

Reg. No. : .....

**FY-401**

Name : .....

**IMPROVEMENT / SUPPLEMENTARY EXAMINATION, JANUARY – 2022**

Part – I

Time : 2½ Hours

**ENGLISH**

Cool-off time : 20 Minutes

Maximum : 80 Scores

***General Instructions to Candidates :***

- There is a ‘Cool-off time’ of 20 minutes in addition to the writing time.
- Use the ‘Cool-off time’ to get familiar with questions and to plan your answers.
- Read questions carefully before answering.
- Write answer to the specific number of questions as instructed.
- Keep in mind, the score and time while answering the questions.
- Electronic devices are not allowed in the examination hall.

**(Questions 1 - 8 : Answer any four questions. Each carries 1 score.)**

**(4 × 1 = 4)**

Read the passage and answer the questions below.

He waited a moment in surprise, wondering why she did not come nearer, and then maddened by hunger, he dived at the fish. With a loud scream, he fell outwards and downwards into space. His mother had swooped upwards. As he passed beneath her, he heard the swish of her wings.

1. “He waited a moment in surprise.” Who is ‘he’, referred to here ?
2. What surprised him ?

3. What prompted him to dive at the fish ?
  
4. “He heard the swish of her wings.” Whose wings did he hear ?

Read the extract and answer the following questions :

The glories of our blood and state  
Are shadows, not substantial things;  
There is no armour against Fate;  
Death lays his icy hand on kings :  
Sceptre and Crown  
Must tumble down,  
And in the dust be equal made  
With the poor crooked scythe and spade.

5. Which are the non-substantial things, according to the poet ?
  
6. What does ‘Fate’ refer to here ?
  
7. Identify the figure of speech in the lines “Scepter and Crown Must tumble down”.
  
8. What does ‘scythe and spade’ symbolise ?

**(Questions 9 -10 : Answer any one question. Carries 4 scores.)**

**(1 × 4 = 4)**

9. Edit the passage.

On 1959, in the age of seventeen, Hawking went to Oxford to study natural science and to specialize on physics. He joined University College in Oxford and took his degree.

10. Choose the correct alternative.

- (a) Neither Rita nor Reena \_\_\_\_\_ (has/have) a chance to win the prize.
- (b) Atul and Amit \_\_\_\_\_ (was/were) present in class.
- (c) Rice and curry \_\_\_\_\_ (is/are) my favourite dish.
- (d) The price of vegetables \_\_\_\_\_ (is/are) going up steadily.

**(Questions 11 -14 : Answer any TWO questions. Each carries 2 scores.)**

**(2 × 2 = 4)**

11. Change into indirect speech.

Maggie said Mrs. Clifford, “show Mr. Gupta the ring.”

“Has your brother sent you a ring ?”, Gupta asked.

12. Elaborate the ideas in the following lines.

“Only the actions of the just, Smell sweet and blossom in the dust.”

13. Fill in the blanks using the appropriate cohesive devices given in the brackets.

[because, although, suddenly]

a  the fishermen leapt from the canoe and seized the two women and set off in great haste for home.  b  the women pleaded for their lives, the cruel warriors from Nabukelevu did not listen to their entreaties.

14. Rewrite as directed.

(a) What a beautiful flower ! (Change into an assertive sentence)

(b) He bought twenty gooseberry bushes. (Frame a question to get the underlined words as answer)

**(Questions 15 - 22 : Answer any FOUR questions. Each carries 4 scores.)**

**(4 × 4 = 16)**

15. In the story 'His First Flight', we see a seagull who was afraid to make his first flight. Later its parents goaded it into action and thereby equipped it to face the challenges of life. Do you have any such experience ? Narrate your experience of guidance from parents in eighty words.

16. Comment on the central theme of the poem 'If'.

17. "Women will enjoy the same right as men ....." This is Gandhiji's unshaking opinion. Write four arguments agreeing or disagreeing with Gandhiji's point of view.

18. Comment on the significance of the title 'The Price of Flowers'.

19. Why is death considered a leveller ? (Answer the question with reference to James Shirley's poem 'Death the Leveller')

20. In the story 'The Price of Flowers' Mr. Gupta says, "I realised that superstition was not confined to India." As an Indian student, you may have experience of a few superstitions. Explain your attitude to superstitions giving reasons for your answer.

