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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 brackets (any *five*) : 1×5=5

(a) Gandhi chided the _____ for collecting big fees from the sharecroppers.

(lawyers / landlords)

(b) The officials felt _____ without Gandhi's cooperation.
(powerful / powerless)

(c) Morning found the town of _____ black with peasants.
(Champaran / Motihari)

(d) The old man was just as generous with his confidences as with his porridge and _____.
(tobacco / money)

(e) While the tramp was riding up to the manor house, he had evil _____.
(ideas / forebodings)

(f) Edla would like to have the peddler enjoy a day of _____ with them there.
(peace / happiness)

(g) Through the years, rag-picking has acquired the _____ of a fine art.
(status / proportions)

(h) The canister belongs to the man who owns the _____ shop.
(tea / milk)

(i) I crossed to _____, and the curtain of life fell.
(unconsciousness / oblivion)

(j) There was a pool at the YMCA in _____ that offered exactly the opportunity.
(Warm lake / Yakima)

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

(a) In the trial at Motihari, Gandhi defended himself and proved that he was not guilty.

(b) Gandhi taught the people a lesson in humility.

(c) The stranger caused a lot of trouble at the manor house as he could not sleep.

(d) The old man played 'mjolis' with the peddler.

(e) The rag-pickers lived in Seemapuri.

(f) The bangle-makers were full of enthusiasm at the idea of setting up a cooperative.

(g) Saheb was paid 800 rupees by the tea stall owners.

(h) The Yakima River was not at all treacherous.

(i) "All we have to fear is fear itself", said Roosevelt.

(j) William Douglas had an attraction for water.

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

(a) It would be an exotic _____ without rush.
(moment / second)

(b) _____ is what it is about.
(Life / Death)

(c) If we were not so single-minded about keeping our lives _____.
(moving / still)

(d) An endless fountain of _____ drink, pouring unto us from heaven's brink.
(immortal / mortal)

(e) A bower for us, and a sleep full of sweet dreams and health, and quiet _____.
(life / breathing)

(f) A _____ of grey shades.
(collection / procession)

(g) Is it with these _____ to our vision?
(menaces / threats)

(h) Cousins arrived in _____ in overcrowded private buses.
(Trivandrum / Tiruchchanur)

(i) Familiar coconuts out of the _____.
(furnace / fire)

(j) Later, each one _____, sitting cross-legged on the steps of the choultry.
(arrived / pulled)

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

(a) Language must, sometimes, give place to silence.

(b) Neruda wants total inactivity.

(c) The Earth cannot teach us anything.

(d) A thing of beauty will pass into nothingness.

(e) Some shape of beauty moves away the pall from our dark spirits.

(f) All animals deserve better treatment.

(g) Jon Silkin questions the Sky and the Earth.

(h) Love will grow for animals if we care for human beings.

(i) The family members recognised each other instantly at the family reunion.

(j) Sundari liked to squirrel up and down the forbidden tamarind tree.

SECTION—II

(*Marks* : 30)

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

(a) Who asked Gandhi to help him with the problem that the sharecroppers faced?

(b) How much refund did Gandhi agree to?

(c) Why did the peddler decline the invitation of the ironmaster?

(d) What was the name of the ironmaster's daughter?

(e) What were Saheb's reason for not going to school?

(f) How did Saheb get a pair of shoes?

(g) What was Mukesh's dream?

(h) What was the 'misadventure' that Douglas speaks about?

(i) What were William Douglas' hobbies?

(j) Where did William Douglas conquer his fear?

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

(a) What does Neruda mean by 'rush' and 'engines'?

(b) What would a salt-gatherer do when the world is silent and still?

(c) In what way is "a thing of beauty a joy forever"?

(d) How does Keats refer to the stories that 'we have heard or read'?

(e) What are the things that gave pain to John Keats?

(f) How does Jon Silkin describe the 'procession of grey shades'?

(g) In the poem, *Caring for Animals*, why do horses wheeze?

(h) What eventually happened in R. Parthasarathy's poem?

(i) How are Sundari and her daughters described by the poet?

