Subject: English (Compulsory)  
Standard: H.S.C  
Nature of paper: Conventional type  
Duration: Three hours  
Total Marks: 100

Note:  
(i) All questions are compulsory.  
(ii) Figure to the RIGHT indicate marks of the respective question.  
(iii) Credit will be given to correct spelling, punctuation, good handwriting and neatness.  
(iv) Irrelevant and rambling answers will be penalised SUITABLY.  
(v) Candidates should not write roll number, any name (including their own), signature, address or any indication of their identity anywhere inside the answer book otherwise they will be penalised.  
(vi) Candidates are expected to answer all the subquestions of a question together. If subquestion of a question is attempted elsewhere (after leaving a few pages or after attempting another question) the later subquestion shall be overlooked.

1. Write an essay in about 600-700 words on the following topic.  
   Female Foeticide  
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2. Translate the following Marathi passage into English.  
   गणनाव मॅर्शरां भरत सोडलें, तेव्हा उकाशापूर्व फक्त आहे. सारा डवा हाय हाय करत होता. गाडी रात चूळ लागली, तेव्हा तर उकाशा जास्त बाजरा.  
   बुझ ध्यान असावा देवी तर दाराकेंडे ध्यान. दाराकेंडे लोक बाहेर करत त्याच्या वाढीवरील घटना. पण त्याच्यात त्याच्यात रुळ नक्ते. ती दाराकिंची पीडी, अनू उगतील ह्या अंगाल दाराकिंची ती बाहेर काळवाकृत पाहू लागला.  
   हवेची वात अडवल्यावठल्या त्याची पासिंदरांनी लाव शिव्या भोजल्या. एकानंतर त्याला, दाराकिंची बाहेर वाकू नको, असा हितोपदेशांची केली. पण बुधाचं तिकरून रुळ नक्ते.  
   त्याला कसरटच मान्य पाहिजे होत, तो टोक्यांबर हात दे-देऊन समोरचा डोंगरमाळ्याच निरखीत होता. त्याच्या एका टोक्याच्या फूल फटला येत. दुसरा टोक्याच्या हाता कमी दिसून लागल होत. तरी ती उगतील ह्या डोंगरठाच पडण्याची नाहीत. अनुणु त्याची दिली कुठे स्थान नसून राहत. ती डोंगरसंगमून डोंगर हुळकीत होता. पण त्याच्यासारखें होत, ते सापडत नक्ते.  

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3. Make a precis of the following passage in your own words in about 1/3 of its original length and suggest a suitable title.

(N.B.: Appropriate marks will be deducted if your precis is longer or shorter than the prescribed length.)

Once upon a time a holy man wished to convince a king of the power of God. He directed the king to place himself by a huge tub of water, which he did accordingly; and as he stood by the tub amidst a circle of his great men, the holy man bade him plunge his head into the water, and draw it out again. The king accordingly thrust his head into the water, and at the same time found himself at the foot of a mountain on a sea-shore. He set himself to think on some method for getting a livelihood in this strange country: accordingly he applied himself to some people whom he saw at work in a neighbouring wood. These people conducted him to a town that stood at a little distance from the wood, where, after many adventures, he married a woman of great beauty and fortune. He lived with this woman so long, till he had by her seven sons and seven daughters. Then, by a series of misfortunes, he was afterwards reduced to great want, and forced to think of plying in the streets as a porter to earn a living. One day as he was walking alone by the seaside, being seized with many melancholy reflections upon his former and his present state of life, which had raised a fit, of devotion in him, he threw off his clothes with a design to wash himself before he said his prayers.

After his first plunge into the sea, he no sooner raised his head above the water, then he found himself standing by the side of the tub, with the great men of his court about him, and the holy man at his side. He immediately upbraided the holy man for having sent him on such a course of adventures, and betraying him into so long a state of misery and servitude; but was wonderfully surprised when he heard that the state he talked of was only a dream and delusion; that he had not stirred from the place where he then stood; and that he had only dipped his head in the water, and immediately taken it out again.

The holy man took this occasion of instructing the king that nothing was impossible with God; and that He, with whom a thousand years are but as one day, can, if He pleases, make a single day, nay, a single moment, appear to any of His creatures as a thousand years.

4. As a good friend of Rajesh write a letter to his father informing him that Rajesh has fallen into bad company, missing classes.
5. Do as directed.

(a) Make haste, you will be late. (Use conjunction)

(b) It's very hot today. (Add question tag)

(c) ________, cow is ________ useful animal. (Insert articles)

(d) I won't give up before I will have finished what I set out to do.
   (Correct the sentence)

(e) You are sometimes unwise. (Make negative sentence)

(f) Having finished his work, John went home.
   (Change into a compound sentence)

(g) Choose the correct sentence.
   (a) The lecture was attended by Ashim and I
   (b) The lecture was attended by Ashim and me.

(h) Correct the following sentence.
    Shashi has seen a movie yesterday.

(i) Change the following simple sentence into complex sentence.
    The place of his hiding is likely to be discovered very soon.

(j) Turn the following sentence into passive.
    Man is surreptitiously poisoning the tiger.

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