2019
ENGLISH

Full marks : 90 Time : 3 hours

General instructions:

i) Approximately 15 minutes is allotted to read the question paper and revise the answers.

ii) The question paper consists of 14 questions. All questions are compulsory.

iii) Marks are indicated against each question.

iv) Internal choice has been provided in some questions.

N.B: Check that all pages of the question paper is complete as indicated on the top left side.

SECTION-A (Literature)

1. Answer the following questions: **5x2=10**
   (a) Which experience transformed the life of Ellen Johnson Sirleaf?
   (b) 'He would never become accustomed to this life of wretchedness'. What is 'this life of wretchedness' referred to here?
   (c) How did grandma's frog story inspire Susan?
   (d) How did the kidnappers persuade the boy to go home?
   (e) What are the promises of EQ development?

2. Answer **any one** of the following questions in about 150 words:
   a. Explain the details of the return ransom note and the events that followed thereafter.

   Or **5**

   b. How can being emotionally intelligent help us in becoming brilliant leaders?

3. Read the lines from the poem and answer **any two** questions that follow:

   I. *Love 's not Time's fool, though rosy lips and cheeks*
   Within his bending sickle's compass come;
   Love alters not with his brief hours and weeks,
   But bears it out even to the edge of doom.

   (a) How long does love last according to the poet? **1**
   (b) Explain the expression 'edge of doom'. **1**
   (c) Find the pair of rhyming words in the extract. **1**

II. *I am not yet born;rehearse me*
In the parts I must play and the cues I must take when
Old men lecture me,bureaucrats hector me,mountains
Frown at me,lovers laugh at me,the white
Waves call me to folly and the desert calls
Me to doom and the beggar refuses
My gift and my children curse me.

(a) What does the speaker pray for? **1**
(b) What poetic device does MacNeice use here? **1**
(c) Find any two expressions in the above extract where the child uses outspokenness to make his meaning clear. **1**

III. *When can their glory fade?*
O the wild charge they made!
All the world wonder'd.
Honour the charge they made!
Honour the Light Brigade,
Noble six hundred!

(a) Whose glory is the poet talking about? **1**
(b) Why did the world wonder? **1**
(c) What does the poet want the readers to do? **1**

4. If 'Spring and Fall' is not necessarily about seasons, what is it about? Explain. **4**

5. *Good friends,sweet friends,let me not stir you up*
To such a sudden flood of mutiny.
They that have done this deed are honourable.
What private griefs they have , alas,I know not,
That made them do it:they are wise and honourable.
And will,no doubt,with reasons answer you.
I come not, friends,to steal away your hearts:
I am no orator,as Brutus is;

(a) What is Antony's main intention? **1**
(b) Who is 'They' referred to? What have 'They' done? **2**
(c) What is Antony hinting at in the last line? **2**

6. Answer **any two** of the following questions in about 150 words: **5x2=10**

   (a) The persistent actions of the twins and Washington wear down the resolve of the ghost. Describe the entire sequence of events that finally lead up to the believed disappearance of the ghost.
   (b) Give a detailed description of how the ghost speaks of the Garden of Death and how he explains the verses on the library window.
   (c) Give a detailed character sketch of Sir Simon the ghost.

SECTION –B (Reading)

7. One of the greatest advances in modern technology has been the invention of computers. They are widely used in Industries and in Universities. Now there is hardly any sphere of human life where computers have not been pressed in to the service of man .We are heading fast on the close of this present century towards a situation when a computer will be as much part of man's daily life as a telephone or a calculator.

Computers are capable of doing extremely complicated work in all branches of learning. They can solve the most complex mathematical problems or put thousands of unrelated facts in order. These machines can be put to varied uses. For instance, they can provide information on the best way to prevent traffic, or they can count the number of times the word 'and' has been used in the Bible. Because they work accurately at high speed, they save the research workers hard work. This whole process by which machines can be used to work for us had been called 'automation'. In the future 'automation 'may enable human beings for more leisure than they do today .The coming of automation is bound to have important social consequences. Some years ago an expert on automation, Sir Leon Bagrit, pointed out that it was a mistake to believe that these machines could 'think'. There is no possibility that human beings will be 'controlled by machines'. Though computers are capable of learning from their mistakes and improving on their performance, they need detailed instructions from human beings to operate. They can never, as it were, lead independent lives or 'rule the world' by making decision of their own.

Sir Leon said that in future, computers would be developed which would be small enough to carry in the pocket. Ordinary people would then be able to use them to obtain valuable information.Computers could be plugged into a national network and be used like radios. For instance, people going on holiday could be informed about weather conditions. Car drivers can be given alternative routes when there are traffic jams. It will also be possible to make tiny translating machines. This will enable people who do not share a common language to talk to each other without any difficulty or to read foreign

publication. It is possible to assess that importance of a machine of this sort,for many international misunderstandings are caused simply through our failure to understand each other. Computers will also be used in ordinary public hospital, by providing a machine with a patient's system; a doctor will be able to diagnose the nature of illness. Similarly machines could be used to keep a check on a patient's health record and bring it up to date. Doctors will therefore have immediate access to a great many facts which will help in their work. Bookkeepers and accountants too could be relieved of dull clerical work,for the tedious task of compiling and checking lists of figures could be done entirely by machines. Computers are the most efficient servants man has ever had and there is no limit to the way they can be used to improve our lifestyle and life.

