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ENGLISH

Full Marks : 100

Time : 3 hours

The figures in the margin indicate full marks for the questions

General Instructions :

- (i) Write all the answers in the Answer Script.
- (ii) Attempt Part—A (Objective Questions) serially.
- (iii) Attempt all parts of a question together at one place.

(PART : A—OBJECTIVE)

(Marks : 50)

SECTION—I

(Marks : 20)

- 1.** Complete the following sentences using the right word from the alternatives given in the brackets (any five) : 1×5=5

(a) Presently, the landlords learned that Germany had developed _____ indigo.

(synthetic / organic)

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(b) _____ noticed the filthy state of women's clothes.
(Rajendra Prasad / Gandhi)

(c) But although his guest was now so well groomed, the
_____ did not seem pleased.
(ironmaster / crofter)

(d) But one day this man had fallen into a line of thought
which really seemed to him _____.
(entertaining / amusing)

(e) Saheb left his home long ago, set amidst the green
fields of _____.
(Dhaka / Bangladesh)

(f) I remember a story of a man from _____ once told me.
(Udipi / Ulepy)

(g) I had not been there long when in came a big bruiser
of a boy, probably _____ years old.
(nineteen / eighteen)

(h) Finally, one _____ I decided to get an instructor and
learn to swim.
(November / October)

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2. Write whether the following statements are *True* or *False*
(any *five*) : 1×5=5

- (a) Gandhi told Shukla he had an appointment in Cawnpore and was also committed to go to other parts of India.
- (b) Gandhi after arriving in Champaran, first visited the Secretary of the British Landlord's Association.
- (c) The peddler entered the forge with the intention of selling his ratttraps.
- (d) Edla Wilmansson was a compassionate and kind woman.
- (e) Through the years, rag-picking has acquired the proportions of a fine art.
- (f) The natural disasters that made Saheb and his family homeless are the Tsunamis.
- (g) Douglas' mother always warned him not to learn swimming at the YMCA pool.
- (h) Douglas went to a pool and practised five days a week, an hour each day.

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3. Complete the following sentences using the right word from the alternatives given in the brackets (any *five*) : 1×5=5

(a) For once on the face of the Earth let's not speak in any ____.

(tongues / language)

(b) And the man gathering ____ would look at his hurt hands.

(sand / salt)

(c) A thing of beauty is a ____ forever.

(joy / pain)

(d) All lovely tales that we have ____ or read.

(seen / heard)

(e) Is it with these ____ to our vision.

(glory / menaces)

(f) Yet the ____ our ghosts, need tending to.

(animals / birds)

(g) And so it ____ happened.

(eventually / finally)

(h) Sundari, who had ____ up and down.

(squirrelled / climbed)

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4. Write whether the following statements are *True* or *False*
(any five) : 1×5=5

- (a) *Keeping Quiet* is a poem on introspection and silence.
- (b) Neruda does not want his desire for inactivity to be misunderstood as a state of uselessness or inaction.
- (c) Keats believes that all beautiful objects are a source of joy forever.
- (d) A thing of beauty could lift the pall of gloom from people's spirits and act as a flicker in the dark.
- (e) We should not take care of the animals.
- (f) The act of caring for hapless animals leads to an evolution of feelings, fostering greater love and humanity.
- (g) In the poem titled "And So It Eventually Happened", the poet reflects on a traditional Indian family reunion.
- (h) Sundari is a fifty year old woman.

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SECTION—II

(Marks : 30)

5. Answer any *five* of the following questions in not more than 2 sentences each : 1×5=5

- (a) Why did Rajendra Prasad's servants not allow Gandhi to draw water from the well?
- (b) What did the peasants pay the British Landlords as rent?
- (c) What did Edla Wilmansson notice about the peddler?
- (d) Why did the ironmaster speak kindly to the peddler and invite him home?
- (e) What makes the city of Firozabad famous?
- (f) What is Saheb looking for in the garbage dumps?
- (g) What happened to William Douglas when he was 3 or 4 years old?
- (h) What was William Douglas' mother's warning about the Yakima river?

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6. Answer any *five* of the following questions in not more than 2 sentences each : 1×5=5

- (a) What are the different kinds of war mentioned in the poem, *Keeping Quiet*?
- (b) What does Neruda want the fisherman to do?
- (c) What things of beauty are mentioned in the poem?
- (d) What are the 'lovely tales' compared to?
- (e) Why do the small animals have 'bitter eyes'?
- (f) In what condition does Jon Silkin see the dogs and the horses on the street?
- (g) In which month did the family reunion take place?
- (h) How does R. Parthasarathy describe Sundari's children?

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7. (a) Rewrite the following as directed :

1×8=8

(i) Reporters write news reports.

(Change the voice)

(ii) Iron is the most useful of all metals.

(Change into comparative degree)

(iii) I am so tired that I cannot speak.

(Use 'too')

(iv) I am interested in the study of ancient things.

(Use one word substitution for the underlined words)

(v) You should never tell a lie.

(Change into affirmative)

(vi) I won't pay if you don't provide the goods immediately.

