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ENGLISH

Full Marks : 100

Time : 3 hours

The figures in the margin indicate full marks for the questions

SECTION—A

(Prose)

1. Choose and write the correct answers (any *five*) : 1×5=5

(a) In order to be transported to Bangalore, Bruno was put into a

(i) duffel bag

(ii) gunny bag

(iii) school bag

(b) While Mr. and Mrs. Bhandari answered queries made by guests regarding Promodni, she

(i) smiled and continued playing

(ii) made animal-like cries in response

(iii) gravely looked on, her eyes aghast in self-pity

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- (c) Megan's mother wanted to ship her off to
- (i) Siberia
 - (ii) Austria
 - (iii) Australia
- (d) Framton Nuttel dashed off without a word because
- (i) he had seen the spaniel
 - (ii) he thought that he had seen a ghost
 - (iii) he had spotted the cyclist
- (e) When Christine Arnothy and her parents headed towards the train station, it was about
- (i) five O'clock and already dark
 - (ii) three O'clock and still bright
 - (iii) seven O'clock and pitch dark
- (f) Maria Sharapova had already learnt that tennis excellence would only come at a price
- (i) even before she had attained 21 years of age
 - (ii) when she was not yet 10 years of age
 - (iii) after she had won the Wimbledon Title in 2004

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(g) On their trip to the doctor's clinic, Megan's mother

(i) lectured her throughout the way

(ii) maintained an icy silence

(iii) spoke to her in a comforting manner

2. State whether the following statements are *True* or *False*
(any five) :

1×5=5

(a) Mr. David was an arrogant and self-possessed man.

(b) Maria Sharapova was motivated purely by monetary gains.

(c) Initially, Megan was permitted to stay in school and take her GCSE examination.

(d) Bruno was permanently paralyzed after accidentally consuming barium carbonate.

(e) Framton Nuttel began talking of his illness because he was nervous around strangers.

(f) As soon as he had read the typed chit, Mr. David dashed off towards Promodni.

(g) Christine Arnothy was pleasantly surprised to see that the frontier was exactly as she had envisioned it to be.

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3. Read the extracts and answer the questions that follow : $3 \times 3 = 9$

- (a) "But where can we spend the night and the whole of tomorrow?"
- (i) Who said these words and to whom were they spoken? $\frac{1}{2} + \frac{1}{2} = 1$
- (ii) Why did the speaker ask this question? 2
- (b) "Now this is very strange !" "How rude he is !"
- (i) Who said these words? $\frac{1}{2}$
- (ii) Who is described as 'rude' here? $\frac{1}{2}$
- (iii) How had the person been rude? 2
- (c) "This is the first time anything like this has happened in our family."
- (i) Who said this and to whom? $\frac{1}{2} + \frac{1}{2} = 1$
- (ii) What had happened for the first time? 1
- (iii) To whom had it happened? 1

4. Answer any *two* of the following : $8 \times 2 = 16$

- (a) Who was Promodni? Why did she run away when Mr. Dhanda tried to talk to her? What kind of an 'agonizing' situation did the Bhandari have to put up with almost everyday? What plan did Mr. Dhanda think of in order to prevent Promodni from facing humiliation? $1 + 2 + 3 + 2 = 8$
- (b) Who was Megan? How did her mother try to settle Megan's problem? What did the doctor say about her condition? What was her mother's final decision on this matter? $1 + 2 + 3 + 2 = 8$

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- (c) Whom did Framton Nuttel first meet when he visited the Sappleton? Why was Nuttel relieved when Mrs. Sappleton entered the room? Why did Nuttel run away so suddenly? How did Vera explain his sudden departure to the Sappleton? $1+2+2+3=8$
- (d) Why was Bruno sent away to the Mysore Zoo? How did the author's wife take her separation from Bruno? Describe Bruno's reaction on seeing the author's wife when she visited him in the zoo. How did they spend the afternoon together? $2+2+2+2=8$

SECTION—B

(Poetry)

