

ANDHRA ASSOCIATION HIGH SCHOOL – SECONDARY SECTION
SELECTION EXAMINATION – 2019

CLASS – X
SUB: ENGLISH

F.M = 90

Time: 3 hrs.

SECTION – A

Reading Comprehension (Seen)

1) Read the passage carefully and answer the question that follow:

On top of the shed, the cat arches his back and rakes his claws once or twice through the soft bark of the old roof. He stretches himself a few times to see if every muscle is in full working order. Then, drooping his head nearly to his paws, he sends across a call to his kindred. Before long they come, gliding, graceful shadows. No longer are they meek creature who an hour ago were mewling for fish and milk. They are now grim fighters.

Just think how much more he gets out of his life than you do out of yours! And the sports they have too! As they get older they go in for sport to the suburban backyards. These backyards that are dull to us, are to them hunting grounds where they have more gallant adventure than King Arthur's Knights ever had.

It is always spoken as a reproach against cats that they are more fond of their home than of the people in it. Naturally, the cat doesn't like to leave his country, the land where all his friends are, and where he knows every landmark. Exiled in a new land, he would have to learn a new geography. So when the family moves, the cat if allowed, if allowed will stay at the old house and attack himself to the new tenants. He will give them the privilege of boarding him while he enjoys life in his own way.

A) Write the correct alternative to complete the following sentences:

1x5=5

a) For sports the older cat goes to the _____

- i) suburban backyard ii) urban backyard iii) roof iv) rural backyard

b) The cats having gallant adventure can only be compared to _____

- i) film stars ii) football players iii) King Arthur's Knights iv) hunters

c) The cat does not leave his country for his _____

- i) family ii) friends iii) friends and knowledge of every landmark iv) food

d) When the family moves, if the cat is allowed he stays in the _____

- i) new house ii) old house iii) backyard iv) kitchen

e) 'Reproach' means _____

- i) bad nature ii) blame iii) praise iv) honour

B) Complete the sentences with information from the text: 1x2=2

i) In the old locality the cat knows every _____

ii) It is often spoke with reproach _____

C) Answer the following questions: 2x1=2

i) What are the sports of the cat compared to and why?

D) Fill in the chart with information from the chart: 3x1=3

CAUSE	EFFECT
i) The cats grow old	
	ii) The cat does not like to leave his country
iii) The family moves to a new place	

2) Read the poem and answer the questions that follow:

I must go down to the seas again, for the call of the running tide.

It a wild call and a clear call that may not be denied?

And all I ask is a windy day with the white clouds flying,

And the flung spray and the blown spume, and the sea gulls crying.

I must go down to the seas again, to the vagrant gypsy life

To the gull's way and whale's way where the wind's like a whetted knife

And all I ask is a merry yarn from a laughing fellow rover,

And quiet sleep and a sweet dream when the long trick's over

A) Write the correct alternative to complete the following sentences: 1x4=4

a) The poet is fond of the _____

- i) peaceful life ii) static life iii) moving life iv) vagrant gypsy life

b) From an accompanying sailor the poet will ask for _____

- i) an adventurous yarn ii) a sad yarn iii) a merry yarn iv) a sweet dream

c) The word 'trick' suggests _____

- i) plan ii) journey iii) fight iv) currying

d) In between the flung spray and the blown spume the poet will find the _____

- i) birds flying ii) crows shouting iii) sea gulls crying iv) eagles preying

B) State whether the statements are 'True' or 'False'. Provide supporting sentences / phrases / words in support of your answer: 2x2=4

a) The poet longs for a restless vagabond life []

Supporting Statement _____

b) After the journey the poet will have a strange nightmare []

Supporting Statement _____

Reading Comprehension (Unseen)

3) Read the following passage and answer the questions that follow:

KOLKATA: Two men have seen Bahubali 2 more times over the last fortnight than most fans of the S.S.Rajamouli – directed magnum opus. Romio Hazra and Babu Paul are at the helm of this year's puja at Sreebhumi Sporting Club, where the palace of Mahishmati, the ancient kingdom portrayed in the Bahubali series, is being recreated. Come September 20 and palatial pandal is scheduled to be inaugurated by the Bahubali of Argentine Soccer. Diego Maradona.

"Bahubali 2 has done tremendous business across the country. A pandal on the theme will attract people. Durga is a goddess of power. So there is a synergy between Durgapuja and the valorous Bahubali" said Sujit Bose, the Chief Organiser of the Sreebhumi Puja.

