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ENGLISH

(CANDIDATES WITH INTERNAL ASSESSMENT)

Full Marks : 80
Pass Marks : 24

(CANDIDATES WITHOUT INTERNAL ASSESSMENT)

Full Marks : 100
Pass Marks : 30

Time : 3 hours
(For Both Categories of Candidates)

The figures in the margin indicate full marks for the questions

General Instructions :

 (i) The candidates are advised to attempt all questions accordingly.

 (ii) Marks allocated to every question are indicated against each.

(iii) Question Nos. **1** to **16** are to be answered by both Regular and Private Candidates.

(iv) Question Nos. **17** to **20** are to be answered by Private Candidates without Internal only.

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SECTION—A

(**Prose**)

1. Choose and write the correct answer (any *three*) :   1×3=3

(a) When Bruno was brought back home from the Mysore Zoo, he was

   (i) fifteen months old

   (ii) fourteen months old

   (iii) thirteen months old

(b) When Framton Nuttel made a desperate attempt to turn the conversation to a less ghastly topic, Mrs. Sappleton

   (i) gave him/her complete attention

   (ii) kept looking beyond him at the open window

   (iii) looked at him in utter confusion

(c) Mr. Tapson expelled Megan from school, because

   (i) Megan refused to give her child up for adoption

   (ii) he did not want the name of his school to be maligned

   (iii) he could not allow pupils who were taking their exams to be disturbed

(d) The passengers in the coach were completely silent, because

   (i) they were all afraid of being exposed to police spies

   (ii) they were all police spies

   (iii) they were antagonistic towards one another

(e) Maria Sharapova speaks

   (i) Russian with a distinct English accent

   (ii) English with a distinct American accent

   (iii) Siberian with a distinct Russian accent

2. State whether the following statements are *True* or *False* (any *three*) : 1×3=3

(a) Maria Sharapova had to undergo three years of heart-wrenching separation from her mother.

(b) Promodni used pen and paper in order to answer complicated questions.

(c) Mr. Sappleton and his brothers-in-law carried guns under their arms when they entered the house.

(d) Megan took an instant dislike to Mr. Tapson.

(e) The narrator was becoming hostile and uneasy with her parents' slow progress towards the frontier.

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3. Fill in the blanks with the correct words from the choices given in the brackets (any *three*) :   1×3=3

(a) The distant blast of a —— rent the silence.

(whistle / siren)

(b) "I hope Vera has been —— you," she said.

(amusing / entertaining)

(c) I vaguely felt I had —— her and her parents.

(insulted / wronged)

(d) Few would grudge Maria the —— she is now reaping.

(wealth / riches)

4. Read the extracts given below and answer the questions that follow (any *two*) :   3×2=6

(a) "Instead of letting that depress me, I became more quietly determined and mentally tough."

   (i) Who is the speaker of the above lines?   ½

   (ii) What is the speaker referring to?   1½

   (iii) What was the result of his/her determination?   1

(b) "She has been very interesting."

   (i) Who is 'she'?   ½

   (ii) Who is the speaker of this line?   ½

   (iii) How had 'she' been interesting?   2

(c) But the young man had not the slightest difficulty in understanding them.

    (i) Who is the young man referred to here?   ½

    (ii) Who are 'them'?   1

    (iii) How did he communicate with them?   1½

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

(a) Where was Maria Sharapova born? How old was she when she reached the summit of women's tennis? Why was she willing to put up with humiliation and insults? What are the qualities which helped her to succeed?   1+1+1+2=5

(b) When did the Bhandaris realize that Mr. David was deaf and dumb? What plans for Promodni's betterment had Mr. David outlined to her parents?   2+3=5

(c) What was Megan's immediate reaction when she discovered that she was pregnant? Whom did she find to be the most considerate towards her situation? Why did Megan feel let down by her mother's reaction?   1+1+3=5

(d) Why were the narrator and her family leaving Budapest? Why did the guide refuse to help them across the border when they first met him? Why did he plan to charge them extra money?   1+2+2=5

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SECTION—B

(Poetry)

6. Choose and write the correct meaning from the options given below each (any *four*) : 1×4=4

   (a) "I've a balm for bruised hearts."

