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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 words from the alternatives given in the brackets (any five) : 1×5=5

(a) Gandhi — the lawyers for collecting big fees from the sharecroppers.

(guided / chided)

(b) The sharecropping arrangement was — to the peasants, and many signed willingly.

(irksome / wholesome)

(2)

(c) The old man was just as generous with his confidences as with his porridge and —.

(money / tobacco)

(d) The man with the rattraps did not answer anything to this. He only stared at the young girl in boundless —.

(amazement / wonder)

(e) “There is no school in my —. When they build one, I will go.”

(village / neighbourhood)

(f) Mukesh is content to dream of cars that he sees hurtling down the streets of his town. Few airplanes fly over —.

(Firozabad / Moradabad)

(g) From the beginning, however, I had an — to the water when I was in it.

(attraction / aversion)

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

(blackness / oblivion)

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.

(3)

- (b) The peasant saw that he had rights and defenders. He learned courage.
- (c) The name of the rattrap man was Nils Olof.
- (d) The Crofter welcomed the rattrap man so heartily as he was lonely and wanted human company.
- (e) The bangle sellers have no permits but have ration cards because these get their names on voters' lists.
- (f) And in dark hutments next to lines of flames of flickering oil lamps, sit boys and girls with their parents, reading their school books.
- (g) My introduction to the YWCA swimming pool revived unpleasant memories and stirred childish fears.
- (h) "At last I felt released—free to walk the trails and climb the peaks and to brush aside fear", said the rattrap man.

3. Complete the following sentences using the right words from the alternatives given in the brackets (any *five*) :

1×5=5

- (a) Life is what it is about; I want no truck with ——. (destiny / death)

(4)

(b) Fishermen in the — sea would not harm whales.

(deep / cold)

(c) A bower quiet for us, and a sleep full of sweet dreams, and health, and quiet —.

(life / breathing)

(d) An endless — of immortal drink, pouring unto us from the heaven's brink.

(mountain / fountain)

(e) We must be concerned? The holy land, the rearing Green island should be — than this.

(kindlier / holier)

(f) And your love grows. Your great love grows and —.

(grows / pours)

(g) Cousins arrived in Tiruchchanur in overcrowded private —.

(buses / vans)

(h) Sundari, who had — up and down forbidden tamarind trees in her long skirt every morning with me.

(climbed / squirrelled)

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

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

(5)

- (b) The poet believes that quietness will not bring about unity in the society.
- (c) A thing of beauty will pass into nothingness.
- (d) “Some shape of beauty moves away the Pall from our dark spirits.”
- (e) Jon Silkin urges us to stop animal slaughter for food.
- (f) Love for animals leads us to love human beings.
- (g) The family members recognized each other instantly, at the family reunion.
- (h) Sundari came to the family reunion after forty years.

SECTION—II

(Marks : 30)

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

- (a) Why is Rajkumar Shukla described as being ‘resolute’?
- (b) Why does Gandhiji agree to a settlement of 25 percent refund to the farmers?
- (c) What does the rattrap seller say about the world?

(6)

- (d) Why did the Peddler decline the invitation of the iron master?
- (e) How did Saheb get a pair of shoes?
- (f) What does Mukesh dream of ?
- (g) What is the 'misadventure' that William Douglas speaks about?
- (h) Why was Douglas determined to get over his fear of water?

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

- (a) Why does the poet want us to keep quiet?
- (b) When can 'a huge silence' do us good?
- (c) In what way is a thing of beauty a joy for ever?
- (d) Why is the 'immortal drink' immortal?
- (e) Why do the sky and the serene blue water not answer the question of the poet?
- (f) What are the qualities that are developed in a person by caring for animals?
- (g) What kind of relation did the poet have with Sundari in their childhood?
- (h) What did the poet mean by 'unlettered years'?

