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Reg. No. : .....

G-3001

Name : .....

Part-I

ENGLISH

Maximum : 80 Scores

Time : 2 ½ 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 of 2 ½ hrs.
- You are not allowed to write your answers nor to discuss anything with others during the 'cool-off time'.
- Use the 'cool-off time' to get familiar with questions and to plan your answers.
- Read questions carefully before answering.
- All questions are compulsory and only internal choice is allowed.
- When you select a question, all the sub-questions must be answered from the same question itself.

**നിർദ്ദേശങ്ങൾ :**

- നിർദ്ദിഷ്ട സമയത്തിന് പുറമെ 15 മിനിറ്റ് 'കൂൾ ഓഫ് ടൈം' ഉണ്ടായിരിക്കും. ഈ സമയത്ത് ചോദ്യങ്ങൾക്ക് ഉത്തരം എഴുതാനോ, മറ്റുള്ളവരുമായി ആശയവിനിമയം നടത്താനോ പാടില്ല.
- ഉത്തരങ്ങൾ എഴുതുന്നതിന് മുമ്പ് ചോദ്യങ്ങൾ ശ്രദ്ധാപൂർവ്വം വായിക്കണം.
- എല്ലാ ചോദ്യങ്ങൾക്കും ഉത്തരം എഴുതണം.
- ഒരു ചോദ്യനമ്പർ ഉത്തരമെഴുതാൻ തെരഞ്ഞെടുത്തു കഴിഞ്ഞാൽ ഉപചോദ്യങ്ങളും അതേ ചോദ്യനമ്പരിൽ നിന്ന് തന്നെ തെരഞ്ഞെടുക്കേണ്ടതാണ്.

**Questions 1 – 5**

1. Dr. Kalam in his speech says that our newspapers are rather negative in their approach.

List out 2 or 3 such headlines that you have come across in the newspapers.

Eg : Farmers in debt trap commit suicide.

(Scores 2)

2. Your School is organizing a debate on 'Campus Politics'. The majority of your classmates have the following points to speak against Campus Politics :

AGAINST	
*	Campus Politics leads to enmity among students.
*	They cannot concentrate on studies.
*	Number of working days gets reduced considerably due to strikes.
*	A student politician never turns out to be a good citizen.

Were you to speak 'FOR' the topic, which points would you use ? List FOUR points. (Scores 4)

3. Kalpana Chawla often said :

'If the boys can do it, then why can't I?' What was her dream ? Did she accomplish it ? Do you have any such dream ? What do you want to become in your life ? Write in 100 words. (Scores 8)

4. Read the following newspaper headlines which appeared during the Medicos' Strike period :

Rural Service to be  
made compulsory  
– Health Minister

Medicos oppose rural service

Demand Higher Pay Scales :  
Medicos go on strike

No doctors on duty  
– Patients suffer

Wide condemnation of Doctors' attitude

Government ready for talks

Doctors adamant

Two die in Medical College due to  
lack of timely medical attention

Relatives protest

Government ready for talks  
with the stakeholders

- How do you respond to these news items ? Write an article to be published in the newspaper in about 120 words on this serious situation. You may add more details. (Scores 8)

5. You are the Secretary of the Film Club in your School. As a part of the annual programme of the Club, you decide to honour the eminent film-maker Sri. Adoor Gopalakrishnan. On the eve of the programme you are issuing a press release.

(a) Draft the press release in 80 words :

(Scores 5)

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OR

(b) Prepare a programme notice of the annual day celebration of the Club : (Scores 5)

(You may include the details of the inauguration, the chief guest, the honouring ceremony etc.)

6. Read the following lines taken from a war poem written by Rupert Brooke.

The Dead

Blow out, you bugles, over the rich Dead !

There's none of these so lonely and poor of old,

But, dying, has made us rarer gifts than gold.

These laid the world away, poured out the red

Sweet wine of youth, gave up the years to be

Of work and joy, and that unhopd serene,

That men call age ; and those who would have been,

Their sons, they gave, their immortality.

Blow, bugles, blow ! They brought us, for our dearth,  
Holiness, lacked so long, and Love, and Pain.  
Honour has come back, as a king, to earth,  
And paid his subjects with a royal wage ;  
And Nobleness walks in our ways again ;  
And we have come into our heritage.

[dearth = scarcity, want; heritage = anything transmitted from ancestors or past ages]

Write an appreciation of the poem based on its theme, relevance, tone, rhythm, mood, style etc. You may use words like :

Patriotism, sacrifice, honour, praise, thanks giving etc. Explain and compare the mood and theme of this poem with those of "The Patriot" you studied. **(Scores 8)**

#### Questions 7 – 10

Read the following extract from 'The World Renowned Nose'.

