



# KERALA STATE LITERACY MISSION AUTHORITY

Thriuvananthapuram

## Equivalency X 'A' Level Model Questions

ENGLISH

SET I

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- Attempt all the questions
  - Hints are given for some questions. Go through the hints before answering those questions.
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*Questions 1 to 6.*     **Read the following passage taken from 'Two Gentlemen of Verona' and answer the given question**

One boy had on a worn jersey and cut-off khaki pants; the other a shortened army tunic gathered in loose folds about his skinny frame. Yet, gazing at the two little figures, with their brown skins, tangled hair and dark earnest eyes, we left ourselves strangely attracted. My companion spoke to the boys, discovered that they were brothers. Nicola, the elder, was 13; Jacopo, who barely came up to the door handle of the car, was nearly 12. We bought their biggest basket, then set off toward town.

1. Who was elder among the boys ? 1
2. What quality of the boys did attract the author? 1
3. How did the author help the boys? 2
4. Choose the words used by the author to show the poor condition of the boys? 2
5. Prepare a character sketch of the boys 3
6. We know the car driver spoke to the boys and discovered they were brothers. How that conversation would be? (Make at least four exchanges) 4

*Questions 7 to 10*     **Read the following line from the poem 'Come live with me' and answer the given questions**

And I will make thee beds of roses  
With a thousand fragrant posies  
A cap of flowers and kirtle  
Embroider'd all with leaves of myrtle.

A gown made of the finest wool,  
Which from our pretty lambs we pull,  
Fair lined slippers for the cold,  
With buckles of the purest gold;

7. What are the things does the lover offer to his beloved? 2
8. Which line says that the lover like the girl very much? 2
9. Write down the rhyming words from the lines 2
10. Which line shows that the lover is a shepherd? 2

*Questions 11 to 14*     **Read the given passage carefully and answer the questions**

Clean water is essential for health, indeed water is essential for life itself. It is believed that 90% of our body weight is water. People can survive without food for up to two months and more. But without water, they will die within three days. The World Health Organisation estimates that a person need five litres of water every day for cooking and eating, but a further 24 and 45 litres are needed for each person to stay clean and healthy.

11. Give a suitable title to the passage. 2
12. How much water do a person need for cooking and eating? 2

13. How long a person can live without water? 2  
 14. How long a person can live without food? 2

Questions 15 to 18 **Read the following lines from the poem "Solitary Reaper" and answer the given questions.**

Behold her, single in the field,  
 Yon solitary Highland lass!  
 Reaping and singing by herself;  
 Stop here, or gently pass!  
 Alone she cuts and binds the grain,  
 And sings a melancholy strain;  
 O listen! for the vale profound  
 Is overflowing with the sound.

15. Choose the words used by the poet to show 'Solitary' from the stanza. 2  
 16. Why does the poet say to stop there? 2  
 17. What does the word 'Melancholy Strain' mean? 2  
 18. Who does the poet speak?  
 19. You have arranged a function to congratulate Jacapo and Nicolo. 'The two gentlemen of Verona' prepare a Notice for the function. Given details may help you. 7
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| Inauguration | : | Panchayath President |
| Venue        | : | School Hall          |
| Time         | : | 3.30 pm              |
20. 'Excess food and lack of exercise make overweight and other health problems.' Prepare a speech to present in the inaugural function of a Health Club. 7  
 21. The nurse in the hospital told Lucia that she is completely recovered from the illness and she can go home next day. Lucia became very happy and that day she wrote a diary. How that diary entry would be? 7  
 22. Arts club of your locality is planning a campaign to educate the public about the importance of the following programme. (5x2=10)  
 Prepare '2' slogans/ placards for each programme.  
 a. Water conservation  
 b. Conservation of forest  
 c. Proper waste disposal  
 d. Proper food habits  
 e. Education to all.  
 23. Swami became a hero after the burglar incident. Prepare a news report on the burglar incident. (Caption, place, the event-hero, name of the reporter) 7  
 24. Go through the details given below and prepare a short profile. 7

#### Swami the Hero

Name	:	Swami Nadhan
Age	:	11 yrs
Class	:	10th standard
Father	:	Advocate
Mother	:	House wife
Hobby	:	Cricket

25. Rajan a 25 year old young man wanted to attend an interview at Thiruvananthapuram on 26-7-08. He has to start his journey from Kozhikkode on 25/7/08 by 6604 Mavelly express. He went to the railway station on 20/7/08. He doesn't know how to fill the reservation form. Please help him. 8

**SOUTHERN RAILWAY**  
**Reservation Form**

Train No and Name .....

Date of journey.....

No. of Berths needed.....

Station from ..... to .....

Sl. No.	Name in Block letter	Gender male/female	Age

Date : \_\_\_\_\_ Signature of the Applicant \_\_\_\_\_

27. Here is the conversation between A.J. Cronin and Jacopo, there are some mistakes in it, make necessary correction to it. (1x 5= 5 score)

AJ Cronin : You are Jacopo, isn't it?  
 Jacapo : Who you are sir?  
 AJ Cronin : I'm Cronin a tourist  
 Jacapo : You would like to buy sum fruits sit?  
 AJ Cronin : They are tasty? How much for one KG ?

28. There are some mistakes in the paragraph given below. Mistakes are underlined make necessary corrections.

- a. Chandran was a farmer. He worked hard. But his three sons was very idle. They did never any work. One day Chandran called his three sons and said "Why you don't work hard? They looked down and whispered something. Chandran get angry and decided punish them. 4
- b. They have visited me yesterday also. They came here every Sunday. Are they come next Sunday also? They were Struggling hard now for my treatment. Poor children. 3