(7)

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

(i) I speak English. I speak Hindi.
(Use not only, but also)

(ii) We can achieve nothing without hard work.
(Change into interrogative sentence)

(iii) It is a pity that she has lost her husband.
(Change into exclamatory sentence)

(iv) Everyone will admit that Rita is a beauty queen.
(Change into negative sentence)

(v) As soon as she began reading the novel, someone knocked at the door.
(Use 'no sooner')

(vi) The writer of this poem is anonymous.
(Give the opposite word for anonymous)

(vii) The life story of a man written by himself.
(Give one word for the sentence)

(viii) They objected to my proposal.
(Change the voice)

(b) Change the narration of the following : 1×4=4

(i) He questioned himself whether he was a mad man.

(8)

(ii) I requested him to teach me how to use the calculator.

(iii) "Do you know Karen"? He said to me.

(iv) "Excuse me sir", I said to the teacher.

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

(i) There is no harm to do this.

(ii) Just I had gone when he came.

(iii) I am seeing her for a month now.

(iv) I have read the book that you gave me yesterday with great interest.

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

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

(b) Describe the stranger that Simon saw at the shrine.

(c) Why would Matrena be displeased with Simon?

(d) What was the first lesson that God had set for Michael to learn? What did he understand by it?

(e) How many caves have been identified so far in Meghalaya and where are they situated?

(9)

- (f) How does Meghalaya satisfy the climatic conditions necessary for the formation of caves?
- (g) What are the various living beings found in the caves of Meghalaya?
- (h) Where is Siju Dobakkal situated? Who explored and studied the cave extensively?

(PART : B—DESCRIPTIVE)

(Marks : 50)

9. Answer any *two* of the following questions : $5 \times 2 = 10$

- (a) What did Gandhi mean when he exclaimed 'The Battle of Champaran, is won? How did it happen?
- (b) What made the peddler finally change his ways?
- (c) How did the instructor 'build a swimmer' out of Douglas?
- (d) In what conditions do the bangle makers of Firozabad live? Why cannot they come out of their state of poverty? $3+2=5$

10. Answer any *two* of the following questions : $5 \times 2 = 10$

- (a) Why would it be an exotic moment when we stop talking? What do the words 'rush' and 'engine' bring to mind? $3+2=5$

(10)

(b) What is the source of joy and comfort to the poet in *A Thing of Beauty*? Write citing examples.

(c) In *Caring for Animals*, how does man treat animals? What message does the poet want to give us in this poem?

(d) “Her three daughters floating
Like safe planets near her”

(i) Who is the poet referring to?

(ii) What does he compare the mother and the daughters to?

(iii) Explain the meaning of the lines above.

1+2+2=5

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

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

(b) Who was Michael? Why had he come to earth?

(c) How are the caves of Meghalaya different from those found in other parts of the country? Discuss with special reference to Siju Cave or Krem Marai. 5+5=10

(d) Describe the cave life of the caves of Meghalaya. How have the animals been affected by the cave environment? 5+5=10

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

- (a) The joy of helping the needy
- (b) Cell phone—A boon or a bane
- (c) The day I cannot forget
- (d) Travelling as a part of education

Or

Write a letter to the editor of a local daily about the steep rise in prices of essential commodities.

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

Just as some men like to play football or cricket, so some men like to climb mountains. This is often very difficult to do, for mountains are not just big hills. Paths are usually very steep, some mountain sides are straight up and down, so that it may take many hours to climb as little as one hundred feet. There is always the danger that you may fall off and be killed or injured. Men talk about conquering a mountain. It is a wonderful feeling to reach the top of a mountain after climbing for hours and may be, even for days. You look down and see the whole country below you. You feel god-like. Two Italian prisoners of war escaped from a prison camp in Kenya during the war. They did not try to get back to their own country, for they knew that was impossible. Instead, they climbed to the top of Mount Kenya, and then they came down again and gave themselves up. They had wanted to get that

feeling of freedom that one has, after climbing a difficult mountain.

- (a) Why do some men like to climb a mountain? 3
- (b) Why is mountain climbing often difficult? 2
- (c) When does a successful mountain climber feel god-like? 2
- (d) Where did the two Italian prisoners go to after their escape from the prison camp? 2
- (e) What does 'it is a wonderful feeling' refer to? 1
