

ENGLISH, Paper - I

(Third language)

Time : 2 hrs. 45 min.]

[Maximum Marks : 40

Instructions :

1. This question paper contains **three** sections (section A, B and C) with questions from 1 to 29.
 2. Out of the allotted time of 2 hours 45 minutes, the first 15 minutes of time is allotted exclusively for reading the question paper and 2 hours 30 minutes for answering the questions.
 3. Write **all** the answers in the separate answer booklet given to you.
 4. Use capital letters while answering the Multiple Choice Questions. Marks will **not** be awarded in case of overwriting.
 5. Make use of the last page(s) of the answer booklet for rough work, if necessary, while answering the questions under **Section-C**.
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SECTION - A

(Reading Comprehension)

Q.(1-7) Read the following passage given below.

My parents were truly proud of me. It was through me that they had earned a greater degree of admiration and respect from the villagers. My father would not like to see me carrying a trunk on my back and would be very hurt if I did so. I concluded that it would be better to let him carry it. Father was used to carrying luggage anyway. He was stronger and more skilled than me in these matters. I had never got used to physical labour having stayed in hostels right from my childhood. So, inspite of my youth and strength, I was physically useless. I continued walking silently with father. We rested at two places on the way and had our tiffin but we hardly talked. Finally we reached Dirang. The bus from Tawang had not yet reached Dirang and so we had sometime in hand. We entered a tea shop and sat facing

each other. Father appeared tired. I felt sorry for him but couldn't bring myself to say anything. I asked the waiter to get us two cups of tea. Just as I was going to take my first sip, I heard father's voice, "Do you have a pair of old shoes?" Why I asked. "The road is uneven and full of pebbles. It hurts while walking".

(The Journey)

Q.(1-4) Now, answer the following questions. Each question has four choices. Choose the correct answer and write (A), (B), (C) or (D) in your answer booklet.

4×1=4

1. Father wanted an old pair of shoes because
 - (A) The road was long and narrow.
 - (B) He did not want to get tired.
 - (C) The road was uneven with pebbles.
 - (D) He did not want his legs to become dirty.

2. They went to a tea shop because
 - (A) They were in a happy mood.
 - (B) The bus had not yet arrived.
 - (C) They were thirsty.
 - (D) Father wanted a pair of old shoes.

3. I was physically useless. The word 'useless' refers to
 - (A) purposeful
 - (B) effective
 - (C) beneficial
 - (D) incapable

4. According to the passage, the results of adverse effects of education could be seen in
- (A) the narrator.
 - (B) the father.
 - (C) the villagers.
 - (D) the narrator's wife.

Q.(5-7) *Answer the following questions in two or three sentences each.* **3×2=6**

5. How did the narrator justify his guilt in his mind ?
6. Why do you think the narrator and his father hardly spoke to each other ?
7. What would you do if you were in the narrator's place ?

Q.(8-12) **Read the following passage.**

Outside Mr. Nana's front are three large empty drums, the bright red paint now flaking away, but the skull and crossbones symbol clearly visible on each. And in a clearing 200 m way from the village, next to a stream that the villagers get their drinking water from, is an enormous pyramid of identical drums, reaching to the sky. Some of them are badly corroded, their slimy contents of various colours - grey, dark green, bright orange, etc. leaking out down on to the baked African earth and into the stream. Some have fallen down and rolled - or been rolled by playful children - into the bush. Some are smoking in the midday heat. Some are swelling, as if their contents are bursting out. Some have already burst.

"They came on a Wednesday", said Sunday, "Many, many big lorries. They took all day unloading them. No one told us what was in them. They gave the chief a brown paper bag - I saw him smiling as the lorries drove away. This was five years ago. Then three months ago, one of the brightest boy in the village - Thomas Agonyo - started

university in Lagos. He came home one weekend with a new Chemistry book, and spent all day looking at the drums and writing things down and talking to himself and shaking his head. We all thought he had gone mad. Then he called a meeting of the village and told us that the drums contained poisonous chemicals. He said they had come from Italy. But I don't know where that is. Is it in Europe?"

