

February 2011

Reg. No. ....

Name: .....

**SECOND YEAR HIGHER SECONDARY MODEL  
EXAMINATION  
PART – I  
ENGLISH**

**Maximum 80 scores**

Time : 2½ hrs.

Cool off time : 15 Minutes

- **General Instructions to Candidates:**
- There is a 'cool off time' of 15 minutes in addition to the writing time of 2½ hrs.
- You are not allowed to write your answers nor to discuss anything with other during the 'cool off time'.
- Use the 'cool off time' to get familiar with questions and plan your answers.
- Read questions carefully before answering.
- All questions are compulsory.

1. Richard Wright failed miserably to write even a single letter on the black board on the very first day at his new school. However his teacher tried her best to overcome his shyness and give him confidence. Imagine Richard Wright visits his teacher at the staff room next day and thanks her. Write two sentences Wright could have spoken to her.

Good morning Maam. I want to thank .....

Thank you very much Maam for .....

4 Scores

2. Your class is organizing a debate on '**Saturday should be declared holiday for schools**'.

Those who spoke against the topic presented these points.

**Against**

Students and teachers get more time to cover portions

There is less rush in buses on Saturdays.

Students do not require two holidays a week

Uniforms are not compulsory on Saturdays.

If you are to speak for the topic. Which points will you use? List 4 points. 4 Scores

3. Read the following extract from 'Best Buys for Health'

"In developing countries, more than 13 million children die each year before their fifth birthday. At least 70 percent of these deaths can be avoided by simple, low cost interventions that would have a positive impact on maternal and infant health"

You convene a meeting of the rural women (Ayalkootam) in your area to discuss the problem of maternal and infant mortality. Prepare a speech which you would deliver on the occasion (in about 120 words) .

(Hints – Lack of health care, poverty – illiteracy - low income group – lack of nutrition – need of awareness. Govt intervention through local bodies etc) 8 Scores

4. A Seminar was held in your school on the following topic. The programme of the seminar is given below.

### **Seminar**

#### **TOPIC – IMPACT OF MEDIA ON SOCIETY**

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10 a.m.	-	Meeting called to order
Welcome	-	Teacher in charge Social Science Club
Presidential Address	-	Principal
Seminar Paper	-	S.V. Moorthy Editor 'Times of India'
Felicitations	-	President - Grama Panchyat
	-	P.T.A President

Group Discussion

Vote of Thanks - School Leader

Prepare a report of the seminar in the form of a news paper report to send it to the local news paper 6 Scores

5. Imagine that you are a graduate in Sales & Marketing. You happened to see the following advertisement in the news paper. Read the following advertisement and write an application for the post of Sales Representative in the company.

## **Wanted**

### **Sales Representatives**

Crecent Group, a premier professionally managed ISO certified and all India net worked Pharmaceutical Company is on the look out for Sales Representatives in its braches. 3 years relevant experience is essential. Age not above 28 years. Incumbents may submit their application along with resume.

Chairman

Crecent Group

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8 Scores

6. Imagine that you have won the Christmas bumper prize of the Kerala Lottery. Express in your own words how you are going to spend the money. 4 Scores

#### **7. Heaven of Freedom**

When the mind is without fear & head held high;

Where knowledge is free;

Where the world has not been broken up into fragments by narrow domestic walls;

Where words come out from the depth of truth;

Where tireless striving stretches its arms towards perfection;

Where the clear stream of reason has not lost its way into the dreary desert sand of dead habit;

Where the mind is led forward by Thee into ever widening thought and action-

Into that heaven of freedom, my Father, let my country awake.

Write a note of appreciation of the above poem based on its theme relevance, tone, mood, rhythm and style. Compare and contrast this with the poem 'A Nice Citizen' you studied

8 Scores

8. Prepare a Screen Play on the welcome accorded to the Patriot in the poem 'The Patriot'. (Include Camera positions also) 6 Scores

9. You happened to meet the mother in Kamala Das' poem 'The Middle Age'. Construct a dialogue between you and the grieving mother. Write four exchanges. 6 Scores

10. Charlie Chaplin was on the look out for a boy to play the role of the Kid in 'The Kid'. Imagine that he decided to put up an advertisement in the wanted column of the newspaper.

Write the advertisement for him in about 30 – 40 words

4 Scores

11. On the eve of the inauguration of the International Film Festival at Trivandrum, Chairman Jayaraj convened a press conference highlighting the features of the festival. Prepare a press release for him (Hints – date, venue, theatres, time etc. .... etc. ) 6 Scores
12. After visiting Rose Donegan’s grave A.J Cronin is disturbed by her fond memory. That night he sits to write his feelings in his diary. Draft the entry imagining that you are Cronin. 6 Scores
13. Write a paragraph on the characters of Amelia Slater & Elizabeth Jordan from the lesson ‘The Dear Departed’ 5 Scores
14. The prospect of sudden fortune may change the nature of a person. Can you remember such a person in your experience? Write a short paragraph stating how was he/she before getting the sudden wealth and its after effect. 5Scores