(Based on your reading of the passage, answer the following questions).

I. (a) What is automation? **1**
(b) Will computers be able to control human beings? Give reasons. **2**
(c) In what ways can computers benefit human as translating machines? **2**
(d) According to Sir Leon,what is the future of computers in the healthcare sector? **2**
(e) What was the prediction of Sir Leon about computers in the future? **2**

II. Give the synonyms of the words from the passage: **3x1=3**
(a) avoid
(b) passages
(c) tiresome

8. Read the following passage and prepare notes on the contents of the passage and summarize in about 80 words using the notes that you have made: **5+3=8**

The work of the heart can never be interrupted. The heart's job is to keep oxygen rich blood flowing through the body. All the body's cells need a constant supply of oxygen, especially those in the brain. The brain cells live only four to five minutes after their oxygen is cut off, and death comes to the entire body .The heart is a specialized muscle that serves as a pump. This pump is divided into four chambers connected by tiny doors called valves. The chambers work to keep the blood flowing round the body in a circle.

At the end of each circuit, veins carry the blood to the right atrium,the first of the four chambers, 2/5 oxygen by then is used up and it is on its way back to the lung to pick up a fresh supply and to give up the carbon dioxide it has accumulated. From the right atrium the blood flows through the tricuspid valve into the second chamber,the right ventricle. The right ventricle contracts when it is filled, pushing the blood through the pulmonary artery, which leads to the lungs—in the lungs the blood gives up it's carbon dioxide and picks up fresh oxygen. Then it travels to the third

chamber, the left atrium. When this chamber is filled, it forces the blood through the valve to the left ventricle. From here, it is pushed into a big blood vessel called aorta and sent round the body by way of arteries.

Heart disease can result from any damage to the heart muscle, the valves or the pacemaker. If the muscle is damaged, the heart is unable to pump properly. If the valves are damaged, blood cannot flow normally and easily from one chamber to another, and if the pacemaker is defective, the contractions of the chambers will become un-coordinated.

Until the twentieth century, few doctors dared to touch the heart. In 1953 all this changed after twenty years of work, Dr. John Gibbon in the USA had developed a machine that could take over temporarily from the heart and lungs. Blood could be routed through the machine bypassing the heart so that surgeons could work inside it and see what they were doing. The era of open heart surgery had begun.

SECTION-C (Writing)

9. You are the Editor of Collins Publication Press. You are looking for an assistant. The assistant needs to be fluent in English with good communication skills. Should be a graduate and have a flair for writing. Write a classified advertisement for situation vacant column of a local newspaper.

Or **5**

It is said that distance makes the heart grow fonder. Read the following passage and express your opinion in not more than 100 words on whether you agree or disagree that distance makes the heart grow fonder.

Nostalgia

It is very common for people to miss their loved ones when they are away from them for any length of time, and think about them everyday. However, sometimes our memories can play tricks on us. We remember everything about our life at home as having been perfect. I can remember, for example, being away on a holiday, for the first time without my elder sister, who had gone on a school trip. I began to miss her terribly, even though we had constantly argued and fought when we were together. My mother was very amused when I told her that I missed my sister, and said she hoped I would continue to think of so highly of her when we got back home again.

10. Imagine yourself to be the Head boy/girl of a school and you have been asked to deliver a speech at St.John Memorial School, Wokha on the occasion of World No Tobacco Day. Write the speech in about 200 words.

Or **7**

Write an article in about 200 words on the topic 'Beat Plastic Pollution'.

11. You have bought an automatic LG Washing Machine from the World of Electronics, Kohima last month. Now you find that the machine is not functioning and making an unbearable noise. Write a letter to the dealer complaining about the same and requesting him to replace the washing machine at the earliest. **8**

SECTION-D (Grammar)

12. Rewrite the following as directed: **3x1=3**

a. He studied theology for ten years. Then I met him. (combine the sentences using Past Perfect Continuous Tense)
b. Samir _____(arrive) at the party.(Simple Future Tense)
c. I have just cleaned the car.(Present Perfect Continuous Tense)

13. Use the following idioms and phrases in sentences of your own: **3x1=3**

a. A dark horse
b. Couch potato
c. Burst someone's bubble

14. Fill in the blanks with correct modals: **4x1=4**

a. Whoever enters here without permission_____be persecuted.
b. I_____be able to help,but I am not sure yet.
c. You _____lose any more weight. You are already slim.
d. Excuse me, _____I say something?

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