When Metro contacted Paul on June 26, a day after Khuti Puja, the proprietor of Paul Electric Company. Chandannagar, had not even seen the film. "Dada (Bose) had just told me about the theme". But in less than two weeks, he is ready with concrete ideas on how to bring Bahubali 2 alive through illumination.

There will be arching gate near the Big Ben Prototype clock town where an elephant will stand atop pedestals with its trunk raised. Climbing up its head along the trunk will be Amasendra Bahubali as seen in the sequel's posters and opening sequence. While the elephant will be in LED the Bahubali figure will be of fibre. Visitors will make their way through the feet of elephant. Eight more Bahubali themed light pillars will guide them to

the pandal. Paul had chosen four scenes that he wants to portray- Sivagami raising new born Mahendra above water as she floats along the mountain stream. Amarendra and Devsena practising archery side by side. Mahendra carrying the gigantic Sivalinga and Mahendra standing astride two on rushing bulls.

A) Choose the correct alternative to complete the following sentences: $1 \times 6 = 6$

i) S.S.Rajamouli- directed magnum opus is _____

- a) Makki b) Bahubali c) Bahubali 2 d) Strongman

ii) The theme for the Durga Puja at Sreebhumi Sporting Club is the _____

- a) Palace of Jaipur b) Palace of Chittor

- c) Palace of Nizam d) Palace of Mahishmati

iii) The palatial pandal will be inaugurated by _____

- a) Diego Maradona b) Messi c) Ronaldo d) Kaka

iv) Durga is the goddess of _____

- a) Prosperity b) Power c) Wisdom d) Wealth

v) The Khuti Puja took place on _____

- a) June 26 b) June 27 c) June 25 d) June 24

vi) Paul Electric Company is in _____

- a) Chandannagar b) Chandni Chowk c) Moulali d) Esplanade

B) Each of the following sentences is either 'True' or 'False'. Write 'T' for 'True' and 'F' for 'False' in the right hand side. Also pick out suitable line from the text in support of your answer: $(1+1) \times 3 = 6$

i) Two men have seen Bahubali 2 more times over the last one month. []

Supporting Statement: _____

ii) The pandal will be inaugurated on September 21. []

Supporting Statement: _____

iii) Eight Bahubali themed light pillars will guide the spectators to the pandal. []

Supporting Statement: _____

C) Answer the following questions:

2x4=8

- i. Who are the organizers at Sreebhumi Sporting Club?
- ii. What is the theme for the Durga Puja this year?
- iii. Why are they creating the palace of Mahishmati?
- iv. What type of lighting are they planning to use for decoration?

D) Given below are the meanings of four words which you will find in Questions No-3. Find out the words and write them in the appropriate boxes on the right hand side: 2x4=8

- i. To present a gift. []
- ii. Resist a decision by going against it. []
- iii. One who designs and supervises the construction of a house. []
- iv. Providing great pleasure & comfort. []

SECTION - B

Grammar

4) Write the correct alternative to fill in the blanks:

1x3=3

It was the very letter she had once _____ (write / wrote / written) to her brother. Philippa was her mother's name and cloude was her father's. She _____ (has known / knew / knows) who we must be. So she _____ (sits / sat / sit) down and wrote to Big Half Moon.

5) Do as directed:

A) Fill in the blanks with appropriate articles and prepositions: 1x3=3

He is _____ very angry man. He is especially angry _____ boys who come _____ late.

B) i) Can you do this exercise? (change the voice) 1

ii) You do not take care of your health. You may fall ill (Join into a single sentence using an adverb clause) 1

iii) I said to him, 'May you be happy' (change the mode of narration) 1

C) Write the correct phrasal verbs(changing the form where necessary) 1x3=3

i) By chance she found some old photographs in the drawn.

ii) The company has established several new branches.

iii) He removed his hat before he entered the hall.

SECTION – C

WRITING

6) Study the following flowchart and write how the drinking water is supplied: 10

Extraction of raw Ganga water – Purification by mixing alum – reservation in a big tank – alteration in filter beds – Super purification in filter houses – Chlorine Charged – testing – taken into pressure house – delivery / supply.

7) Develop the following points into a newspaper report: 10

Place: Kolkata – Date: 2 May – heat wave tell of 4 lives – no rain – drought feared unless weather changes – no water in several areas in Kolkata – adding the misery – no message of hope from meteorological office. (100-120 words)

8) Write a letter, to the Editor, expressing your grievance about 'MALARIA' and 'DENGUE' that already have broken out in your area. (about 120 words) 10