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ADDITIONAL ENGLISH

(FOR CANDIDATES WITH INTERNAL ASSESSMENT)

Full Marks : 80

Pass Marks : 24

(FOR CANDIDATES WITHOUT INTERNAL ASSESSMENT)

Full Marks : 100

Pass Marks : 30

Time : 3 hours

(FOR ALL CATEGORIES OF CANDIDATES)

General Instructions :

- (i) The candidates are advised to attempt all questions accordingly.
- (ii) Marks allocated to every question are indicated against each.
- (iii) Question Nos. **1** to **14** are to be answered by all Candidates.
- (iv) Question Nos. **15** to **18** are to be answered by **Candidates without Internal Assessment** only.

(2)

1. Answer any *one* of the following questions in about 100 words :

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(a) He reflected philosophically that in life there are many separations, many deaths.

How and under what circumstances did the postmaster eventually come to this conclusion?

(b) "God you have shown me mercy!"

Name the speaker of the given line and narrate the circumstances that made the speaker say so.

(c) What happened when the king discovered the love affair between the princess and the courtier and why were the people interested in this particular trial?

2. Answer any *three* of the following questions in about 30-40 words each :

2×3=6

(a) What was the growing concern of the circus manager?

(b) "How do I get up?" he asked. What was the manager's reaction to this unprofessional question?

(c) What made the fat, red-faced man breakdown at the end?

(d) Sometimes he tried to write poems. What did the postmaster's poems express?

(e) Who are Baul singers?

(3)

3. State whether the following statements are *True* or *False*
(any *five*) :

1×5=5

- (a) The man finally accepted the offer made by the circus manager.
- (b) The thick doors were heavily curtained with rugs on the inside.
- (c) Ratan was delighted to learn that the new postmaster would look after her.
- (d) The iron was still hot when Rama Rao lay across the lines.
- (e) If one dies young and happy, one escapes the ugly sides of life.
- (f) On some occasions the tiger came out of one door and on some, out of the other.
- (g) The rest was drowned by the rattle of the cart bringing in the tank.

4. Answer any *one* of the following questions in about 80 words :

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- (a) 'A River' brings out various problems caused by the flood. Explain the poem highlighting this aspect.

(4)

(b) What advice does the poet give to overcome misfortunes in life?

(c) Describe the mental and physical condition of the Man with the Hoe.

5. Fill in the blanks with the correct options given in the brackets (any *five*) : 1×5=5

(a) Grace that shall mould the _____ form.
(maiden's/child's)

(b) Stumbling beneath some sort of _____.
(weight/thing)

(c) Of the _____ number of cobbled steps.
(exact/precise)

(d) Make right the _____ infamies.
(immemorial/ancient)

(e) Of mute _____ things.
(sensate/insensate)

(f) Enough for me to know the same _____ struggle.
(perilous/persistent)

(g) And yet don't look too good, nor talk too _____.
(wise/smart)

(5)

6. Explain, with reference to the context, choosing any *one* from each group : 5×2=10

GROUP—A

- (a) "I hope I don't butt in," he said, "but there's a man outside who wants to speak to you."
- (b) What anxious, eager faces they had! So much of trembling, hesitating hope in their faces! They seemed always to hope that he would come back home with some magic fulfilment.
- (c) And he felt it was his duty to explain to his travelling companions that the poor woman was to be pitied.

GROUP—B

- (a) She died, and left to me
This heath, this calm and quiet scene.
- (b) I felt the sea's vain pounding, and I grinned
Knowing I was its master not its slave.
- (c) If you can dream—and not make dreams your master;
If you can think—and not make thoughts your aim.

7. Answer any *one* of the following questions in about 100 words :

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- (a) "All of these evils come from our quarrel—we are its parents and origin."
Explain the evils and confusion in nature caused due to their quarrel.

(6)

- (b) Give a character sketch of Hermia.
- (c) Why did Oberon blame Puck for causing the entire confusion and how did Puck make things right again?

8. Answer any *two* of the following questions in about 2 or 3 sentences each : 2×2=4

- (a) What did Bottom think when he saw his friends running away?
- (b) What did Theseus tell Egeus to do at the end of the play?
- (c) What secret did Hermia share with Helena?
- (d) Name the four fairies who served Titania.