He did not know the names of the months of the year. When it was time for him to receive his salary his mother would come and take it. If he wanted snuff the old lady herself would buy it for him. He lived a contented life till he reached his twenty-fourth year. Then an amazing thing happened !

7. What was the amazing thing that happened ? Answer in one or two sentences. **(Score 1)**
8. Suppose the mother and the son meet once in a month. What would be the possible dialogue between the two ? Write at least three exchanges. **(Scores 3)**
9. How do you assess the character of the person described in the passage above ?

Foolish, thoughtless, innocent, illiterate, intelligent, naughty, carefree.

Pick out four suitable words that describe the character and give reasons for your choice. (Four Sentences) **(Scores 4)**

10. Mention the element of satire revealed in the story 'World Renowned Nose'. Write in three or four sentences. (Scores 3)

11. The editorial 'Best Buys for Health' tells you :

"Clearly, positive health interventions that are inexpensive and effectual should become a viable part of national health policies for the benefit of millions of poor people."

With a view to ensuring proper hygiene, the 'Kudumbasree' is managing effectively the waste disposal of your residential area. On the occasion of the annual day of this organization you want to make a speech, congratulating and thanking them for their positive and low-cost health intervention.

- (a) Prepare the script of the speech in 120 words. (Scores 8)

OR

- (b) You are highly concerned over the fact that Indian children under five still continue to die from infectious diseases.

Write a letter to the Editor of a popular daily expressing your concern over the issue, giving suggestions for remedy.

[Hints : Life style changes – preventive strategies – care of pregnant mothers and newborn – cost effective remedies – economic support for the poor and the needy -- etc.] (Scores 8)

12. The following passage from 'Making of The Kid' was copied by Anand, a student of Class XII.

The audience went to an uproar, so that the child was made come on again, this time doing quite different dance. It could have been obnoxious on another child. But Jackie Coogan was charming and audience thoroughly enjoy it. Whatever he did the little fellow has a engaging personality.

The above account contains eight mistakes. Identify and edit the passage correcting them. (Scores 6)

13. David Considine raises a very important issue related to viewing the television. There are instances where women and minorities are not fairly represented in films and the media. What is your opinion ? Present your views in a paragraph of about 50 words. (Scores 6)

14. Read the following conversation between Victoria and her mother in the Play 'The Dear Departed'. Report it to your Classmates. (Scores 4)

Victoria : Mother, I don't think Grandpa went to pay his insurance this morning.

Mrs. Slater : He went out.

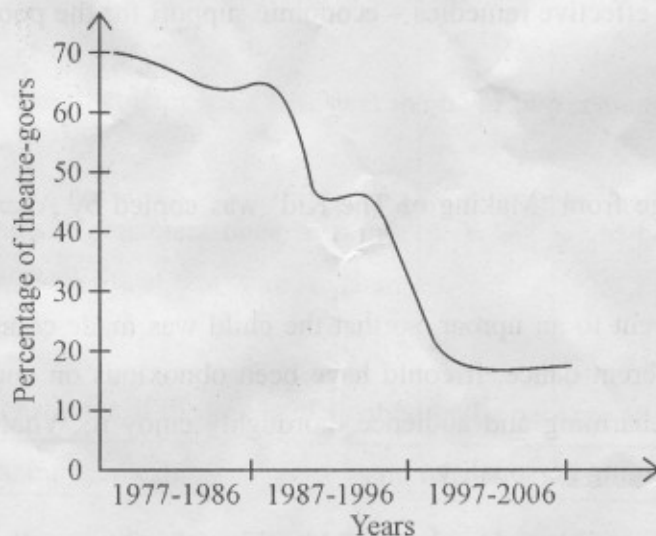
Victoria : Yes, but he didn't go into the town. He met old Mr. Tattersall down the street, and they went off past St. Philip's Church.

Mrs. Slater : To the 'Ring-o'-Bells', -----

You may begin your report as :

Victoria told her mother that -----.

15. Due to the onslaught of entertainment channels on Television, the number of theatre-goers has been considerably reduced and the film industry faced serious economic set backs. The following is a graphical representation of the percentage of cinema-goers in Kerala over the past three decades.



Study the graph and prepare a report (in about 80 words) on the crisis that the film industry faces. (Scores 7)

16. Imagine that Framton Nuttel in 'The Open Window' ran away from Mrs. Sappleton's house and went to his sister's house in London. But she was not seen there. So he left her a message that he had a nervous breakdown and was going to a doctor. Write the message in 40 – 50 words.

(Scores 3)