       (i) ointment to be applied on the heart

       (ii) ability to soothe and heal a troubled person

       (iii) medicine for the frail-hearted

   (b) "Veils of morning"

       (i) the mornings are bright

       (ii) clouds dampen the morning

       (iii) mist obscures the brilliant morning light

   (c) "That subdued, subduing strain"

       (i) the sound of rain is stressful

       (ii) the sound of raindrops is soft and soothing

       (iii) the sound of raindrops subdues the poet's imagination

(d) "Dreary desert sand of dead habit"

    (i) unprogressive and directionless like a desert

    (ii) habits that die in a desert

    (iii) unending stretch of arid land

(e) "Outrage the innocence"

    (i) the innocents are outraged

    (ii) purity is violated

    (iii) there is anger towards the innocent

(f) "The head is held high"

    (i) people are superior in every way

    (ii) people are guided by their pride

    (iii) people live with dignity and self-respect

7. Supply the missing lines in the following extracts (any *two*) :   1×2=2

    (a) Where the mind is led ———————————————

    ————————————————

    (b) And the thrushes are in a song there,

    ————————————————

    (c) ———————————————— to where the cricket sings;

8. Read the extracts given below and answer the questions that follow (any *one*) : 3

(a) "I hear it in the deep heart's core."

   (i) What does the poet 'hear'? 1

   (ii) Where does the sound that he hears come from? 1

   (iii) Where is the poet at present? 1

(b) "And a thousand recollections
   Weave their bright hues into woof"

   (i) What triggers the recollections in the poet? 1

   (ii) Whom does he recall last of all? 1

   (iii) Where is the poet at the moment? 1

9. Answer any *one* of the following questions : 6

(a) Why do John Masefield's eyes fill with tears? Which images of his homeland does he recall? How does the Westwind lure the poet westward? 1+3+2=6

(b) Where does the poet wish to go? What does he hope to find in his idyllic retreat? How does he plan to make his life comfortable there? 1+2+3=6

(c) In the poem, *No Men Are Foreign*, what does 'beneath all uniforms' mean? What is a uniform suggestive of? How has the poet brought out the adversity created by war? 1+2+3=6

SECTION—C

(Rapid Reader)

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

GROUP—A

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

10. Answer, in brief, any *four* of the following questions :   1×4=4

(a) What did Dr. Jekyll and Dr. Lanyon often disagree upon?   1

(b) What 'terrible sight' did Dr. Lanyon witness in his consulting room?   1

(c) "If he be Mr. Hyde," he thought, "I shall be Mr. Seek." Who said these words and who was he searching for?   ½+½

(d) Why did the murder of Sir Danvers Carew create such an uproar?   1

(e) Whom did Mr. Utterson rely upon for confidential advice?   1

(f) Who witnessed the first crime committed by Edward Hyde?   1

11. "After the murder of Sir Danvers Carew, Mr. Hyde disappeared as if he never existed." What was the effect of Hyde's disappearance on Dr. Henry Jekyll's life? Why did Mr. Utterson pay a visit to Dr. Lanyon?   3+3=6

Or

Why did Poole pay Utterson a visit? What led him to suspect that his master had been 'done away with'?   1+5=6

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GROUP—B

(The Count of Monte Cristo)

10. Answer, in brief, any *four* of the following questions :   1×4=4

(a) What was the traditional mode of burial followed in the Château d'If ?

(b) Who was Benedetto?

(c) Where was the treasure of the Spada family hidden?

(d) What did Faria plan to do after he escaped from prison?

(e) Why did Monsieur de Villefort want Dantes to be in prison?

(f) What was the crime committed by Villefort on the night of the 27th September, 1817?

11. What did Caderouse tell Dantes about his father—Danglers, Fernand and Mercedes?   6

Or

What did Danglars plan to do when he realized that he had lost all his money? How did Dantes take his revenge on Danglars?

2+4=6

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SECTION—D

(Grammar and Composition)

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

(a) The manager said, "I am very busy now."

(Begin with 'The manager said …')

(b) Arun said to his sister, "Please wait until I return."

(End with '… until he returned')

(c) She works very hard. She wants to succeed in life.

(Use an 'infinitive' to join the two sentences)

(d) I recommend that we leave while we can.

(Rewrite the sentence by using a gerund)

(e) One has to sign the form.

(Rewrite the sentence into passive voice)

(f) One tune from a well-known opera was sung by the soprano.

(End with '… a well-known opera')

(g) The citizens accused him of various offences.

(Begin with 'He was ...')

(h) The old man parked his cart in the shed. He headed towards the river.

(Join the sentences beginning with 'Parking ...')

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

½×4=2

(a) Did she thank Mike —— the lift?

(b) They turned the old palace —— a hotel.

(c) He is cutting down —— sugar.

(d) How many hours do you study —— a day?

(e) The concert has been going on —— morning.

(f) The soldier aimed his gun —— the target.

