

MAR THOMA RESIDENTIAL SCHOOL
SECOND MODEL EXAMINATION
ENGLISH LANGUAGE

Class-X

ENGLISH Paper-1
(Two hours)

Marks:80

Answers to this paper must be written on the paper provided separately.

You will not be allowed to write during the first 15 minutes.

This time is to be spent in reading the question paper.

The time given at the head of this paper is the time allowed for writing the answers.

*Attempt **all five** questions.*

The intended marks for questions or parts of questions are given in brackets[].

*You are advised to spend not more than 30 minutes in answering **Question 1**
and 20 minutes in answering **Question 2**.*

Question 1.

(Do not spend more than 30 minutes on this question.)

Write a composition (300 – 350 words) on any one of the following:

[20]

- (a) “Nothing is impossible in this world.” Narrate an incident from your experience which brings out the truth of this statement.
- (b) You recently visited your grandparents, who live in a village, away from the humdrum activities of a city life. Narrate your experience of living with them in the lap of nature.
- (c) ‘Television is corrupting the minds of the young’. Give your views either for or against the proposition.
- (d) Write a short story with the title: ‘A Blessing in Disguise’.
- (e) Study the picture given below. Write a short story or description or an account of what the picture suggests to you. Your composition may be about the subject of the picture or you may take suggestions from it; however, your composition must have a clear connection with the picture.



a) Give the meanings of the following words as used in the passage. [3]
One word answers or short phrases will be accepted.

- (i) overjoyed
- (ii) intensified
- (iii) gauge

b) Answer the following questions briefly in your own words:

- (i) What was Cao's first reaction when he was pulled out of the rubble by the rescue workers? [1]
- (ii) What did Cao recall about the morning of May 12? [2]
- (iii) How did Cao try to save himself when the earthquake destroyed his school? [2]
- (iv) Whom did Cao find in the rubble? What did they do to boost their morale? [2]
- (v) How was Cao finally rescued? [2]

c) In **not more than 50 words**, summarise the ordeal Cao went through and his final rescue. [8]

Question 5.

The following passage, fill in each of the numbered blanks with the correct form of the word given in brackets. Do not copy the passage, but write in correct serial order the word or phrase appropriate to the blank space.

Andhra Pradesh (1) _____ (become) the first State in India to hold a paperless cabinet meeting, (2) _____ (set) a new trend in the power corridors of the country. The paperless cabinet (3) _____ (meet) was the brainchild of Chief minister Naidu as ahead of the meeting the technology – savvy CM (4) _____ (ask) all the Ministers not (5) _____ (bring) any paper but just come with an ipad. At the first such E-Cabinet meeting, many important decisions (6) _____ (take). Henceforth the agenda of the Cabinet, as well as the decisions will be accessible to the Ministers on their desktops, laptops and ipads. E- Cabinet is a self managed file (7) _____ (share) system through a cloud tool, specially (8) _____ (design) for the purpose.

b) Fill in the blanks with appropriate words: (4)

- i) I mistook that woman _____ a maid.
- ii) I can eat anything _____ fish.
- iii) A rebellion has broken _____ in our province.
- iv) Why do you interfere _____ my affairs?
- v) He is cutting down _____ sugar.
- vi) Most people are _____ these changes.
- vii) It all amounts _____ quite a lot of money.
- viii) We cruised _____ the canal for a few miles.

c) Combine each set of the following sentences without using *and, but* or *so*:

(4)

- i) My brother fell asleep. He was studying for the test.
- ii) Einstein was a great scientist. He discovered the theory of relativity.
- iii) I was tired after a long walk. I sat under a tree.
- iv) He is very ill. He can't walk.

d) Rewrite the following sentences according to the instructions given after each. Make other changes that may be necessary, but do not change the meaning of each sentence:

(8)

- i) Didn't I meet you in the market yesterday?
(End:didn't I?)
- ii) "I will come as soon as I can," mother assured me.
(Begin: Mother assured me.....)
- iii) Alas! We shall hear his voice no more.
(Begin: Alas! His voice.....)
- iv) Smoking is prohibited here
(Begin: No one.....)
- v) He decided to walk instead of taking the bus.
(Begin: Rather than.....)
- vi) In addition to a cook we need a steward.
(Use : not only... but also...)
- vii) The teacher told the children not to play on the road.
(End: "...." said the teacher.)
- viii) They are unhappy, although they are rich.
(Use : In spite of....)