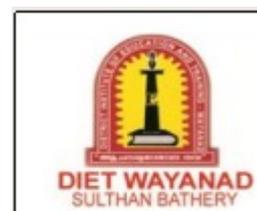


KERALA STATE Xth EQUIVALENCY
Model Examination 2014
(New scheme)
ENGLISH



Time 2 ½

Total score 60

(Questions 1-5) Read the excerpt from the story “The Diamond Necklace’ And answer the questions that follow

Years passed by the Loiseles experienced the horrors of a poverty- stricken life . The dreadful debt had to be paid off. They left their house and took a cheap room. The servant was dismissed. Matilda cooked , cleaned, washed, carried water and wore poor clothes .Her husband worked over time in the evening to earn extra money.

And this life went on for about ten years .In the end they paid off everything.

Matilda looked old now. At times she would think of her youthful beauty and the evening party that ruined her life

What would have happened if she had not lost the necklace !How queer life is!
How easily changed!

1. How did Loiseles pay the dreadful debt? 2
2. Why was the servant dismissed? 1
3. What all things Matilda did? 2
4. How did Matilda know life is very queer? 2
5. The word in the passage that means “strange” is
(horrors, queer, lost, cheap) 1
6. What would have happened if she had not lost the necklace? (Prepare a write up) 2

(Questions (7-10) Read the following lines from 'Nothing to Eat 'and answer the questions given

She had nothing to eat
They made a film about her
Because she had nothing to eat
Her husband
Was killed in the war
They wrote a book about
How he was killed in the war
Her brother and mother
Were executed by the revolutionary guards
There was an opera about it.
Both her children died
[there was no hospital]
You can see the photographs
at an exhibition in London.
Then some one wrote a poem
Still
She had nothing to eat

7. What did the people do when her husband was killed in the war? 1
8. What happened to her brother and mother? 1
9. Where can we see the photographs of her children? 1
10. The poem begins and ends with the same line. What does it convey? 1

(Questions 11-15) Read the following passage and answer the questions that follow. Each question carries one mark.

The world appears to be gloomy in the absence of a true friend. Man, by nature, is a social animal. A man who lives alone is either an angel or a beast. Therefore, the need for a true and honest friend is always important for man. True friends, no doubt are rare in this world. A friend is the elixir of life and panacea for many ills. A friend is very useful at the time of adversity. But there are many persons in this world who are fair weather friends. When one's purse jingles with money, they flock around him; otherwise, run away. I would always like to have friends who possess qualities of both the head and heart. Do you have any one such friend?

11. What do you mean by the phrase 'fair weather' friends? 1
12. A friend is the elixir of life and panacea for many ills; what does this statement mean? 1
13. Why does the author state that friends should possess the qualities of both the head and the heart? 1
14. 'Friends are people who stand by you in times of need, quote relevant sentence from the passage which means the same. 1
15. What, according to the author, is so rare in this world? 1
16. Answer any one of the following 6
- a) The inspector of police heard every thing that Mr. Loisel had told him. He wanted Mr. Loisel to lodge a complaint. Write a likely letter
- b) Imagine that 'Haritha club' of your village has arranged a function to congratulate Severn Cullis-Suzuki for her inspiring speech. So Write a NOTICE for this programme.
17. Write a likely conversation between Geesu and the land lord. When Geesu and Madhav approached the land lord for money 5
18. We got an awareness of protecting our planet from Seven Suzuki's speech. Now Write three slogans to be written on placards 3
19. Matilda wrote a diary on the day when she lost the necklace. Write the diary 5
20. Write the profile of Oscar Wilde using the hints given 5
- Birth : 1854, Michigan
- Career : Writer And poet
- Famous for : biting wit, flamboy and dressing, glittering conversation
: most well known personalities of his day
- period : Victorian period
- Death : 1900 at the age of 46

21. choose the appropriate phrasal verbs from the brackets

(put on , put up with, turn up , go on , come up on)

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- a) Raghu continued reading his novel .
- b) Sarika wear a new sari .
- c) Renu met Suresh accidentally at Shornur Railway station .
- d) Sruthi suffered her husband throughout the year.

22. Match items in column 'A 'to those in column 'B' and make meaningful sentences

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A	B
a) If you attend the interview	moving a bit from here
b) Would you mind	as a fox
c) He is as clever	nor his friend has gone to Bombay.
d) Neither he	you will get the job

23. A few words are missing in the passage given .choose the appropriate words from the box given and complete it

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Anil went.....market . He found his friend there .He wenthim to his house. There he met Aruns's father. Arun's father isAmerica. AnilArun went to market. They bought a chairwood.

(of , and , from , to , with , between)

24. Fill in the brackets in the following passage choosing the right words from the options given in brackets

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I saw a poor man While I _____ (am returning , returning, was returning) from office. He _____(disturbed , was disturbed , was disturbing) by many wicked children .He requested me to help him. At first I(not said, did not say, did not said) any thing. He began to cry aloud .I then(had scolded , scolded, scolding) the children and consoled him .