

MAR THOMA RESIDENTIAL SCHOOL, TIRUVALLA

ANNUAL EXAMINATION-FEBRUARY 2019

PAPER-I ENGLISH LANGUAGE

Std: XI

(Time allowed: Three hours)

Marks: 100

(Candidates are allowed **additional 15 minutes** for **only** reading the paper.
They must **NOT** start writing during this time.)

Attempt all **four** questions.

The intended marks for questions or parts of questions are given in brackets [].
(You are advised to spend not more than **50 minutes** on **Question 1**, **40 minutes** on
Question 2, **30 minutes** on **Question 3** and **1 hour** on **Question 4**.)
(You should begin each answer on a fresh page.)

Question 1

Write a composition (in approximately 450-500 words) on any **one** of the following subjects:
You are reminded that you will be rewarded for orderly and coherent presentation of material, use of appropriate style and general accuracy of spelling, punctuation and grammar.

[25]

- Describe any two of your favourite possessions explaining what each of them mean to you.
- Narrate your experience of attending your first camping trip.
- Public Examination at school level should be abolished.* Give your arguments either **for** or **against** the statement.
- Ambition
- Our society is male-dominated and women are discriminated against. Give your views to show that empowerment of women is the need of the hour.
- I have a confession to make-----.* Complete the short story.

Question 2

- Write a **Personal Profile**, to be attached with the application form for admission to a famous sports institute. Base your profile on the points given below: [20]

Personal traits—academic achievements – passion for games from childhood— learning the game from the age of 5 – won medals at junior level National Events – leadership qualities---tough practice regime—future plans and aspirations.

- As the Head Girl/ Head Boy of your school, you have been given the responsibility of setting up an Eco-Club. Write a proposal in not more than 150 words, stating the steps you would take to successfully establish this particular club. [10]

a) In each of the following items, sentence A is complete, while sentence B is not. Complete sentence B, making it as similar as possible to sentence A. Write sen in each case.

Example: 0 A: This car is too small to accommodate all of us.

B: This car-----

B: This car is not big enough to accommodate all of us.

1 . A: To have been awarded a prize was a great honour.

B: It-----

2. A: May is the hottest month of the year.

B: No other month-----

3. A: If you do not look after your health, you will regret.

B: Unless-----

4. A: He was being taken to prison by the policemen.

B: The policemen-----

5. A: He said to me, "Let us go for a morning walk."

B: He suggested to me-----

6. A: Because of the rough sea, the ship could not sail.

B: The rough sea-----

7. A: If he feels worse during the night, give him these tablets.

B: Should-----

8. A: Unless you come for the interview you will not be considered for the post.

B: If-----

9. A: He did not mention her name even once.

B: Not even once-----

10. A: He won't go abroad, unless he is physically fit.

B: His trip abroad-----

(b) Fill in the blanks with a suitable word. (Do not write the sentence.)

[5]

1. Love is compared-----a rainbow.
2. Do not compare him-----me.
3. He complained to the Principal-----Arun.
4. He complains-----pain in his chest.
5. He is confident-----success.
6. I have no confidence-----him.
7. He deals -----sugar.
8. He knows how to deal-----his friends.
9. I differ-----you on this point.
10. Slate differs-----other types of rocks.

(c) Fill in the blanks in the passage given below with appropriate form of the verb given in the brackets. Do not write the passage, but write the verbs in the correct order.

[5]

A headache----- (1) (be) a very common ailment. Migraine----- (2) (be) a major reason behind most headaches. It is much more than just a severe headache, ----- (3) (manifest) as a complex condition with a host of symptoms ----- (4) (range) from pain to ----- (5) (disturb) vision.

Migraine----- (6) (emerge) as a common cause of headache nowadays, ----- (7) (owe) to the demands of a fast-paced lifestyle. Acidity, exposure to bright light and persistent loud noise ----- (8) (identified) as some of the factors that ----- (9) (lead) to migraine.

Neglecting a migraine not only ----- (10) (affect) the person psychologically, but can also cause damage to the brain, inner ear and retina.

Question 4

Read the passage given below and answer the questions (a), (b) and (c) that follow:

1. Romance is the privilege of the rich, not the profession of the unemployed. The penniless should be practical and prosaic. A permanent income is certainly more fascinating than a charming personality. Hughie Erskine was the perfect example of this crude fact. A charming fellow but totally ignorant of worldly wisdom.
2. His inheritance was a pittance, and his attempts at earning money were as good as a butterfly among bulls and **bears**. Hughie tried his hands at various trades but ultimately became nothing, a delightful young man with a perfect profile and no profession.
3. To make matters worse, he was in love with Laura Merton. She adored him too, but her father Colonel Merton would not hear of any **engagement** between the two. "Come to me, my boy, when you have got ten thousand **pounds** of your own", he used to say.

4. One morning, on his way to meet Laura, Hughie dropped in to see a friend, Alan Trevor, who was a famous painter. Trevor was putting finishing touches to a wonderful life-size picture of a beggar. The beggar, a wizened old man, with a face like wrinkled parchment and a most piteous expression was silently posing. He was all tears and tatters.
5. "Poor old chap!" Hughie exclaimed in sympathy. "How much does a model get for sitting?" he asked.
6. "A shilling an hour."
7. "And how much do you get for your painting?"
8. "Oh! For this I get two thousand guineas."
9. A frame maker's sudden visit disrupted their conversation and as Trevor moved out of the room to meet him, Hughie felt increased pity for the beggar after the newly acquired information. He instantly slipped the only sovereign he had into the beggar's hand, and took a quick leave.
10. That night, he met Trevor again who told him that the old beggar strangely seemed interested in Hughie, and had urged him to tell all about Hughie's life, including Laura.
11. "You told that old beggar all my private affairs?" Cried Hughie, surely disturbed.
12. "Don't be agitated, my dear boy. The old beggar, as you call him, is Baron Hausberg, one of the richest men in Europe. He had given me a commission a month ago to paint him as a beggar. Whim of a millionaire!"
13. "Baron Hausberg! Good Heavens! I gave him a sovereign!" Hughie exclaimed and quickly walked home, feeling unhappy and ashamed, leaving Trevor in fits of laughter.
14. The next morning a messenger from Hausberg dropped in. Hughie was preparing to convey his sincerest apologies but was given a sealed envelope instead. "A wedding present to Hughie Erskine and Laura Merton," from an old beggar, containing a cheque of £10,000. As the Baron delivered a speech at their marriage feast, Trevor remarked, "Millionaire models are rare enough, but, model millionaires are rarer still."

(a) (i) Given below are four words and phrases. Find the words which have a similar meaning in the passage.

1. prerogative
2. poor
3. attractive
4. finally

(ii) For each of the words given below, write a sentence of at least **ten** words, using the same word **unchanged in form, but with a different meaning** from that which it carries in the passage: [4]

1. bears
2. engagement
3. pounds
4. sovereign

(b) Answer the following questions in your words as briefly as possible:

1. What kind of a person was Hughie? [2]
 2. Why was Baron Hausberg dressed like a beggar? [2]
 3. Why was Hughie ashamed when he came to know the identity of the Baron? [2]
 4. How was the Baron a millionaire model as well as a model millionaire? [3]
- (c) Describe in not more than 100 words, how good fortune finally favoured Hughie (paragraphs 9 to 14). Failure to keep within the word limit will be penalised. You will be required to write your points in the form of a connected passage. [1]

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