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**SECOND YEAR HIGHER SECONDARY EQUIVALENCY  
EXAMINATION, JULY 2025**

**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.*
- *Write answers to the specific number of questions as instructed.*
- *Use the 'Cool off Time' to get familiar with questions and to plan your answers.*
- *Read questions carefully before answering.*

**Score**

- I. Read the following lines of the poem 'Remember Me ?' and answer the questions that follow : (Questions 1 – 8) Attempt all questions. Each question carries 1 Score. (8×1=8)**

**Remember Me ?**

I am the girl  
with the dark skin  
whose shoes are thin



Score

I am the girl  
with the rotted teeth  
I am the girl  
with the wounded eye  
and the melted ear.

- 1) The poem 'Remember Me ?' is written by (1)  
(William Shakespeare, Alice Walker, Sudha Murty)
- 2) Name the figure of speech employed in the line (1)  
" I am the girl"  
(Simile, Hyperbole, Metaphor)
- 3) Who is the speaker in the poem ? (1)  
(black women, white men, white women)
- 4) The word 'rotted' is associated with (1)  
(eye, ear, teeth)

**II. Read the following lines of the passage and answer the questions that follow :**

One of her Novels, called 'Kashi Yatre', was appearing as a serial in the Kannada weekly 'Karmaveera' then. It is the story of an old lady and her ardent desire to go to Kashi or Varanasi. Most Hindus believe that going to Kashi and worshipping Lord Vishweshwara is the ultimate 'Punya'. This old lady also believed in this and her struggle to go there was described in that novel. In the story there was also a young orphan girl who falls in love but there was no money for the wedding. In the end, the old lady gives away all her savings without going to Kashi. She says, 'The happiness of this orphan girl is more important than worshipping Lord Vishweshwara at Kashi'.

- 5) The passage is taken from (1)  
(How I taught My Grandmother to Read, My Eccentric Guests, Mother's Day)



- |  | <b>Score</b> |
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| 6) The title of the Novel referred in the passage as<br>(Punya, Kashi Yatre, Karmaveera) | <b>(1)</b>   |
| 7) What is the ultimate 'Punya' in the passage ?   | <b>(1)</b>   |
| 8) What is the ultimate 'happiness', according to the old lady ?                         | <b>(1)</b>   |

**III. Attempt any three of the following questions. Each question carries 2 scores. (3×2=6)**

- 9) Write two slogans in favour of Sachin Tendulkar to express your admiration of his excellence. One is done for you. **(2)**  
"When Sachin is Batting, even God is watching."
- 10) Fill in the blanks using 'as soon as' or 'so that'. **(1)**  
a) I am going to have a shower \_\_\_\_\_ I get home. **(1)**  
b) We will send you an SMS \_\_\_\_\_ you can arrive on time. **(1)**
- 11) What is an Epitaph ? **(2)**
- 12) What does the play "Mother's Day" talk about ? **(2)**  
Choose any two right option from the following  
– Celebration of Mother's Day  
– Commemoration of mothers  
– The status of a mother in a family  
– The duties of a mother in a family



Score

13) Identify the figure of speech.

a) "As he defeated – dying – on whose forbidden ear". (1)

(Transferred Epithet, Metaphor, Simile)

b) "Where are forests hot as fire, wide as England, tall as a spire. (1)

(Simile, Metaphor, Hyperbole)

IV. Answer any five of the following. Each question carries 4 Scores. (5×4=20)

14) Imagine that you are going to interview a famous Malayalam film director – Basil Joseph. What would you ask him ? Prepare 4 questions for interviewing him. (4)

15) Fill in the blanks with words given below to make sensible sentences.

(attack, fragile, sympathy, artificial)

a) I have no \_\_\_\_\_ for people who misbehave with their pets. (1)

b) These flowers are \_\_\_\_\_ but look as though they were real. (1)

c) He has had an \_\_\_\_\_ of fever. (1)

d) Those toys are made of glass and are very \_\_\_\_\_. (1)

16) Drama is a good medium for conveying a social message. What are the issues that the play "Mother's Day" highlights ? (4)

17) You have read an interesting anecdote by Ruskin Bond based on the insects, birds and other wild creatures that came into his cottage. Prepare a description on any one of the creatures that you find interesting. (4)

18) In the Story 'How I Taught My Grandmother to Read', the narrator was taken aback when her grandmother touched her feet. She was astonished at the act. What might her thoughts have been ? Prepare a diary-entry. (4)



Score

19) "Success is counted sweetest  
By those who ne'er succeed  
To comprehend a nectar  
Requires sorest need".

What is the message of these lines by Emily Dickinson ?

(4)

V. Attempt any five of the following questions. Each question carries 6 Scores. (5×6=30)

20) Prepare an obituary of M. T. Vasudevan Nair who has passed away recently.

(6)

<u>M. T. Vasudevan Nair</u>		PHOTO
Died	– 25-12-2024	
Age	– 91	
Place	– Baby Memorial Hospital, Kozhikode	
Cremation	– Smrithipatham, Crematorium, Kozhikode	
Honor	– by the Kerala Police	
Crematorium	– has murals depicting the human journey from birth to death	
Awards received	– Padma Bhushan (2005), Jnanpith Award (1995)	

21) Attempt a critical appreciation of the poem "The Seven Ages of Man" by Shakespeare.

(6)



**Score**

- 22) Bring out the salient features of the play "Mother's Day" with special emphasis on the character of mother – Mrs. Pearson. (6)
- 23) Write a review of the film song "My Heart will Go On" stressing its theme and technical effects. (6)
- 24) Imagine that you are going to interview Adoor Gopalakrishnan. What would you ask him ? Prepare three questions and three likely responses. (6)
- 25) Michael's story is the victory of his parents. Do you have any such experience when your parents stood by you when you faced a crisis ? Prepare a personal Write-up on the support provided by your parents. (6)

**VI. Attempt any two of the following questions. Each question carries 8 scores. (2×8=16)**

- 26) You are the sports reporter of an English Daily. Write the news report about the retirement of Sachin Tendulkar from all forms of cricket, which was due to be published on 17<sup>th</sup> November 2013. (8)
- 27) The young generation nowadays has little interest in nature and living beings that we find around them. I-pods, mobile phones and laptops have become their dear friends and they love to live in a world of our own. Prepare a speech to be delivered at the school assembly on the topic "Love of Nature and its Beings" on World Environment Day. (8)



Score

28) Read the following poem "The Sands of Dee" and compare it with the poem "The Seven Ages of Man".

**The Sands of Dee**

'O Mary, go and call the cattle home,

And call the cattle home,

And call the cattle home;'

The western wind was wild and dark with foam,

And all alone went she.

The western tide crept up along the sand,

And O'er and O'er the sand,

And round and round the sand

As far as eye could see.

The rolling mist came down and hid the land :

And never came she.

'Oh ! is it weed, or fish, or floating hair,

A tress of golden hair,

A drowned maiden's hair

Above the nets at sea ?

Was never salmon yet that shone so fair

Among the stakes of Dee'.



**Score**

They rowed her in across the rolling foam,  
The cruel crawling foam,  
The cruel hungry foam,  
To her grave beside the sea;  
But still the boatmen hear her call the cattle home  
Across the sands of Dee.

— *Charles Kingsley*

**Summary Hints :** Lyrical poem — a tragic tale of loss and longing — a young girl named Mary who drowned in the sea — while bringing her cattle home — intertwining theme of tragedy of natural disaster and human fate.

**Structure of critical appreciation** — Introduction — summary — poetic devices — conclusion — your own comments. **(8)**