

2018

ENGLISH

Full Marks : 100

Pass Marks : 33

Time : Three hours

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

Answer the questions in your words as far as practicable.

**SECTION – A
(PROSE)**

1. *Answer the following questions in about 100 – 125 words.*

(a) Give the Time Traveller's argument in support of the paradox of the Fourth Dimension. 8

Or

(b) "In her last minutes the Titanic stood almost perpendicular..." Narrate the last minutes of the Titanic and many of the passengers who sank with her. 8

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

(a) What, according to William Hazlitt will happen to a man who has taken the least care about 'dress and address'? 2

(b) "The first effect of the impact on the passengers was peculiar". Give reasons why the impact of the Titanic's collision with iceberg is described as peculiar. 2

(c) Why does Ruskin Bond say that trees and men are alike? 2

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- (d) 'On Monday next I've got to do three things.'
What are the two things Abel Merryweather would do on Monday before his marriage? 2
- (e) Give a brief description of the Time Machine in the laboratory. 2
- (f) 'Bina, I've something to confess.' What was Rajen's confession? 2

(POETRY)

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

(a) 'To the last point of vision, and beyond
Mount, daring warbler! – that love-prompted strain
– 'Twixt thee and thine a never failing bond –
Thrills not the less the bosom of the plain :
Yet might'st thou seem, proud privilege! to sing
All independent of the leafy spring.'

- (i) What is the 'love prompted strain'? 1
- (ii) Why is the skylark called 'daring Warbler'? 1
- (iii) Why does the poet say that he sings all independent of the leafy spring. 1
- (iv) The song of the skylark fills – 1
- (a) the spring season
- (b) the sky and the earth
- (c) the bosom of the plain
- (d) the last point of vision and beyond.

Or

(b) 'O Youth! for years so many and sweet
 '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) 'Thy vesper bell hath not yet toll'd' What is the motive behind the poet's saying so ? 1
- (ii) Why did the poet call his youth 'a masker bold' ? 1
- (iii) 'Tis known thou than and I were one'. Who is thou here ? 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 Walt Whitman say that the Captain's voyage is closed and done' ? 2
- (b) 'And immediately I regretted it'. Why did the poet regret his act ? 2
- (c) What, according to Rupert Brooke, are England's gifts to the poet ? 2
- (d) 'There is a public mischief in your mirth;
 It plagues your country.'
 What does, the poet William Cowper want to express in these lines. 2

(SUPPLEMENTARY READER)

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

- (a) Narrate the circumstances that made Charlie go to Cape Verde to get a canary. 7

Or

- (b) Explain HIV and AIDS. How are they a threat to human existence ? 7

6. *Answer the following questions in about 30-40 words each.*
- (a) What is the significance of 'Democratic Socialism' in India? 2
 - (b) How did Fatimah's arrival at khavda prove auspicious? 2
 - (c) How did Della buy a Christmas gift for Jim? 2
 - (d) 'Fine gal, thought Charlie'. Why did Charlie think Nancy was a 'fine gal'? 2

SECTION – B
(READING)

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

I arrived in this world on the second day of the sixth month of the year 1350 of the Hijri Calendar, corresponding to Thursday, the fifteenth day of October, 1931. I was Jainulabdeen and his wife Aishamma's third child and second son. My father was a pious man, and a passionate believer in the nation that would become India. He named me Abdul Kalam after the great Indian scholar and eminent political leader of the Indian Independence Movement, Abdul Kalam Azad. My parents felt that I was a lucky child, as my father became Imam of the local mosque soon after my birth.

As was the usual practice of those times, I was born in my ancestral home. It was a modest traditional house in the holy town of Rameswaram, with a tiled verandah facing the street, just a short distance from the famous Ramanathaswamy Temple.

My home town is located more or less at the centre of Pamban Island, a 30 kilometre long land mass lying two kilometres from the mainland in the Palk Bay, between peninsular India and Sri Lanka. Pamban and Rameswaram are the island's two main settlements. In a sense, they represent two essential parts of

life: work and spiritual observance. Pamban is a fishing village and a harbour on the western tip of the island. It is the main point of entry to Rameswaram, the larger of the two settlements, which overlooks Palk Bay on the island's east.