5. Choose and write the correct meanings from the options given below (any *three*) : $1 \times 3 = 3$

- (a) List to this refrain
- (i) dream as it rains
 - (ii) listen to the music of the rain
 - (iii) listen to the chorus
- (b) War's long winter starv'd
- (i) war has adverse effect on people everywhere
 - (ii) people starve in winter
 - (iii) wars fought in winter are long

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(c) I hear it in the deep heart's core

(i) only a part of him is sensitive to the beauty

(ii) the delight is infused in his being

(iii) he is burdened with the sounds he hears

(d) Knowledge is free

(i) freedom to choose one's medium of education

(ii) free and compulsory education for all

(iii) freedom of thought and belief

6. Supply the missing lines in the extracts :

1×3=3

(a) Into that heaven of freedom, my father,

(b) _____. To hear the wild bees and
see the merry spring again.

(c) I hear lake water lapping with low sounds by the shore;

_____.

7. Read the extracts and answer the questions that follow : 3×2=6

- (a) And another comes to thrill me
With her eyes delicious blue;
- (i) Whom does the poet recall in these lines? 1
- (ii) How had she treated the poet? 1
- (iii) How does the poet feel when he remembers her? 1
- (b) "I never hear the West Wind but tears are in my eyes.
For it comes from the westlands, the old brown hills."
- (i) How does the poet react to the West Wind? 1
- (ii) Why does he react thus? 1
- (iii) What does the West Wind seem to be telling him? 1

8. Answer any *one* of the following : 8

- (a) In the poem, *No Men Are Foreign*, what are the similarities, suggested by the poet, in men all over the world? Why should we not 'hate our brothers'? How do we defile the earth? How can 'strength' be won? 3+2+1+2=8
- (b) In the poem, *The West Wind*, what does the wind mean by the words "I've a balm for bruised hearts, brother, sleep for aching eyes"? What are the sights from his homeland that the poet recalls? What does the poet finally decide to do? 3+3+2=8
- (c) What does Tagore mean by the words "Where the clear stream of reason has not lost its way into the dreary desert sand of dead habit;"? What are the qualities that the poet desires his countrymen to possess as they prepare for political freedom? Under whose guidance does the poet seek progress? 3+4+1=8

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SECTION—C

(**Rapid Reader**)

Answer *either* from Group—A *or* from Group—B

GROUP—A

(**The Strange Case of Dr. Jekyll and Mr. Hyde**)

9. Answer in brief any *four* questions of the following : 2×4=8

- (a) Who was Newcomen? What job was he entrusted with?
- (b) What did Poole and Utterson find in the middle of Henry Jekyll's study?
- (c) How was Dr. Lanyon's death-warrant plainly written upon his face?
- (d) Why was it difficult to trace Edward Hyde after the murder of Sir. Danvers Carew?
- (e) Why was Richard Enfield doubtful about the cheque?
- (f) "I've been afraid for about a week." Who was afraid? Why?

10. Who was Mr. Utterson? Why did he object to Dr. Henry Jekyll's will? Narrate the meeting between Edward Hyde and Mr. Utterson. 2+2+3=7

Or

What scientific discovery did Dr. Henry Jekyll make? Describe the physical and emotional changes that Dr. Jekyll underwent after using his 'discovery'. When did he discover that he could no longer control the changes that came over him? 2+4+1=7

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GROUP—B

(**The Count of Monte Cristo**)

9. Answer in brief any *four* questions of the following : 2×4=8

(a) How did Edmond Dantes become Captain of the Pharaon?

(b) Who was Faria? How did he become a prisoner in Château D'If?

(c) When Dantes sewed himself inside the sack meant for Faria, what did he decide to do (i) if anything should go wrong or (ii) if all went well?

(d) What did the treasure chest contain?

(e) Why did Danglars take a special interest in Andrea Cavalcanti? What is Andrea's real name?

(f) How did Fernand become Count Morcerf?

