

SECOND TERMINAL EVALUATION 2017-18
ENGLISH

Standard X

Maximum Score: 80

Time: 2½ hrs

Instructions

1. 15 minutes is given as cool-off time
2. This time is to be used for reading the question paper.
3. You are not supposed to write anything during the cool-off time.
4. Attempt the questions according to the instructions.

1-7. Read the excerpt from 'Project Tiger' and answer the questions that follow.

Mr Thorat's men had fixed a five foot iron rod to the ground, about thirty feet from the area where the tiger was supposed to take a walk. They took a thin, long wire and fixed one end to the collar made of tiger-skin that the tiger was already wearing. The other end was tied firmly to the visible portion of the iron rod. The door of one of the cages was unfastened and Mr. Thorat called out to the tiger. It responded almost at once and sprang out of its cage to land on the open space outside. What followed was totally unexpected. One look at Mr. Thorat's startled and helpless face told us that he was as taken aback as the rest of us. Instead of walking sedately in a dignified manner, the tiger started prancing around with tremendous enthusiasm. It leapt, it jumped, it rolled about, dragging its poor trainer who was desperately clutching the wire tied to the tiger's collar in a futile attempt to bring it under control. We stood around foolishly, watching a new and strange kind of circus which we were getting to see for free!

The camera was still standing on its three legs, staring into the wood, but the tiger was showing no sign of making its way there.

1. How did the film crew expect the tiger to behave? How did it really behave? (2)
2. Why did they use a collar made of tiger skin to fix the wire? (1)
3. What did Mr. Thorat's startled and helpless face reveal? (1)
4. Identify an expression which reveals Satyajit Ray's sense of humour. (1)
5. Pick out from the passage two words/phrases similar in meaning to 'shocked'. (2)
6. Complete the sentence suitably. (1)

No sooner had the tiger

7-10. Read the following lines from 'Poetry' and answer the questions that follow.

(1x4=4)

Each question carries one score.

and I wrote the first faint line,
faint, without substance, pure
nonsense,
pure wisdom
of someone who knows nothing,
and suddenly I saw
the heavens
unfastened and open,
planets,
palpitating plantations,
shadow perforated,
riddled
with arrows, fire and flowers,
the winding night, the universe.

7. What does the poet mean when he says, "I saw the heavens unfastened and open....?"
8. What is referred to as 'fire' and 'flowers' in the line given above?
9. Why does the poet say that the first line was a faint one?
10. Identify an instance of alliteration from the given lines.
11. Read the following lines from the poem 'The Ballad of Father Gilligan' and write an appreciation focusing on the theme, imagery and other poetic devices. (4)

'And is the poor man dead?' he cried
'He died an hour ago.'
The old priest Peter Gilligan
In grief swayed to and fro.

'When you were gone, he turned and died,
As merry as a bird.'
The old priest Peter Gilligan
He knelt him at that word.

'He who hath made the night of stars
For souls who tire and bleed,
Sent one of this great angels down,
To help me in my need.

'He Who is wrapped in purple robes,
With planets in His care
Had pity on the least of things
Asleep upon a chair.'

12-14. Answer any TWO of the following questions. Each question carries five scores.

(5x2=10)

12. Martha, after receiving the scholarship jacket, writes a letter expressing her immense gratitude to Mr. Schmidt for supporting her. Draft the likely letter.
13. Imagine that you were one of the friends who went along with the doctor in the story 'The Snake and the Mirror' to move things from his room. On the way, you had a chat with him about the events of the previous day. Prepare the likely conversation between you and the doctor.
14. Adichie's visit to Fide's family was a great learning experience for her. After reaching home, she jots down her feelings in the diary. Write the likely diary entry.

15-19. Answer any THREE of the following questions. Each question carries six scores.

(6x3=18)

15. It is true that kindness and compassion can transform the lives of many who have fallen into bad ways. Citing instances from the story 'The Best Investment I Ever Made,' prepare a write-up on the topic 'The True Virtues - Kindness and Compassion.'
16. After listening to Chimamanda Ngozi Adichie's speech on www.TED.com, you have decided to ask a few questions to her to know more about her experiences. Write at least five questions you would like to ask her.
17. Martha's grandfather is depicted as a very strong and righteous person in the story 'The Scholarship Jacket'. Attempt a character sketch of her grandfather.
18. Mr. John's selfless service to humanity was widely reported in the newspapers. What would the news report be? Write it.
19. Anton Chekhov's 'Vanka' deals with the miserable life of a nine year old boy, Vanka at his master's house and subtly raises questions against child labour. Write a review of the story focusing on its theme, characters and other aspects.

20-24. Given below are some newspaper headlines. Read them and answer the questions that follow. Each question carries one score.

(1x5=5)

a. Desist from asking lift from strangers

b. Production of Herbal Products go up

c. Rohit and Kohli Ground Kiwis

d. GOM argues for lower GST rates

- 20. If you are a person dealing with taxes, which headline will appeal to you the most?
- 21. The headline that talks about the effectiveness of our judicial system is
- 22. Which headline advises children not to ask lift from strangers?
- 23. The news headline that attracts a sports enthusiast is
- 24. Which headline is related to health and care?

25. The following is the conversation between Adichie and her American roommate. Complete it suitably. (5)

Roommate : Good morning friend. Welcome to the room.
 Adichie : Thank you.
 Roommate : I'm Catherine. You are Adichie, (a).....?
 Adichie : Yes, I am.
 Roommate : You come from Nigeria, (b).....?
 Adichie : Yes, I do.
 Roommate : I'm a bit confused.
 Adichie :(c)..... confused?
 Roommate : You speak English so well.(d).....?
 Adichie : I do so because, the official language of Nigeria is English.
 Roommate : Really! If I had known that, (e).....
 Adichie : It's all right.

26. Read the conversation given below and answer the questions that follow. (2)

Principal : What did your grandfather say?
 Martha : Grandfather will not give the money.

What did the Principal ask?
 What was Martha's reply?

27. There are certain errors in the passage given below. They are given in bold. Edit them. (5)

Adichie talk (a) about the danger of a single story in her speech. She tells us that it is not a single story, and (b) many stories make a human being. If we listened (c) to a single story, we will have only a distorted perspective of a person. According to her, the single story not only create (d) stereotypes, but also makes one story became (e) the only story.

28. Supply the missing words in the following passage. (4)

Man has come ... (a) ... long way from being a wild hunter ... (b) ... the sophisticated person that he is today. It has been a great journey ... (c) ... the paths ... (d) ... civilization.

(to, in, through, a, of)