me to shatter this darkness,
To smash this night,
To break this shadow
Into a thousand lights of sun,
Into a thousand whirling dreams
Of Sun !

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