(j) Name the items that were included for lunch, according to Parthasarathy.

7. *(a)* Rewrite the following as directed : 1×8=8

(i) Please give me a glass of water.

(Change into interrogative)

(ii) Everyone agreed that he was the most eligible candidate.

(Change to negative)

(iii) As soon as she began studying, someone knocked at the door.

(Use 'no sooner' ...than)

(iv) Rajkumar Shukla was a person who was not able to read or write.

(Use one word for the underlined words)

(v) The board rejected the proposal.

(Change the voice)

(vi) He leads an unhappy life.

(Change into exclamatory sentence)

(vii) Shut the door.

(Change the voice)

(viii) The wall is being built by the masons.

(Change the voice)

(b) Change the following into direct/indirect speeches : 1×4=4

(i) He said, "Alas! I am undone."

(ii) He said that though he had come, it was against his will.

(iii) The President said, "You should remain united."

(iv) He advised his sons not to quarrel among themselves.

(c) Rewrite any *three* of the following sentences in the correct form : 1×3=3

(i) I want that you should wait here.

(ii) The little child is crying since morning.

(iii) Divide this between the four of you.

(iv) I was too busy that I could not talk to her.

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

(a) How much money was Simon able to save and how much did the customers owe him?

(b) How much money did Simon spend on vodka?

(c) What did Michael make with the leather that the rich gentleman gave for making boots?

(d) What was the relationship between the lady who called on Simon and the two little girls?

(e) Why did Michael come to Earth?

(f) What was Meghalaya like, millions of years ago?

(g) Who is a paleontologist?

(h) What is the study of caves known as?

(i) Give the full form of BCRA.

(j) How many caves have been identified so far in Meghalaya? Where are they situated?

(PART : B—DESCRIPTIVE)

(*Marks* : 50)

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

(a) How did Gandhi bring about a change in the social and cultural backwardness of Champaran? 5

(b) How did the old man in the grey cottage welcome the peddler? How was he repaid for his generosity? 2+3=5

(c) How is Mukesh different from Saheb? 5

(d) What had happened to Douglas when he was thrown into the pool? 5

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

(a) Give examples from the poem, *A Thing of Beauty* that give joy and comfort to John Keats. 5

(b) What kind of relation did the poet have with Sundari in their childhood? What change did the poet notice in her when the reunion of the family happened? 2+3=5

(c) Give the summary of the poem, *Keeping Quiet*. 5

(d) What message does Jon Silkin give in his poem, *Caring for Animals*? 5

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

(a) Was Matrena justified in being angry with her husband when he returned home with Michael? Give reasons.

(b) How did Michael learn the second truth?

(c) Why are caves considered as museums?

(d) Environmentalists are concerned about the deteriorating state of the caves in Meghalaya. Why?

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

(a) Spreading greenery for a healthy living

(b) A journey to a tourist place

(c) Online learning—Advantages and Disadvantages

(d) Lessons Learned during the Pandemic

Or

Write a letter to your parents seeking permission to go on a Study Tour/Excursion organised by your institution.

Or

As a school head boy/girl, draft a notice asking your fellow students to participate in a book donation drive in your institution/school.

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

Masiba lived in a remote village on the hillside. He had gone to spend the weekend with his uncle who lived in a village 25 miles away. Since there was no means of transport, he left for his village early in the morning so that he could reach there before dark. He reached there in the evening. He was terribly exhausted. He was surprised to find the village deserted. Usually at this hour the village lanes hummed with life. Children would come out of their houses to play. The menfolk could be seen returning home from their fields. The women could be seen fetching water from the village pond. But that evening not a soul stirred. When he entered the hut, he found it in a bad shape. It lay in ruins. It was clear the village had been devastated by a severe earthquake that had claimed 200 precious lives.

(a) Where did Masiba live? 1

(b) With whom did Masiba go to spend the weekend? 1

(c) Why was Masiba exhausted? 2

(d) What sort of activities usually went on in the village during the evening? 2

(e) How do we know that the earthquake was severe? 2

(f) Give the meanings of the following : 2

(i) Exhausted

(ii) Devastated

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