21. “Do not worry, Doctor Sahib I am strong. And it is my work too.” These are the words of Hasan, the Serang of Ranaganji. Attempt a character sketch of Hasan.
22. As a tourist guide, you are asked to take a group of tourists to one of the tourist spots in your locality. Prepare a short introductory speech to the group.

**(Questions 23 - 26 : Answer any TWO questions. Each carries 5 scores.) (2 × 5 = 10)**

23. As the school leader, you are to propose the vote of thanks for the Sasthayan Programme conducted in your school. Write the speech.
24. Wordsworth, in his poem ‘To Sleep’, describes his sleepless nights. You too would have experienced many sleepless nights in the course of your life. Narrate the experience of one such night.
25. Narrate the Legend of ‘The Sacred Turtles of Kadavu.’
26. Mr. Gupta was deeply touched by the life of poor people in London. He writes a letter about this to his friend in India. Draft the letter.

**(Questions 27 - 32 : Answer any THREE questions. Each carries 6 scores.) (3 × 6 = 18)**

27. On a reporting assignment for a television channel, you witness the strange ritual of turtle calling in Namuana. Prepare a live TV report of the ritual.
28. Mr. Gupta writes an e-mail to Maggie after he visited Frank’s grave. Write the e-mail.

29. At the ledge of the cliff, the seagull and his sister engage in a conversation. Write the likely conversation. (At least six exchanges).
30. “I shall work for an India in which the poorest shall feel that it is their country, in whose making they have an effective voice, an India in which there shall be no high class and low class of people, an India in which all communities shall live in perfect harmony.....” This was Gandhiji’s dream for India. Do you think that contemporary India is the India of Gandhiji’s dreams ? If not, what are the obstacles that hinder the dream ? Write a letter to the editor giving your views on the topic.
31. You were inspired by the speech of Dr. A.P.J. Abdul Kalam at the inauguration of Sasthayaan. As Secretary of the Science Club, write the report of the programme.
32. Prepare a brief profile of Dr. A.P.J. Abdul Kalam, developing the hints below.

**Avul Pakir Jainulabdeen Abdul Kalam.**

Born	:	15 <sup>th</sup> October, 1931, Rameswaram
Education	:	Madras Institute of Technology, Anna University
Profession	:	Aerospace Scientist, Author
Literary works	:	Wings of Fire, Turning Points, Ignited Minds
Awards	:	Bharat Ratna, Padma Bhushan, Padma Vibhushan, Veer Savarkar
President of India	:	2002 – 2007
Died	:	27 <sup>th</sup> July 2015, Shillong
Resting Place	:	Dr. A.P.J. Abdul Kalam Desiya Ninaivagam, Pei Karumbu, Rameswaram.

**(Questions 33 - 38 : Answer any THREE questions. Each carries 8 scores.)**

**(3 × 8 = 24)**

33. Family plays a vital role in shaping the habits and behavior of children. Substantiate this statement with reference to the role of family in helping the young seagull to fly.

[Hints : Young seagull – afraid to fly – others flew away – the example of parents and siblings – hunger – success.]

34. Greatness is achieved through tireless hard work, perseverance, confidence, positive thinking and courage. What, according to you, are the qualities of Gandhiji which led to the success of the struggle for freedom of India ? Write the answer with reference to Nehru’s opinion of Gandhiji as revealed in the extract ‘And then Gandhi came.’

35. You are living in a world that has faced a number of adversities such as the floods, cyclones and the Covid 19 pandemic. As these disasters have become so common, disaster management is now an essential service sector. As an active NSS volunteer, you are assigned to write a newspaper article suggesting ways to reduce the impact of disasters. Write the article in around 120 words.

36. You were one of the Lascars who contracted small pox on the voyage of the Ranaganji. The management later arranged a function to honour Hasan. You have been asked to deliver a speech on the occasion. Draft the speech.

37. Prepare a paper on the topic ‘Technology and Education’ to be presented in a seminar organised by your local Grama Panchayath.

38. Read the poem given below and write a note of appreciation.

**NATURE**

Henry Wadsworth Longfellow.

As a fond mother, when the day is O'er,

Leads by the hand her little child to bed,

Half willing, half reluctant to be led,

And leave his broken playthings on the floor.

Still gazing at them through the open door

Nor wholly reassured and comforted

By promises of others in their stead,

Which though more splendid, may not please him more;

So Nature deals with us, and takes away

Our playthings one by one, and by the hand

Leads us to rest so gently, that we go

Scarce knowing if we wish to go or stay,

Being too full of sleep to understand

How far the unknown transcends what we know.

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