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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.
- (iv) General candidates are not allowed to attempt the questions meant for Elementary School Teacher Candidates.

(PART : A—OBJECTIVE)

(Marks : 50)

SECTION—I

(Marks : 20)

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

(a) Gandhi stayed in the house of — in Muzaffarpur.

(Prof. J. B. Kripalani / Prof. Malkani)

(b) I crossed to —, and the curtain of life fell.

(oblivion / emptiness)

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(c) The landlords had learnt that — had developed synthetic indigo.

(Germany / USA)

(d) *The Rattrap* is a — folktale.

(Swedish / English)

(e) The iron master invited the rattrap peddler to his house for —.

(Christmas / New Year)

(f) Survival in Seemapuri means —.

(ragpicking / garbage cleaning)

(g) Few — fly over Firozabad.

(birds / airplanes)

(h) All we have to fear is — itself.

(fear / terror)

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

(a) Gandhi had seen Prof. J. B. Kripalani at Tagore's Shantiniketan.

(b) Gandhi agreed to Charles Freer Andrews' helping the Indians in Champaran.

(c) The iron master decided to hand over the rattrap peddler to the sheriff.

(3)

- (d) The vagabond left a gift for the girl before he left the iron master's house.
- (e) Saheb found gold in the garbage.
- (f) Mukesh was happy working in the glass-blowing industry.
- (g) The accident at the YMCA pool occurred when the author was ten or eleven years old.
- (h) In Champaran, the chief commercial crop was indigo.

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

- (a) Great ——— for the human animal occurs.
(feeling / love)
- (b) All ——— tales that we have heard or read.
(sad / lovely)
- (c) The dust of unlettered years clouding instant
———. (knowledge / recognition)
- (d) It would be an ——— moment without rush,
without engines.
(exotic / exquisite)

(4)

- (e) A — without
Shadow and without thought.
(ghost / fly)
- (f) A family reunion not — of since grandfather
died in '59.
(heard / talked)
- (g) Stood there that day — years taller.
(forty / fifty-nine)
- (h) Later, each one pulled, sitting — on the steps.
(cross-legged / comfortably)

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

- (a) A thing of beauty is a joy forever.
- (b) The poet asks the sea and the sky for answers.
- (c) Trees young and old are a boon for the simple
sheep.
- (d) Pablo Neruda wanted complete stillness and
silence for sometime.
- (e) The absence of noble feeling in man causes
unhappiness.
- (f) Sundari was a shy young girl.

(5)

(g) The overcrowded public buses brought in the cousins.

(h) The sky and water answer John Silkin's questions.

SECTION—II

(Marks : 30)

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

(a) "The battle of Champaran is won." Why did Gandhi say so?

(b) Why did ragpickers consider garbage to be gold?

(c) Why did William hate to walk naked into the pool?

(d) Why did the iron master invite the peddler home?

(e) What did the peddler steal from the old crofter?

(f) Why did Gandhi go to Lucknow?

(g) Name the two boys that represent 'stolen childhood' in the text.

(h) Whom did Gandhi call over to Champaran to serve the people?

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

- (a) What kind of stillness does the poet want?
- (b) Mention any two things that give joy to Keats.
- (c) What do we do 'on every morrow' according to the poet Keats?
- (d) What would the world be like if all stopped moving or talking for a few seconds?
- (e) What did Sundari like to do every morning?
- (f) How are dogs and cart horses described by the poet?
- (g) What would 'the man gathering salt' look at?
- (h) Which place did the cousins arrive at by buses?

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

(i) He seems to be very clever.

(Change to exclamatory)

(ii) When I arrived there the noise still continued.

(Change to negative)

(iii) Just as the destruction was completed, Newton opened the chamber-door.

(Use 'no sooner than')

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(iv) I saw him last three weeks ago.

(Replace 'ago' by 'for')

(v) As Ravi is ill, he cannot go to school.

(Change to simple sentence)

(vi) Lady Macbeth was equally guilty of the murder of the king.

(Use one word for the underlined expression)

(vii) The Industrial Revolution brought prosperity to England.

