

## X ENGLISH FULL LENGTH TEST

TIME: 1½ HOURS

M.M.: 50

*Syllabus : – Two gentleman of Verona – Mrs. Packletide’s Tiger – The Letter – The frog and the Nightingale  
–Not Marble Nor the Gilded Monuments –Ozymandias –The Dear Departed –Story Writing –Editing /  
Omission*

1. Read the following extracts and answer the questions that follow: 3  
“He coloured deeply under his sunburn, then grew pale. He looked to the ground.  
a. Why did Nicola colour?  
b. What did the narrator presume about the boys?  
c. How was he proved wrong?
2. How were the boys useful to the narrator in ‘Two gentlemen of Verona’? 3
3. How does Saki expose human greed and vanity in the story ‘Mrs. Packletide’s Tiger’? 3
4. ‘But for the faith and love that warmed him, he could not have borne the bitter cold’. 3  
a. Who is ‘he’ in this line?  
b. Why was he at the post office in the bitter cold?  
c. What gave Ali the strength to brave the bitter cold?
5. What impression do you form of the postmaster after reading the story ‘The Letter’? 3
6. ‘You must make your public happier;  
Give them something sharper and snappier.  
We must aim for better billings  
You still owe me sixty shillings.” 3  
a. Who are the “public”? Why was this advice given?  
b. What is the meaning of “better billings”?  
c. What aspect of the speaker’s personality is shown in these lines?
7. Compare and contrast the ravages of time as shown in ‘Not Marble nor the gilded Monuments  
and ‘Ozymandias’? 5
8. Bring out the irony in the poem ‘Ozymandias’. 3
9. ‘Nothing beside remains. Round the decay  
Of that colossal Wreck, boundless and bare  
The lone and level sands stretch far away.’ 3  
a. What does the poet mean when he says that ‘Nothing beside remains’?  
b. What does the poet mean by ‘Colossal wreck’?  
c. What does the last line mean?

10. The play 'Dear Departed' brings out the negative qualities of humans such as greed and avarice. These are qualities that we as humans need to shun. Do you agree? If yes, how do you think we can ensure that we do not become victims to such qualities? **5**
11. Write a story beginning with ..... (200 – 250 words) **10**  
As I got down from the school bus .....

**OR**

I sat looking out of my bedroom window and .....

12. **There is a word missing in each line. Write the missing word along with the one that comes before and the one that comes after it.** **4**

	Before	Word	After
a. S. Ramakrishnan, 38, was one the busiest men	a. _____	_____	_____
b. in Aylkudy, quiet village in Tamil Nadu. How was	b. _____	_____	_____
c. Engineering student and wanted to join the Navy.	c. _____	_____	_____
d. During his selection unfortunate incident took place.	d. _____	_____	_____
e. He fell doing exercise in a very awkward pose and that	e. _____	_____	_____
f. Left him quadriplegic. He lost use of his legs.	f. _____	_____	_____
g. He was forced the wheelchair from that time	g. _____	_____	_____
h. but he did not lose his spirit. Sitting on wheelchair he started learning to play the violin.	h. _____	_____	_____

13. **Re-arrange these words / phrases:** **2**
- a. that life began / centuries ago / scientists think / twenty million / on earth / about
- b. endless process / the plants and animals / of evolutionary are the products/we see around/  
us of an / which