(Begin with unless)

(vii) It was a very delicious meal indeed.

(Change into exclamatory sentence)

(viii) One should keep one's promises.

(Change the voice)

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(b) Change the following into direct/indirect speech :

1×4=4

- (i) The stranger asked if any one knew the way.
- (ii) The man said to me, "Don't put your things here."
- (iii) Hari said, "I will come tomorrow."
- (iv) Ruchi said that she might go there.

(c) Rewrite any *three* of the following sentences in the correct form :

1×3=3

- (i) This scissor is very sharp.
- (ii) She learnt to play violin.
- (iii) I listened to his speech in the radio.
- (iv) Shakespeare is greater than any poet.

8. Answer any *five* of the following questions in not more than 2 sentences each :

1×5=5

- (a) What did Simon set out to buy with the money he had saved?
- (b) How did Simon teach Michael to make a living?

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- (c) What message did Fedka, the man on horseback, bring to Simon about the gentleman?
- (d) Why did Simon take back his cap from the man?
- (e) According to the author, what makes Meghalaya unique?
- (f) Which impressive cave is found close to Krem Syndai?
- (g) What fable is associated with Krem Marai?
- (h) How many caves have been explored in Meghalaya?

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(PART : B—DESCRIPTIVE)

(Marks : 50)

9. Answer any *two* of the following questions : 5×2=10

(a) “I will tell you how it happened, that I decided to urge the departure of the British. It was in 1917.”

Who is the speaker of the line? To whom were the words spoken? Briefly describe how it happened.

1+1+3=5

(b) “You do preach worse than a parson.”

Who said this? Who did he speak to? What made the speaker utter the line?

1+1+3=5

(c) Why do the bangle makers of Firozabad live in poverty?

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(d) What is the ‘misadventure’ that William Douglas speaks about? What were the series of emotions and fears that Douglas experienced when he was thrown into the pool? What plans did he make to come to the surface?

1+2+2=5

10. Answer any *two* of the following questions : 5×2=10

(a) Why would it be an exotic moment when we stop talking? What do the words ‘rush’ and ‘engine’ bring to mind?

2+3=5

(b) Write in brief the summary of the poem, *A Thing of Beauty*.

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- (c) What does Silken question? Where does he go to find his answers? How can caring for animals help us?

1+1+3=5

- (d) Where is the family reunion being held? What could have been the common mode of transport there? How do the family members spend their afternoon?

1+1½+2½=5

11. Answer any *one* of the following questions : 10

- (a) Describe the various species of life found in the caves of Meghalaya.

- (b) Of the three caves described in the text, choose any one and describe it in your own words.

- (c) Why was Matrena angry with her husband? When and why did she change her mind? 5+5=10

- (d) How many times did Michael smile? Narrate the incident which made Michael smile for the third time.

12. Write an essay on any *one* of the following topics : 10

- (a) Music has healing power

- (b) Future with Artificial Intelligence (AI)

- (c) Mental health and well-being

- (d) India of my dreams

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Or

Write a letter to your Principal seeking permission to organize a blood donation camp.

Or

As a school head boy/girl, draft a notice asking your fellow students to participate in the debate competition in your school.

- 13.** Read the passage given below carefully and answer the questions that follow :

One day, I hopped in a taxi and we took off for the airport. We were driving in the right lane when suddenly a car jumped out of a parking space right in front of us. My taxi driver slammed on his brakes, skidded and missed the other car by just inches! The driver of the other car whipped his head around and started yelling at us. My taxi driver just smiled and waved at the guy. And I mean he was really friendly.

So I asked, “Why did you just do that? This guy almost ruined your car and sent us to the hospital!” This is when my taxi driver taught me what I now call “The Law of the Garbage Truck”.

He explained that many people are like garbage trucks. They run around full of garbage, full of anger and full of disappointment. As their garbage piles up, they need a place to dump it and sometimes they’ll dump it on you.

Don't take it personally. Just smile, wave, wish them well and move on. Don't take their garbage and spread it to other people at work, at home or on the streets.

The bottom line is that successful people do not let garbage trucks take over their day. Life's too short to wake up in the morning with regrets, so "Love the people who treat you right. Forgive the ones who don't". This attitude will help you sail through life. There will be fewer jerks and bumps. Learn to take the bad with the good for life can never be perfect. Acceptance of what is, is the solution. Don't react, just accept and you will be a lot more happy.

Life is ten percent what you make it and ninety percent how you take it.

Questions :

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| (a) Where was the narrator going? | 1 |
| (b) How did the taxi driver avert an accident? | 2 |
| (c) What did the taxi driver compare the yelling of the driver to? | 1 |
| (d) What does the term 'garbage' in the context of the passage mean? | 1 |
| (e) What lesson did the narrator learn from the taxi driver? | 1 |

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- (f) What will help us sail through life? 1
- (g) What is 'life' according to the narrator? 1
- (h) Give words from the passage that mean the same as—
- (i) frame of mind;
- (ii) feeling of defeat. 2

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