

4. Live and Let Live

Live and Let Live - When a Sappling is Planted

Que 1: Imagine that your school is conducting an essay writing competition in connection with the Environment Day. You are also a contestant. The topic for the essay is '*Global Warming and Climate change could convert the Earth forever*' Write an essay of about 200 words **Marks : (5)**



Ans: Comprehensiveness of the content

Organization of ideas

Relevance of the thoughts and ideas presented

Clarity of ideas

Que 2: Imagine that you live in a village where mangroves face fast extinction. You and your friends want to do something to conserve mangroves. Write an email to Sri. Kallen Pokkudan, the famous mangrove conservationist seeking his help in planting and conserving mangroves **Marks : (5)**

Ans: Relevance of the content

Proper communication of ideas

Appropriateness of language

Que 3: Imagine that you are a journalist and you have interviewed Wangari Maathai. She has given the following answers to the questions you asked. What were the questions? Write them down.

(a).....

Sure. It was a delightful time as far as I feel. Even a child having the toughest childhood would remember it as a good one because the good experiences remain in our memory. Of course there were problems but I was a satisfied child.

(b)

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I think that having studied biology really helped me a lot because I quickly understand how biological systems work, and how they fail, and the tragedy of when they fail. We are dealing with life systems, and when we hear that a species has become extinct, or is threatened, you realize that this could mean that this species will disappear from the face of the earth forever! So that understanding really gives you energy to do something to save it.

(c)

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The current focus of *The Green Belt Movement* is mainly to continue encouraging people to manage their land in a sustainable way, to protect soil erosion, to plant trees. The majority of people still use firewood as their major source of energy but also to protect degraded forests and to make sure that forests that are still standing are protected. **Marks :(6)**

Ans: a) Relevance of the question

Appropriateness of language

b) Relevance of the question

Appropriateness of language

c) Relevance of the question

Appropriateness of language

Que 4: Read the following sentences and find out the adverb phrase or adverb clause in them. **Marks :(3)**

(a) When Sachin was 7 years old, his brother decided to provide him cricket lessons.

(b) Aakash didn't attend the music classes because he was ill.

(c) The brave fishermen succeeded in saving the family from flood waters.

Ans: (a) When Sachin was 7 years old (*adverb clause*)

(b) because he was ill (*adverb clause*)

(c) *in saving the family from flood waters* (*adverb phrase*)

Accuracy - 3

Que 5: Wangari Maathai in her speech 'When a Sapling is Planted' says "there can be no development without sustainable management of the environment in a democratic and peaceful space." In the light of the recent environmental mishaps that occurred in Kerala and elsewhere, prepare a speech on the importance of sustainable development, to be delivered on the Environment Day. **Marks :(8)**

Ans: Relevance of the content

Comprehensiveness of the speech

Appropriate language

Live and Let Live – Rice

Que 1: When asked what the most important job in the world is, very few people thought of agriculture for an answer. Is agriculture the supreme culture in our world? Express your views in a paragraph *Marks :(5)*

Ans: Relevance of the content

Organization of ideas

Appropriateness of language

Que 2: Prepare a letter to the editor of a newspaper on the significance of conserving and propagating the traditional practices of farming in Kerala *Marks :(5)*

Ans: Relevance of the content

Style and format of the letter to the editor

Appropriateness of language

Que 3: The speaker of the poem 'Rice' is a student in North India. Imagine that he invites one of his friends there to visit Kerala. Prepare an email for the speaker of the poem 'Rice', to be sent to his friend, focusing on the natural beauty, places to visit, climate, cuisine etc of Kerala. *Marks :(5)*

Ans: Relevance of the content

Style and format of email

Appropriateness of language

Que 4: Read the paragraphs below and answer the questions appropriately

Rice is a staple food for millions of Indians. It can also be a vital source of nutrition and health-benefiting substance if some of the nutritious varieties of rice traditionally grown can be popularized and polishing is kept to a minimum, a new study of diverse rice varieties done in Kerala has concluded.

Kerala is home to a number of traditional rice varieties such as Pokkali, a saltwater-tolerant organic rice having medicinal properties and special taste; Jeerakasala and Gandhakasala (scented rice varieties); Black Njavara and Golden Njavara (medicinal rice varieties extensively used in the Ayurveda). Researchers at the Rice Research Station, Kerala Agricultural University, Kochi, compared these varieties with two widely cultivated rice varieties, Jyothi and Uma, for nutrition value and acceptability by people.

