

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

Describe the Titanic's supremacy of which every maritime nation of the world was envious.

Or

How did one night's mistake in Rajen's life cost heavily to his family?

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2. *Answer the following questions in about 30-40 words each:*

(a) "Do not begin to quarrel with the world too soon."

Why does Hazlitt say so to his son?

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- (b) On which conditions did Mrs. Slater ask Henry to wear the new slippers of her father? 2
- (c) "But the great difficulty is this"
Who spoke this and why? 2
- (d) On what pretext did Rajen avoid earlier business trips outside Manipur? 2
- (e) How is Mahmood compared to the Banyan tree? 2
- (f) "This is the most pathetic and horrible sight of all."
Which is the incident referred to here? 2

(POETRY)

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

The splendour of your lamps; they but eclipse
Our softer satellite, your songs confound
Our more harmonious notes; the thrush departs
Scar'd and th' offended nightingale is mute.

- (i) Who are 'we' referred to here? 1
- (ii) What is the 'softer satellite' mentioned here? 1
- (iii) Which natural objects do the lamps eclipse? 1
- (iv) What are the more 'harmonious notes' referred to here? 1

Or

'Tis known that thou and I were one,
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 a masker bold!

- (i) Who was supposed to be with the poet for a long time ? 1
- (ii) What was the warning that the poet gave indicating that his youth had not gone yet ? 1
- (iii) Whom did the poet call 'a masker-bold' ? 1
- (iv) By 'fond conceit' the poet means a 1
- (A) good idea
- (B) bad idea
- (C) foolish idea
- (D) wise idea.

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

- (a) Why does the poet say that the town people know no fatigue ? 2
- (b) Give reasons why the poet thinks the skylark to be the type of the wise. 2
- (c) "... the people all exulting
while follow eyes the steady keel, the vessel grim and daring."
Why is the vessel described as 'grim and daring' ? 2
- (d) 'The voice of my education said to me'
What does the voice of education say to the poet ? 2

(SUPPLEMENTARY READER)

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

(a) Describe the Coin Diver's ceaseless efforts to win the hands of Nancy, the singing girl. 7

Or

(b) What does the great film "Schindler's List" depict how human beings suffered in the hands of men in power? 7

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

(a) What kind of person was Najab according to his father Aftab? 2

(b) What were the expected feelings from Jim for which Della was fully prepared? 2

(c) What is the education vaccine? 2

(d) Name any two of the most hateful practices of human rights violation that had eroded human dignity through the long period of India's history. 2

SECTION-B

(READING)

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

Everybody speaks of unemployment and is on the look out for an opportunity to get himself employed. But it should be noted that the government is not in a position to give employment to one and all educated persons in a state or a country. Thousands of graduates and post-graduate degree holders think themselves unemployed when they fail to secure white collar jobs. But it can

be said that only idle persons can be out of work when they have no firm determination and readiness to accept any responsibility. There are a lot of work and employments for the persons who are ready to take up innovative plans in life. We have already seen that many graduates and master degree holders have come out as successful persons in the society without bothering for the white collar jobs. There are instances of successful youths in developing agricultural farms by planting vegetables in large scales and earning thousands everyday. A question may be asked if any employee will be able to earn thousands of income everyday. Some are devoted to poultry farming, piggery farms, pisciculture and other allied industries.

It is also observed that man is adorned with some inborn qualities and everyone may not be successful in the official file work, teaching professions and accounting work. If everyone runs after the job market which has limited seats, the government may find it difficult to employ all of them because of certain conditions. Many of them may not find it easy to pay the heavy cost in the job market. If they fail to pay for the job, they may miss the target. At the same time, they may also find no suitable person for negotiation with the appointing authority or with the high-ups in the political arena. Many persons are in the habit of disposing of their landed properties for financing their job prospects. Suppose a person may dispose of his landed property for Rs 10 lakhs and buys the job. He may enjoy a sum of Rs. 40 thousand per month as his remuneration. How long will he take to collect what he had spent ? He may take at least twenty five months to recoup the amount he had invested.

If, on the other hand, he invests the amount on agricultural sector and takes up plantation of vegetables, spices, pulses or takes up pisciculture he may find it easy to earn more money than he had invested. He may give employment to some persons and help the society in removing unemployment.

Again, there is no dearth for job opportunity for those energetic, dedicated person with firm determination. Then why should we dispose of our valuable property for the sake of employment which has limited sources of income ?

- (i) What is the general view about unemployment ? 2
- (ii) How can we encourage the sense of self employment ? 2

- (iii) What are the disadvantages that a man running after white collar jobs may encounter ? 3
- (iv) What are the two difficulties that job seekers may face ? 2
- (v) Find out the words in the passage which mean opposite to the following :
- (a) Old and outdated. 1
- (b) Not relevant. 1
- (c) to bring no solution. 1

8. *Read the following passage and give your answer as directed:*

The world has undergone many drastic changes through scientific and technical developments. But selfishness in mankind has become worse than before and it does not change at all. Everyone seems to run after his selfish motives which are the root causes of corruptions in the world today. Either in the family or in the society such things are abundantly seen everywhere. Some say that economic necessities and important roles played by money have caused such selfish activities to come out to the forefront. News reports published in the local dailies contain many cases of corrupt practices like kidnapping for ransom, snatching of gold ornaments, stealing of vehicles and valuables, rape of women including minors, shooting and killing of people etc. are some cases of selfish actions. While looking deeply into these inhuman activities, we come to realise that they had been geared up by the selfish motives in human beings. Sense of sacrifice and devotion seems to have gone beyond the sight of the modern people. The society has changed beyond recognition in the sense that what we saw the other day cannot be seen these days.

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

SECTION-C

(ADVANCE WRITING SKILLS)

9. You are Jonathan, the Principal of Popular Public School, Ukhrul. You need to appoint some teachers for teaching science and mathematics upto Class-X. Write the probable form of the advertisement in about **50** words for publication in a newspaper. 5

Or

You are Roshini of Women's Society, Thoubal, which is going to organise an awareness campaign about the menaces of drug abuse. Invite the Deputy Commissioner of the district to be the Chief Guest of the function in about **50** words. 5

10. You are Sanatomba, a reporter of the Manipur Window. You have seen how bandhs and blockades have seriously affected the economy of the State. Make an appeal to the people of the state to stop bandhs and blockades which cause untold miseries to the public in a report of about **100-125** words to be published in the newspaper. 9

Or

Describe in about **100-125** words how old parents are not properly looked after by their sons and daughters who are without any monetary problems. 9

11. Robert, the proprietor of Evergreen Fruit Processing Unit, Churachandpur, wants to purchase oranges from the Tamenglong Horticulture Association in bulk. He makes enquiries about the process for the purchase of oranges. Draft the probable form of the letter. 9

Or

Manitomba of Jiribam Dibong Khunou writes a letter to the Deputy Commissioner of Imphal East district complaining about the irregular supply of food items under the public distribution system and the peoples' sufferings with a request to streamline the system. Reproduce the probable form of the letter. 9

12. (a) Surjalata, a student of Class-XII Arts, is to speak about the causes of increasing failures of students in the public examinations before a gathering of guardians and parents numbering about 500. Write the probable form of the speech in about **230-250** words. 12

Or

- (b) Basantakumar of Sunshine High School, Imphal wants to contribute an article to his School magazine on the importance of physical education in the schools. Write the article in about **230-250** words on behalf of the said student.

Or

- (c) Write an essay on the topic "Science, a blessing or a curse" in about **230-250** words.

[Hints: Introduction — facilities provided by Science — misuse of scientific inventions — probable effects in the near futures — conclusion].