9. (a) Fill in the blanks with suitable words from the text choosing from the options given in the brackets (any *three*) : 1×3=3

(i) Theseus tells Hippolyta that they will go to the mountain top to listen to the echoes of the barking ____.

(hounds/dogs)

(ii) Bottom advises the performers to avoid consuming ____ and garlic before the play.

(ginger/onions)

(7)

(iii) Lysander's prospects are as good as those of Demetrius, if not ____.

(better/worse)

(iv) The ____ that draw the chariot of night are nearing their home.

(horses/dragons)

(v) ____ and Titania are at odds over a young Indian boy.

(Oberon/Theseus)

(b) State whether the following statements are True or False (any three) : 1×3=3

(i) Diana's herb was used as an antidote for 'love-in-idleness'.

(ii) Snug was told to play the part of Thisbe.

(iii) The craftsmen were content with the parts assigned to them.

(iv) Puck worked under the influence of Bottom.

(v) Helena saw Lysander and wondered whether he was alive or dead.

10. Amplify any *one* of the following : 5

(a) A man is known by the company he keeps

(b) The fruits of labour are sweeter than the gifts of fortune

(c) Necessity is the mother of invention

11. Summarize the given passage : 5

Over-eating is one of the most wonderful practices among those who think that they can afford it. In fact, authorities say that nearly all who can get as much as they desire, over-eat to their disadvantage. This class of people could save a great more food than they can save by missing one meal per week and at the same time they could improve their health.

A heavy meal at night, the so-called 'dinner', is the fashion with many and often it is taken shortly before retiring. It is unnecessary and could be forgone, not only once a week but daily without loss of strength. From three to five hours are needed to digest food. While sleeping, this food not being required to give energy for work, is in many cases converted into excess fat, giving rise to over-weight. The evening meal should be light, taken three or four hours before retiring. This prevents over-eating, conserves energy and reduces the cost of food.

(9)

Or

Write a diary entry on the following : 5

Your school has organized a cleaning drive programme to celebrate Environment Day. Describe your experience and feelings about the event.

12. There is a vacancy in your school for the post of Office Assistant. Draft an advertisement to be published in the local newspaper, furnishing the necessary details. 4

13. Rewrite the following sentences replacing the underlined words with a single word. Make changes wherever necessary (any *five*) : 1×5=5

(a) Professor Watson teaches us the science of vegetable life and plants.

(b) The water flowed in a thin stream from his body.

(c) The king was removed from his throne by the people.

(d) Beware of people who pick others' pockets.

(e) Mr. Brown is the official-in-charge of the National Museum.

(10)

(f) The woman with brown hair was appointed as the representative of the firm.

(g) This year many students took part in the celebration of fifty years jubilee programme in Meghalaya.

14. Write an essay on any *one* of the following : 8

(a) Addiction of junk food among the youth

(b) A surprise that you prepared for someone

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15. Name the writer/poet and the lesson from which each of the following extracts has been taken : 1×5=5

(a) Never before had such a case occurred.

(b) The lamp flickered weakly; through a hole in the crumbling thatched roof.

(c) The money in the bank was fast melting.

(d) And—which is more—you'll be a man, my son!

(e) Existing in a vigour clean and roomy.

16. Develop a story based on the outline given below and suggest a suitable title to it : 5

A hungry fox—sees a crow with a piece of bread—wishes to take the bread—thinks of a plan—praises crow—sweet voice—begs it to sing—piece falls—fox takes up the piece and goes away.

17. Fill in the blanks with the correct options given in the brackets : $1 \times 5 = 5$

(a) That sprang upon me with a _____ claws.

(hundred/thousand)

(b) The poets _____ only of the floods.

(sang/wrote)

(c) There is no _____ more terrible than this.

(image/shape)

(d) _____ years she grew in sun and shower.

(Two/Three)

(e) With sixty _____ worth of distance run.

(minutes/seconds)

(12)

18. Match the words in Column—A with their appropriate meanings in Column—B : 1×5=5

Column—A

Column—B

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| (a) Meagre | (i) a long poem or song that usually tells a story |
| (b) Incongruous | (ii) the practice of uncivilized, cruel and primitive behaviour |
| (c) Ballad | (iii) inappropriate to the situation |
| (d) Barbarism | (iv) a compartment or room with an arched structure forming a ceiling or roof |
| (e) Vault | (v) small in quantity |

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