Q.(8-10) *Now, answer the following questions. Each of the questions has four choices. Choose the correct answer and write (A), (B), (C) or (D) in your answer booklet.* **3×1=3**

8. I saw him smiling as the lorries drove away. 'I' refers to
- (A) Thomas Agonyo
 (B) Mr. Sunday
 (C) Mr. Wednesday
 (D) The chief of the village
9. Which of the following statements is not in accordance with the passage ?
- (A) The drums had symbol of skull and crossbones.
 (B) The drums were badly corroded.
 (C) The drums had come from Nigeria.
 (D) The drums contained poisonous chemicals.
10. Pyramid of identical drums, reaching to the sky. The underlined phrase means
- (A) reaching to the stars.
 (B) very short.
 (C) very large.
 (D) piled up to a great height.

Q.(11-12) Now, answer the following questions in one or two sentences each.

2×1=2

11. In what way was Thomas Agonyo's education useful ?
12. The chief of the village was given a brown cover. Why was it given to him ? Explain.

SECTION - B

(Vocabulary and Grammar)

Q.(13-17) Read the following passage given below. Five sentences in the passage are numbered from 13-17 at the beginning. Each of these sentences has an error. Correct and rewrite the sentences in your answer booklet.

5×1=5

He told me as if thinking aloud, "Abul, I know you have to go away to grow. (13) Does the seagull not flies across the sun, alone and without a nest ?" (14) He quoted Khalil Gibran my hesitant mother, "Your children are not your children. (15) They are sons and daughters of life's longing for myself. (16) They coming through you but not from you. You may give them your love but not your thoughts. (17) For they have own their thoughts."

Q.(18-22) Complete the passage choosing right words from the given below box. Each blank is numbered. Write the correct word in your answer booklet.

5×½=2½

*establishment, constructed, communication, founded,
friendship, invented, governing.*

One important fallout of this friendship was the (18) of Chitrabani, a (19) and film institute, the first of its kind in West Bengal, which Roberge (20) in 1970 and to which Ray, as a token of , (21) lent his name as co - founder. Ray was in the first (22) body and after a few terms readily agreed to be the institute's advisor.

Q.(23-27) Some words in the given passage are underlined. Rewrite them as directed, in your answer booklet.

5×½=2½

In 1914, Thomas Edison at age 67, lose (23) his factory, which was worth a few million dollars, on fire. It had very little (24) insurance. No longer a youngman, Edison watched his lifetime effort go up in smoke and said, "There is great value in disaster (25). All our mistakes are burnt up (26). Thank God we can start anew." In spite of the disaster, three weeks later, she (27) invented the Phonograph. What an attitude !

23. Rewrite the correct form of the underlined word.
24. Give the Antonym of the underlined word.
25. Give the meaning of the underlined word.
26. Give the meaning of the underlined expression.
27. Replace the underlined word with a suitable one.

SECTION - C

(Creative Writing - Discourse)

Q.28. In the reading text 'Attitude is Altitude', you have read about Nick's disability.

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After he was born, his parents were worried about his future. They decided to make him independent despite his disability.

Now, write a possible conversation between Nick's parents.

- You may use the following ideas;
- Shocked to see an abnormal child.
 - Cursed their fate.
 - Decided to grow him up to live independently.

OR

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Once upon a time, son,
 they used to laugh with their hearts
 and laugh with their eyes :
 but now they only laugh with their teeth,
 while their ice - block - cold eyes
 search behind my shadow.

There was a time indeed
 they used to shake hands with their hearts :
 but that's gone, son.
 Now they shake hands without hearts :
 while their left hands search
 my empty pockets.

Feel at home ! come again :
 they say, and when I come
 again and feel
 at home, once, twice,
 there will be no thrice -
 for then I find doors shut on me.

Now, write choreography script of the above poem using the details such as :-

- Title
- Theme / Sub themes
- Instances of the theme.
- Characters
- Sequence of actions.
- Stage settings and directions

Q.29. In the reading text, 'The Brave Potter' - the Potter was lucky enough in driving away the enemy from his country. The pleased king decided to felicitate the Potter.

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Now, imagine that you are the king. You have decided to felicitate the Potter for his bravery.

Draft a notice in this regard addressing the public.

- Date
 - Time
 - Venue
 - Purpose of the programme.
 - Other details of the programme.
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