



Reg. No. :

FY 701

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**FIRST YEAR HIGHER SECONDARY EQUIVALENCY
EXAMINATION, MAY 2024**

**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 the questions carefully before answering.*
- *Read the instructions carefully.*

Score

Questions 1 – 8 : Answer all questions. Each carries 1 score.

(8×1=8)

Read the passage and answer the questions that follow :

The Keller homestead, where the family lived, was a few steps from our little rose-bower. It was called 'Ivy Garden' because the house and the surrounding trees and fences were covered with beautiful English ivy. Its old-fashioned garden was the paradise of my childhood.

1. Identify the author of the passage.
2. What is the name of Keller's house ?
3. Why was the house called so ?
4. What does Keller say about the garden ?



Score

Read the lines and answer the questions that follow :

There were blue birds and red birds and sparrows
They had come to my tree for the fruit to borrow
They made a lot of noise and were happy as can be
I began to doubt if there would be any left for me.

5. Identify the poem.
6. Which are the birds mentioned in the passage ?
7. Why did the birds come to the tree ?
8. Pick out a pair of rhyming words.

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

9. Why does the woman in ‘A Poor Woman Learns to Write’ seem too ‘old’ at thirty ?
10. Did any one extend a helping hand to Mikali in the lesson ‘Maternity’ ? Who ?
11. Why does the author say that his grandmother was like everybody’s grandmother in the story ‘The Portrait of a Lady’ ?
12. Why does the old man still make Kites ?

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

13. Describe the house in which Helen and her family lived.
14. “Innocence is the foundation of true friendship.” How do you evaluate this statement in the light of friendship between the boy and the snake ?
15. Kevin Carter decides to publish an obituary in the newspaper to announce Ken’s death. Prepare the obituary.



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16. Nowadays we see many notices in shops and malls that warn people who steal things. Prepare four sign boards that you might see in a jewellery shop.

17. Prepare a profile of A. G. Gardiner developing the hints below :

Alfred George Gardiner

Born : 2 June 1865, Chelmsford, United Kingdom

Other name : “Alpha of the Plough”

- English journalist, editor and author
- Chairman of the National-Sweating League

Parents : Henry James Gardiner and Susanna

Popular works : Pillars of Society (1913)
Pebbles on the Shore (1916)

Died : 3 March 1946, Buckingham, United Kingdom.

18. Mrs. Popov is the victim of her own inherent instincts, as seen in the play ‘The Boor’. Attempt a brief character sketch of Mrs. Popov.

19. Rewrite as directed :

a) Add suitable question tags.

i) You can speak English, _____ ?

ii) We aren’t going, _____ ?

b) Choose a suitable preposition from the bracket and fill in the blanks.

(on, by, to)

i) We go to school _____ bus.

ii) Don’t forget _____ buy flowers from the shop.

Questions 20 – 25 : Answer any five questions. Each carries 6 scores.

(5×6=30)

20. Describe the refugee camp mentioned in the lesson ‘Maternity’.

21. As part of the anniversary celebration of your Residents Association, you visited an old-age home in your locality. Prepare a report of your visit to be published in a magazine.



Score

22. You meet Kevin Carter during the inauguration of the Film Club of your school. Prepare 3 questions to interview Kevin Carter. Write the possible responses also.
23. Washington was hurt and shocked to hear that his project was taken off. Emily, his wife understood the disappointment of her husband. She sends an e-mail to the Mayor of Long Islands, listing out the advantages and necessities of such a bridge. Draft the e-mail.
24. Write a critical appreciation of Chinua Achebe's poem 'Refugee Mother and Child'.
25. Imagine that A. G. Gardiner meets the gentleman who accidentally took his silk umbrella. Prepare a likely conversation between A. G. Gardiner and the man. (at least six exchanges).

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

26. Helen Keller's life changed a lot after the arrival of her teacher, Anne Sullivan. Prepare a speech to be delivered on Teachers, Day on the role and importance of teacher in the present day society.
(Hints : Teacher's inspiration, moral values, motivator, mentor)
27. Poverty is like a punishment for a crime you have not committed. "Hunger makes a thief of any man", says Guy de Maupassant in the story 'The Beggar'. Substantiate the statement with reference to the stories 'The Beggar' and 'Maternity'.
28. Personal values and ethics play a critical role in shaping our decisions and actions in society. Do you think morality rests in satisfying one's own conscience ? Why ? Write an essay on the importance of generating values among people.
(Hints : Honesty, Integrity, Loyalty, Courage, Tolerance, Discipline)