(Give opposite of the underlined word)

(viii) Let it be done.

(Change the voice)

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

(i) The mother asked her daughter what she was cooking.

(ii) The police ordered that the man could not go that day.

(iii) They said to him, "Who are you and why are you here?"

(iv) The teacher said to the boy, "Why have you failed in the examination?"

(8)

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

(i) The boy will give the Class XII examination next year.

(ii) He is neither honest or trustworthy.

(iii) Sunita's voice sounded different in the radio.

(iv) She is singing since morning.

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

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

(b) How much did the man on horseback promise to pay Simon for the boots?

(c) How did Simon teach Michael to earn a living?

(d) Why was Matrena angry when Simon came home with a stranger?

(e) Which are the three main tribes that inhabit Meghalaya?

(f) What is a speleologist?

(g) How many caves have been mapped and explored so far in Meghalaya?

(h) Who is a palaeontologist?

(9)

(PART : B—DESCRIPTIVE)

(Marks : 50)

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

- (a) What did Gandhi do immediately after reaching Champaran?
- (b) What gift was left behind by the peddler for Edla Willmansson? What was the content of his letter to her?
- (c) Did the author visit Mukesh's home? Narrate his experiences briefly.
- (d) How did William prepare himself to overcome his fear of water?

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

- (a) What are the activities undertaken by man that Neruda disapproves of in his poem?
- (b) Why does Keats feel that a thing of beauty is a joy forever?
- (c) What is the moving appeal made by Silkin for the better treatment of animals? In what way will this help us too?
- (d) What memories come to the poet's mind as he joins the family reunion?

(10)

- 11.** Answer any *one* of the following questions : 10
- (a) Describe the first meeting between Simon and Michael.
 - (b) Narrate the incident which made Michael smile for the third time.
 - (c) Write a note on the myths and legends associated with the cave, 'Krem Marai'.
 - (d) What steps should be taken to see that caves are preserved for posterity?

- 12.** Write an essay on any *one* of the following topics : 10
- (a) Hobbies
 - (b) The night before my first board examination
 - (c) Health and cleanliness
 - (d) Impact of the Internet in our daily lives

Or

Write a letter to your friend telling him about the tree-plantation programme in your institution.

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

Of all the amusements which can possibly be imagined for a hardworking man after his daily toils, there is nothing like an entertaining book. It relieves his home of its dullness. It takes him to a lovelier and more interesting scene : while he enjoys himself there, he may forget the evils of the present moment. Nay, it

accompanies him to his day's work, and gives him something to think, besides the drudgery of his everyday work. If I were to pray for a taste which should stand me in good stead under every variety of circumstances and be a source of happiness and cheerfulness through life, it would be a taste for reading. You place him in contact with the best society in every period of history, with the wisest, the tenderest, the bravest and the purest characters which have adorned humanity.

- (a) What is the best amusement for a hardworking man and why is it so? 3
- (b) How does it help him even in his work? 2
- (c) What is the best taste to cultivate? 2
- (d) How does this taste benefit man? 3

**Questions for Elementary School Teacher Candidates only
(in lieu of Question Nos. 9 and 10
of the main Question Paper)**

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

- (a) Why did Raj Kumar Shukla meet Gandhi?
- (b) Who are the sharecroppers whom Gandhi helped?
- (c) How was the rat trapper received at the old crofter's house?

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- (d) Why did the iron master want to take the rat trapper to his house?
- (e) Describe the author's last meeting with Saheb.
- (f) What was Mukesh's dream to become in future life?
- (g) Who picked up William and tossed him into the pool?
- (h) Who finally helped William to get over his fear of water?

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

- (a) What does Pablo Neruda tell us in the first two lines of the poem?
- (b) What do you understand by 'green war' as mentioned in the poem, *Keeping Quiet*?
- (c) How does a 'thing of beauty' always inspire us?
- (d) What does Keats say about the 'gloomy days' of life?
- (e) How does the poet want us to care for animals?
- (f) What do we learn to do more by caring for animals?
- (g) Who came to the family reunion of the poet? How did they enjoy it together?
- (h) Who was Sundari?

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