Researchers point out that rice milling, done for polishing rice grain, involves discarding bran or brown outer layer of rice kernel which has considerable

nutritional value and health benefits. Processed rice is deficient in many minerals such as potassium (maintains blood pressure), phosphorus (for strong bones and dental health), manganese (required for various chemical processes in the body) and sulphur (main constituents of proteins in our body).

(a) Pick out the word which means 'reject' from the passage.

(b) What is required if rice should stay as a vital source of nutrition and health-benefiting substance? Score: 2

(c) Write a short paragraph of about 30 words comparing the traits of the traditional varieties of rice and the processed rice. **Marks :(6)**

Ans: (a) discarding/discard

(b) if some of the nutritious varieties of rice traditionally grown can be popularized and polishing is kept to a minimum

(c) Relevance of the points

Appropriateness of language of comparison

Que 5: In the poem 'Rice' written by Sri. Chemmanam Chacko, the speaker's father says, with obvious pride: 'Son, we've stopped working on all the rice.

It was quite inconvenient. The farmer gained nothing-

only fools turn to rice-farming for gain.

This is better money--what good times!

The government gives rice to those who don't have paddy fields.'

Do you think the speaker's father has the right attitude towards the living conditions of the present-day Kerala? Express your opinions in a paragraph
Marks :(5)

Ans: Comprehensiveness of the content

Relevance of the points

Clarity of presentation

Logical sequencing of ideas

Live and Let Live - Dangers of Drug Abuse

Que 1: Dr. Hardin B. Jones, in his essay 'Dangers of Drug Abuse', says "The addict feels depressed and fails to respond either to his environment or to other people. His mental disturbance can be quite similar to paranoia. He cannot discern the source of his problem and looks for the cause in everything but himself."

It is a paradox that people who are gifted with a healthy body destroys it for momentary pleasure whereas people like Stephen Hawking strives to change the world for good with his ill-stricken body. Write an essay on the importance of maintaining a healthy body and mind to seek real happiness. *Marks :(8)*

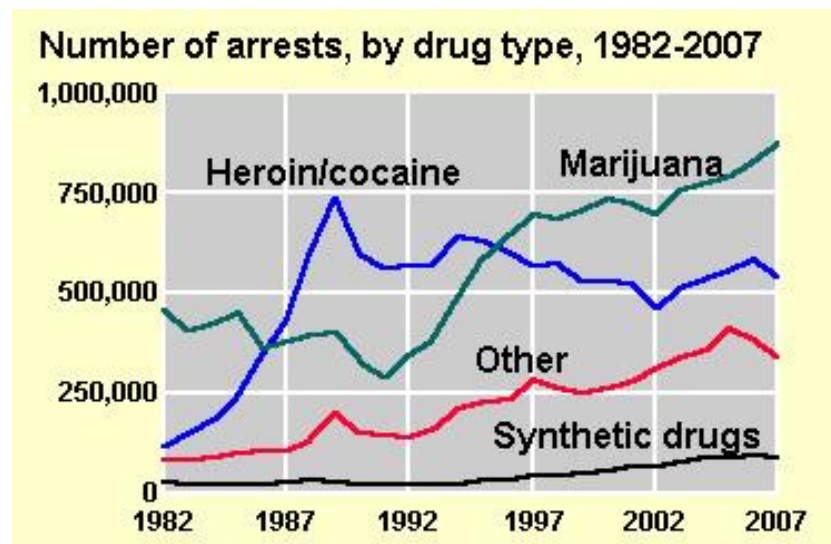
Ans: Comprehensiveness of the content

Organization of ideas

Relevance of the thoughts and ideas presented

Clarity of ideas

Que 2: The graph shown below is a statistical study of the relation between the type of drug used and the rate of crimes in between 1982 and 2007. Study the graph carefully and present your findings in a paragraph of 100 words *Marks :(6)*



Ans: Comprehensiveness of the content

Interpretation of the facts

Organization of ideas

Appropriateness of language

Que 3: It is said that there is a strong connection between substance abuse and a person's tendency to indulge in domestic violence. Do you think so? Write your opinions in this regard in a paragraph *Marks :(5)*

Ans: Relevance of the content

Organization of ideas

Appropriateness of language

Que 4: Imagine that you are a social activist. You want to collect some information regarding the number of people arrested for drug trafficking in the last 10 years, their age, family background, education, whether they are addicts

