

MAR THOMA RESIDENTIAL SCHOOL, TIRUVALLA
FIRST TERMINAL EXAMINATION- SEPTEMBER 2019

PAPER-I ENGLISH LANGUAGE

Std. XI

Time: 3hr

Mark: 100

Question 1

Write a composition in 400-450 words on any one of the following subjects: [25]

1. Give an account of your experience when you did something wrong in order to be accepted by a group of fellow students. Write briefly about your feelings after the incident.
2. Describe a typical wedding celebration in your country.
3. *Public Examination at school level should be abolished.* Give your argument either for or against the statement.
4. *Forests are the lungs of Earth.* Discuss.
5. Dieting.
6. Write a story ending with, *A man who wants to do something will find a way; a man who doesn't, will find an excuse.*

Question 2

a) You are the captain of football team of your school. Write an **article** in about 300 words using the notes given below. [20]

What a child is expected to be—computer and video games becoming very popular—students like indoor games and they neglect outdoor games—they are suffering from various diseases—pleasure of outdoor games and its benefits—ways to promote outdoor games—educational system should be changed—only then can we hope to get healthy students.

b) As a member of the Home Science Club of your school, you have been given the responsibility of organising *Bake Sale* to raise funds for providing woollen clothes to the underprivileged children. Write a **proposal** in not more than 150 words, stating the steps you would take to successfully organise this sale. [10]

Question 3

Answer sections (a), (b) and (c)

(a) In each of the following items, sentence A is complete, sentence B is not. Complete sentence B, making it as similar in meaning to sentence A. Write down sentence B complete in each case. [10]

Example: A. We only knew the truth when we read the report.

B. Not until-----

Answer: B. Not until we read the report, did we know the truth.

1. A. She didn't know where the document was and I didn't either.
B. Neither she -----
2. A. You must not be careless with your wallet; if you are, you will lose it.
B. Unless-----
3. A. As soon as the train arrived, the passengers rushed into the compartments.
B. No sooner-----
4. A. The poem is too difficult for me to understand.
B: The poem is so-----
5. A. No doubt somebody will blame me for the problem.
B. Undoubtedly I-----
6. A. When the pilot heard the weather report, he decided not to fly.
B. Having-----
7. A. Did they give any reason for the late arrival of the flight?
B. Did they explain-----
8. A. He reached home just as it began to rain heavily.
B. Hardly-----
9. A. The teacher said to the pupils, "Do not go out alone."
B. The teacher forbade-----
10. A. Tiger Woods is the most powerful golfer at present.
B. No other-----

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

1. Mother gave -----when we made a request
2. He gave-----smoking.
3. She went -----the wishes of her father.
4. The Principal is going-----the case.
5. We cannot manage -----food for long.
6. Kindly hand -----your assignments.
7. Prospero hanged -----to the mast till the ship sank.
8. Keep -----from wild dogs.
9. The flight was held----- due to fog.
10. She kept----- running till she collapsed.

(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]

When the floods in Kerala------(1) (cause) death and destruction, people came forward to provide rescue and relief. Among them were fisherfolk, similarly------(2) (affect), who emerged as selfless heroes during the calamity.

With many people cut off from aid by the------(3) (rise) waters, fishermen from the state transported their boats to help rescue flood-ravaged victims from hard-to-reach areas. "We are------(4) (try) to give back because our lives were similarly------(5) (devastate) when the cyclone Ockhi ------(6) (strike). We know how------(7) (deal) with water; it's in our blood," fisherman V. Rubin said.

Among the bravehearts is 32-year-old Jaisal K.P. from Tanur, who got on all fours in the floodwaters in Muthalamad,------(8) (offer) his back as a ------(9) (step)stone so that three women could safely climb on to a rescue boat. The viral video of Jaisal's selfless act always -----(10) (stay) with us.

Question 4

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

1. Doctor Faustus became dissatisfied with the traditional forms of knowledge – logic, medicine, medicine, law and religion. He, therefore, turned to magic. He felt magic would bring him not only wealth, but power and glory. He imagined that by means of magic he would make spirits bring him gold from India, pearls from oceans and delicious fruits from all corners of the New World.
2. Once when Faustus was fantasizing about the power and pleasures that he would be able to enjoy by means of magic, two Angels—a Good Angel and a Bad Angel—appeared before him. The Good Angel advised him to give up the pursuit of magic, whereas the Bad Angel tempted him to study magic and become as powerful on Earth as God in the sky. Faustus ignored the advice of the Good Angel and learned the fundamentals of Black magic from his two friends, Valdes and Cornelis.
3. One night, Faustus decided to test the efficacy of magic and used incantations and spells to summon the devil, Mephistophilis. When Mephistophilis appeared before him, Faustus was elated at the devil's compliance with his orders. But Faustus was greatly surprised when the devil told him that he had appeared before him not because of any magical spell. The devil said that the agents of the devil waste no time in rushing to a man who had decided to renounce God. As Faustus had done so, the devil had come to him. However, despite the devil's warnings about the horrors of hell, Faustus requested him to return to his master, Lucifer, with an offer of Faustus's soul in exchange for twenty-four years of service from Mephistophilis. Mephistophilis returned to Faustus with a word that Lucifer had accepted his offer. As a part of the agreement, Faustus wrote

a deal with his blood and offered his soul in exchange for twenty- four years of power, with Mephistophilis as servant.

4. Armed with his new powers and attended by Mephistophilis, Faustus explored the heavens and the earth from a chariot drawn by dragons. He performed many tricks and illusions and became a renowned magician and scholar. When the twenty-fourth year of Faustus's life of pleasures drew to a close, Faustus tried to forget himself in merry-making. One day an old man came to him and scolded him for his wicked and sinful ways. He urged Faustus to seek forgiveness from God. Faustus felt overwhelmed by his sense of sin and rebuked himself for having entered into a bond by which he pledged his soul to the devil. He recalled the wonders that he had enjoyed and found that he had lost everything. For vain pleasures of twenty-four years, he had lost his joy and peace. Just when an hour was left for his damnation, Faustus appealed to the devil to stop moving so that he might get the time to repent and save his soul. Faustus even made an appeal to God for mercy. When the clock struck the hour of midnight, a roar of thunder was heard and the devil, appeared before him. Faustus was terrified to see the fierce look in the eyes of the devil. As Faustus begged God and devil for mercy, the devil dragged him to hell. In the morning, Faustus's friends found his body, torn to pieces.

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

1. fame
2. daydreaming
3. chase
4. call

(ii) *For each of the words given below write a sentence of at least 10 words, using the same word unchanged in form, but with a different meaning from that which it has in the passage:*

1. spirits
2. fruits
3. power
4. spells

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

1. What did Doctor Faustus wish to achieve by learning magic?
2. What reason did Mephistophilis give for appearing before Faustus?
3. What was the deal which Doctor Faustus signed with Lucifer?
4. How did Faustus feel when scolded by the old man?

c) *Summarise Doctor Faustus's alliance with the devil and its consequences in not more than 100 words using paragraph 3 and 4. Your answer should be in a grid.*

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