

2016

ENGLISH

Full Marks : 100

Pass Marks : 33

Time : Three Hours and *Fifteen Minutes
(* 15 minutes are given as extra time for reading questions)

The figures in the right margin indicate full marks
for the questions.

Answer the questions in your own words as far as practicable.

SECTION –A

(PROSE)

1. Answer the following question in about 100-125 words : 8
- (a) Describe the last minutes of the Titanic and many of the passengers who sank with her.
- OR**
- (b) Describe the attitude of the two daughters towards their father Mr. Abel Merryweather. 8
2. Answer the following questions in about 30-40 words each :
- (a) Ruskin Bond says that trees and men are alike. Give two points of affinity between trees and men. 2

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- (b) How does the Time Traveler explain that the line of movement of Mercury in a barometer happens along the Time Dimension ? 2
- (c) What advice did Hazlitt give to his son as one means to avoid excess in reading ? 2
- (d) Why were the Bandsmen of the Titanic described as heroes ? 2
- (e) "I'll fasten the front door..." Why should Amelia Slater fasten the door ? 2
- (f) "But you know I sinned..." How did Rajen sin ? 2

(POETRY)

3. Read the following extract and answer the question that follow :

(a) Our groves were planted to console at noon
The pensive wanderer in their shade. At eve
The moonbeam, sliding softly in between
The sleeping leaves, is all the light they wish,
Birds warbling all the music.

- i) Who are 'our' in the above line ? 1
- ii) Why were the groves planted ? 1
- iii) How does the moonbeam come down ? 1
- iv) What kind of music do 'They' enjoy ? 1

OR

(b) I'll think it but a fond conceit
It cannot be that Thou art gone!
Thy vesper-bell hath not yet toll'd;
And thou wert aye masker hold!
What strange disguise hast thou put on
To make believe that thou art gone?

- i) What is 'a fond conceit'? 1
ii) What does 'Thou' stand for? 1
iii) What is the Vesper-bell referred to in the line? 1
iv) What strange disguise has the masker now put on? 1

4. Answer **any three** of the following questions in about 30-40 words :

- (a) Why is the Skylark called 'a privileged bird'? 2
(b) Why does the poet ask the shores to rejoice even when he knows that
The Captain is dead? 2
(c) Why does the poet soldier think that 'Some corner of a foreign field
will Be forever England'? 2
(d) Why is the snake compared to a king? 2

(SUPPLEMENTARY READER)

5. Answer the following question in about 100-110 words. 7

- (a) How did Charlie manage to buy a singing Canary from the Canary
Islands?

OR

- (b) Write in brief the importance of the Directive Principles of the State
Policy. 7

6. Answer the following questions in about 30-40 words.

- (a) Describe the dreary condition of the Rann caused by the severe draught. 2
(b) Why did Della feel so miserable on the eve of Christmas? 2
(c) What is the risk of HIV infection? 2
(d) Mention at least two examples of violation of human rights still
continued in Indian Society. 2

SECTION-B

(READING)

7. Read the following passage and answer the questions that follow :

Students, in their formative years of the teenage period are sensitive to their surroundings and the events that are happening around them. Constant struggle

to live up to the expectation of self, or parents, or teachers make them to carry the burden of stress in their minds. With every new syllabus, with every new course of study, with every new school or new teacher, there arise new questions of better result. This new situation of school education which we call Quality Education brings apprehension of failure in the minds of the students.

Quality of Education should not be equated with the quantum of curriculum content. There should be a few topics more intensively on moral education. Moral Education needs more on the teaching of the teacher and less with the curriculum content. Conventional wisdom tells us that the teacher is the one who leads his students on the path of knowledge. Unfortunately, in these days it is very hard to find a good role model teacher when the demand of such teachers is increasing.

Our present generation lives in an increasingly dizzy world. The world seems to be failing apart and we have nothing to hold on. The traditional social structures are collapsing and men are craving only for power and money.

Today, most of the students are acquiring education for a self end with self interest in mind. By the time they finish their course of study, by the time they get a job of their choice, by the time they start working and earning, they feel that they have achieved all their goals. The good job, the fat salary become all in all for them. The parents also no longer insist that their children must acquire spiritual education. Consequently our younger generations have completely lost their mental power and their inner reality is also eclipsed.

Where does the mistake lie? Does it lie with the parents, or the teachers, or the leaders? It is the mistake of every one of us all. And it is the responsibility of every one of us to teach the young minds the importance of moral education, the importance of human values like truth, righteousness and love.

Imparting spiritual and moral lessons and activity as a part of syllabus in the school curriculum will help in fostering true education to the students as

well as in the society. The younger generation should be made to know the superiority of mind over matter.

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| (a) What is the main cause of stress in the minds of present Day ? | 2 |
| (b) What is the condition of our present day world ? | 2 |
| (c) Why do most of the students take education as a means for better Employment ? | 3 |
| (d) What will help in fostering true education to the students of today ? | 2 |
| (e) Find out the word from the passage which means the same as | |
| i) anxiety about the future, | 1 |
| ii) amount that is required, | 1 |
| iii) unable to balance | 1 |

8. Read the following passage and answer the questions that follow :

In every country people imagine that they are the best and the cleverest and the others are not as good as they are. The Englishman thinks that he and his country are the best; the Frenchman is very proud of France and everything French. The Germans and Italians think no less of their countries and many Indians imagine that India is in many ways the greatest country in the world. This is wrong. Everybody wants to think well of himself and his country. But really there is no person who has not got some good and some bad qualities. In the same way, there is no country which is not partly good and partly bad. We must take the good wherever we find it and try to remove the bad where it may be. We are, of course, most concerned with our own

state and our own country. Unhappily, it is in a bad way today. Most of our people are poor and unhappy. They have no joy in their lives. We have to find out how we can make them happier. We have to keep it, and whatever is bad we have to throw away. If we find anything good in other countries. We should certainly take it.

- (a) Make notes of the main points in the passage. 4
(b) Develop the main points into summary. 4

SECTION-C

(ADVANCED WRITING SKILL)

9. (a) The General Secretary of Smart Higher Secondary School, Imphal wants to write out a notice to be displayed in the school notice board asking the students to join a tree plantation camp at the school campus on the next Sunday. Draft a model of the Notice. Sign Yourself as X. 5

OR

- (b) Write an informal Note of invitation to your friend, Mr. Koireng inviting him to a Dinner. Sign yourself as Mr. Simray. 5
10. (a) You are Samson, a news reporter, You witnessed an incident of scuffle in the Capital city between the police and the protesters about the eviction of street vendors. Write a press report in about *100-125* words for publication in your newspaper. 9

OR

- (b) Write in about *100-125* words what you feel in the examination hall on the first day of the Examination. Sign your name as Samson. 9

11. (a) Make a written complaint to the Director of Education, Government of Manipur about the regular absence of teachers in the schools of your Locality. Sign your name as Thomas. 9

OR

- (b) Write a letter to the Editor of a newspaper, suggesting the opening of a Primary Health Centre in your village. Put your name as Thomas. 9

12. (a) Mary, a student of Class XII has to take part in a Symposium on the topic "Merits and Demerits of Private Tuition" Write the probable form of her Speech in about *230-250* words. 12

OR

- (b) You are Mary. You feel that reckless felling of trees damage the ecological balance of this world. Write an article on "The importance of Trees in Human Life in about *230-250* words. 12

OR

- (c) Write an essay on "Corruption in Public Life" with the following hints: (Introduction — effect of corruption in the Society — Causes — how to eradicate it — conclusion) 12