10. What did Dantes do when he no longer had the wish to live in prison? Narrate the events leading to Dantes' establishing contact with a fellow prisoner. 2+5=7

Or

Give an account of the double murder as reported by Bertuccio and his confession. 4+3=7

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SECTION—D

(Grammar and Composition)

11. Rewrite the following as directed : 1×8=8

(a) He inquired whether his name was Lenin.

(Begin : “Is your ...)

(b) He showed me the greatest respect.

(Begin : I was shown ...)

(c) His friend seized him by the arm and led him away.

(Rewrite the sentence using the ‘ing’
form of the verb)

(d) Did the policeman catch the thief?

(Change into passive voice)

(e) “Call the first witness,” said the judge.

(Begin : The judge ...)

(f) I heard of her success. I was glad of that.

(Combine the two sentences into one sentence
by using an ‘infinitive’)

(11)

(g) He handed her a chair.

(Begin : She was ...)

(h) To praise all alike is to praise none.

(Rewrite the sentence by using the 'ing'
form of the verb)

12. Fill in the blanks with appropriate prepositions (any *four*) :

$\frac{1}{2} \times 4 = 2$

(a) I have not seen him — Wednesday last.

(b) I shall do it — pleasure.

(c) He sat — his desk to do his homework.

(d) The car fell — the bridge.

(e) The entire village was destroyed — fire.

(f) His house is far — the madding crowd.

13. Make sentences with any *four* of the following idioms : $1 \times 4 = 4$

(a) man of letters

(b) safe and sound

(c) through and through

(12)

(d) apple of discord

(e) in the long run

(f) French leave

(g) in full swing

- 14.** Read the following passage carefully and answer the questions that follow :

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10th Middle Street
Darjeeling
New Town
11th June, 2013

Dear Richard,

I reached here safely and I have already begun to miss you all.

New Town is a beautiful place. It has a very interesting shopping centre. It has a craft village close by, where one can buy things straight from the artisans.

There are studios, stadiums, avenues, cinema halls and above all old monuments for sightseeing. The place offers almost anything and everything for people of different age groups and for people with varied interests.

The weather is beautiful here and there are plenty of natural resorts where one can enjoy nature and go trekking. There are some woodlands too on the outskirts of the town where one can get to see a lot of monkeys. These monkeys are very friendly. They walk along with you, play hide and seek with you and also share your food with you. They seem to

understand all languages. The most striking feature of this place is that no one is allowed to drive in the city. One can use cycles, rickshaws, or horse-driven carriages called 'tongas' here. I suppose that is the secret for the beauty, serenity and freshness of this place. I wish you had accompanied me. You would have enjoyed this place thoroughly. More when I write next.

Yours affectionately,

Harry

Questions :

- (a) Which place is Harry visiting? 1/2
- (b) Mention at least four things that strike a visitor here. 1
- (c) What means of transport are available here? 1
- (d) What is the secret of the beauty of the town? 1
- (e) In what way is the craft village interesting? 1
- (f) Give words or expressions from the passage which mean the following : 1 1/2
- (i) places away from the main town
 - (ii) old buildings of historical importance
 - (iii) people who make art objects

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Or

(a) Write an advertisement for the sale of your household items like TV, fridge, furniture, etc., as you are leaving the city. 3

(b) Your school is organizing a food fest. Write a notice (as a Secretary of your school's cultural club) to be put up on the notice board. 3

15. Write an essay (in about 200 words) on any *one* of the following topics : 10

(a) Science—A boon to mankind

Points : Advantages—latest inventions—disadvantages—what does the future hold?

(b) A family holiday

Points : Introduction—choice of destination—arrival—first impressions—activities and tourist spots visited—conclusion

(c) Value of sports and games

Points : Introduction—as recreation—its role in the development of the body and mind—inculcates team spirit and cooperation—as a profession—opportunities for travel and fame.

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Or

Your friend is always occupied by studies. Write a letter advising him/her to take part in outdoor activities. 10

Or

Your friend, who is a foreigner, wants to know about the matrilineal society that exists in the State of Meghalaya. Write a letter to him/her telling all about it. 10