14. Make sentences with any *four* of the following idioms :   1×4=4

(a) at the eleventh hour

(b) by leaps and bounds

(c) at sea

(d) in cold blood

(e) bone of contention

(f) give a cold shoulder

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

About twenty of us had been fortunate enough to receive invitations to a film-studio to act for three minutes in a crowd-scene. We watched the workmen prepare the scene which was to be filmed. Several bare trees had been set up at the edge of a winding path and the Art Director was giving some last-minute instructions to his assistants. Very soon, bright lights were switched on and the path was covered with what looked like salt. The big movie-camera was wheeled into position. Since it was very hot in the studio, it came as a surprise to us to see one of the actors put on a heavy overcoat.

He started walking along the path. A big fan began blowing tiny white feathers down on him, and soon the bare trees were covered in 'snow'. Two more fans blew a 'strong wind' through the trees. The second actor, dressed as a beggar, walked towards the first. He was trembling with cold. The picture looked so real that we felt the wintry impact and shivered!

It was our turn next. We stood there wondering what scene would be prepared for us. For three whole minutes in our lives we would be experiencing the thrill of being film 'stars'.

Questions :

(a) Why had twenty people been invited to a film-studio?   1

(b) What had the path been covered with?   1

(c) Why had one of the actors put on a heavy overcoat?   1

(d) How did the workmen create a snowstorm?   1

(e) How did the onlookers react to the scene being enacted?   1

(f) What would the invited people experience for three whole minutes?   1

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Or

(a) Draft an advertisement for the sale of household appliances, like lamps, cookers, water heaters, etc. which are powered by solar energy. Mention the place where they will be available. 3

(b) On the occasion of 'Anti-Tobacco Day', your school is organizing a marathon. As secretary of your school's 'Outreach Club', you are to write a notice (to be put up on the notice board of your school), urging all the students to participate in this event. 3

16. Attempt *either (a) or (b)* : 10

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

  (i) "Fire : Man's best friend and worst enemy"

   Points : Discovery—its uses—its uncontrollable power—power to destroy—conclusion.

  (ii) "The means of transport I prefer most"

   Points : Introduction—various modes of transport—my preference—reasons—conclusion.

  (iii) "Students' role in preserving the environment"

   Points : Meaning of environment—duties of students to keep the environment clean—your suggestions in preserving the environment—conclusion.

(b) *(i)* All parents have certain wishes for their children's future, but you have your own wish too. Write a letter to your friend telling him/her what you wish to become later in life.

Or

(ii) Your school has just celebrated the World AIDS Day and a resource person delivered a speech on the topic. Write a letter to your friend telling him/her, what you learned about AIDS on this day.

[Only for Candidates without Internal Assessment]

(*Marks* : 20)

17. Answer the following in *a* sentence or *two* (any *five*) :   2×5=10

(a) How big was the island which was made for Baba?

(b) "When you come from nothing and you have nothing, then it makes you very hungry and determined." Who spoke these words? Where was the person from?

(c) How was Promodni dressed when the narrator first saw her?

(d) What did Franton Nuttel's sister give him when he migrated to the rural area?

(e) Where did Megan's mother want to ship Megan off to? Who lived there?

(f) Why was it difficult for Christine and her parents to walk in the vineyards?

18. Match the columns given below : 1×5=5

(a) Where knowledge is free   *(i)* the poet's brother and sister

(b) A serene angelic pair   *(ii)* the West Wind

(c) I will arise and go now   *(iii)* a labour not different from our own

(d) It's a song to a man's soul   *(iv)* Lake Isle of Innisfree

(e) In their lines we read   *(v)* Rabindranath Tagore

19. Fill in the blanks with the correct words from the choices given in the brackets : ½×4=2

(a) And a thousand ——.

(recollections / gatherings)

(b) And —— in the west wind.

(April's / May's)

(c) In every land is —— life.

(common / ordinary)

(d) And —— alone in the bee-loud glade.

(stay / live)

20. Answer *either* Group—A *or* Group—B

GROUP—A

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

Answer the following in a sentence or two (any *three*) :   1×3=3

(a) Who was Richard Enfield?

(b) "I have had a shock .... and I shall never recover."
Who said these words and to whom were they spoken?

(c) Who was Poole?

(d) What was the other name given to the house with a shabby door?

GROUP—B

(The Count of Monte Cristo)

Answer the following in a sentence or two (any *three*) :   1×3=3

(a) Who was the owner of the ship, Pharaon?

(b) Who else was getting married on the day Dantes and Mercedes' marriage was supposed to take place?

(c) For how long was Dantes a prisoner in the Château d'If ?

(d) Who was Haydee?

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