Pamban Island is a significant place for Hindus. Rameswaram is the southernmost of the Char Dham or four abodes, which makes it a pilgrimage destination for thousands of Hindus every year. Rameswara means 'Lord of Rama in Sanskrit, an epithet of Shiva, the presiding deity of the Ramanathaswamy Temple. Rama, the seventh avatar of the god Vishnu, prayed to Shiva here to absolve any sins that he might have committed during his war against the demon-king Ravana in Sri Lanka, about fifty kilometres away.

As with the rest of India, Pamban Island has been remarkably open to new religious ideas. Islam arrived on the Island with Malik Kafur, a eunuch slave who rose to become a general in the army of Alauddin Khilji, ruler of the Delhi Sultanate. Malik Kafur reached Rameswaram during one of his three military campaigns in southern India between 1294 and 1316, which set the stage for the short-lived Madurai Sultanate. The Sultanate fell little more than half a century after it was established, but Islam remained.

In 1795, Rameswaram came under the direct control of the British East India Company and was annexed to the Madras Presidency. By the time of British rule, Christianity had found a place on the island. Its devoted band of followers joined the equally devoted Muslims and Hindus on this small but sacred piece of land in Palk Bay.

- (i) When and where was Abdul Kalam born? 2
- (ii) Give a brief description of Jainulabdeen? 2
- (iii) Why is Pamban Island a significant place for Hindus? 3
- (iv) How did Islam spread to Pamban Island? 2

- (v) Find out words from the passage which means the same as the following :
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| (a) incarnation | 1 |
| (b) intense or strong | 1 |
| (c) seize or take. | 1 |

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

For many people, overspending is a bad habit. They buy things they can do without, often with credit cards so that they can delay payment and pay interest at over 3 percent per month or over 40 percent a year! Some own multiple credit cards. Always remember the words of the world's best-known investor, Warren Buffett, "If you buy things you don't need, soon you will have to sell things you need." There are innumerable examples of people ending up with no savings or selling even inherited property or assets in order to survive. Financial experts will tell you that the small stuff adds up and acts like a leak. So, before you buy anything ask, yourself; Am I buying this because I want it or do I really need it? Can I live without it? And, can I really afford it? Whatever you decide to invest in, do it regularly. Do not watch your investment too often. Do not speculate. And most important, stay invested for the long term. Your money will not only be safe, it will grow many times over.

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| (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 the General Secretary of Sunshine Youth Club, Thoubal Bazar. Write a notice for contributing some cash or kind for the flood victims of Khekman and Leishangthem villages in Thoubal District. Sign yourself as XYZ. 5

Or

You are Jonathan, General Manager of ABC Electronics Private Limited and need an office Assistant for your office. The candidate should have basic knowledge of computer and must be a graduate. Prepare a suitable advertisement for the local newspaper. 5

10. You are Sanathoi, a staff correspondent of 'Manipur Today' and you attended a state function on Van Mahotsav with the theme 'Connecting People to Nature'. The Chief Minister and his Cabinet Ministers, MLAs and other Government Officials planted trees. Write a brief report in about 100-125 words covering the event. 9

Or

You witnessed a road accident between two speeding buses while coming to school. One of the bus fell into a roadside canal and ten persons were injured. The bus drivers escaped and the local people helped the injured to hospital. Give a factual description of the scene in about 100-125 words. Put your name Miss Lily. 9

11. Write a letter to the Editor 'Imphal Times', drawing attention towards the increasing level of pollution in and around Imphal City, and what the people should do to reduce it. Sign yourself as Mr. A. 9

Or

You are the General Manager of Shiroy Motors, Kakching. You had placed an order to Super Industries, Rohtak, manufacturers of car batteries and spark plugs. Some of the goods supplied to you are defective. Write a letter of complaint to the Sales Manger. 9

12. (a) You are Miss Bina, a lecturer of New Public School Imphal, the Principal has asked you to make a speech on the topic 'Importance of Physical Exercise and Games. Write the probable form of the speech in about 230-250 words. 12

Or

- (b) You see that many youths are using cigarettes and other tobacco products everyday. Write an article in not more than 230-250 words on the evil effects of using tobacco for health to be published in your school magazine. Sign yourself as ABC of Class-XII. 12

Or

- (c) Write an essay on the following topic 'Corruption in the state of Manipur' in about 230-250 words. 12

[Outlines : What is it — sources/causes — evil effects in the society — suggestions for rooting out corruption — conclusion].