

2024

ALTERANTIVE 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 own words as far as practicable.

**SECTION – A
(PROSE)**

1. *Answer the following question in about 125 words:*

- a. “With Vaseline upon one’s forehead, belladonna in one’s eyes, rouge over the cheekbones, and crusts of beeswax round one’s lips, a very satisfying effect can be produced”.

How did Mr. Holmes pretend to be ill and dying?

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Or

- b. “If you do not understand anything now it does not matter. You will understand soon enough”.

How did Nehru advise his daughter not to hurry to take her decision about religion?

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2. *Answer the following questions in about 60 words:*

- a. Why did the doctor say that Johnsy had very little chance of recovery?

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Or

- b. Why was Denis arrested and brought in the court of the Magistrate?

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3. *Answer the following questions in about 50 words:*

Why did the landlady think that Sherlock Holmes was the worst tenant in London? 3

4. Answer the following questions in about 35 words each:
- a. Why did Amalie want to hear the howling of the wolves? 2
 - b. Why did Denis complain against the linesman who caught him red-handed? 2
5. Answer the following questions in one sentence each:
- a. Why was the ivy leaf painted by Behram called a masterpiece? 1
 - b. Who was Conrad? 1
 - c. Why does Denis think that there is nothing better than a nut to use as a sinker? 1
 - d. What was the name of Lord Budha's mother? 1
6. Choose the correct answers of the following:
- i. The story of 'The Dying Detective' is narrated by 1
 - a. Sir Arthur Conan Doyle
 - b. Sherlock Holmes
 - c. Dr. Watson
 - d. Mrs. Hudson, the landlady
 - ii. Find out the person who makes fishing nets in the village of Denis: 1
 - a. Semyon
 - b. Mitrofan Petrov
 - c. Inganshka
 - d. Kuzma

SECTION – B
(POETRY)

7. Explain the following extract with reference to the context

- a. Take thou my blessing thus, and go,
And tell her this – but do not so,
Lest a handsome anger fly
Like a lightening from her eye,
And burn thee up, as well as I

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Or

- b. And its look, rude, unbending, lusty, made me think of myself;
But I wonder'd how it could utter joyous leaves standing alone there,
Without its friend, its lover near – for I knew I could not.

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8. Answer the following question in about 60 words:

- a. Why does the poet consider the forest life most blissful?

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Or

- b. Why does Wordsworth say that echoes from beyond the grave is recognized intelligence?

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9. Answer the following question in about 40 words:

“The ceremony of innocence is drowned”. What does the poet mean by this line?

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10. Answer the following questions in about 30 words:

- a. Why does the poet lament on his blindness?

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- b. Why did the soldier kill the man who would have shared drink in the public bar?

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11. Answer the following questions in one sentence each:

- a. Why does the poet address the rose as ‘happy rose’?

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- b. Who is the man with soul so dead according to Sir Walter Scott?

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- c. How does war transform a man according to your poem 'The Man He Killed'? 1
- d. What is the symbol of the ploughman in the poem 'A Wind Flashes the Grass'? 1
12. Choose the correct answer of the following:
- i. In the poem 'A Wind Flashes the Grass' the ploughman grows anxious because 1
- a. there is storm
- b. he sees the trees thundering and roaring
- c. he wants to know his own self
- d. he does not understand the mysteries of nature.
- ii. The live-oak is a symbol of 1
- a. Perseverance
- b. Friendship
- c. Joy and happiness
- d. Manly love

SECTION – C (COMPOSITION)

13. Write an essay on any one of the following topics: 8
- a. Mobile Phone Revolution
- b. Cleanliness – A Need
- c. Your Idea of A Happy Life
14. a. Write a letter to the Executive Engineer, Public Health Engineering Department of your area explaining the problem of irregular supply of water and difficulties you face for drinking water. You are Jacky Chan of Dom Colony, Maram. 8
- Or
- b. You are Tom Tom, General Secretary C D School; you are organizing The Annual Prize Distribution Function of your school. Write a letter to a very important person inviting him to preside over the function. Invent relevant details. 8

15. Write in about 60 words - the sunshine through rain that makes beautiful colours in the sky. 4

16. a. You are James, General Secretary, Zenith Higher Secondary School. You wish to call a meeting of the Students Council to discuss about the health camp to be organized under the guidance of National Health Mission. Write a notice in this regard to be put up on your school notice board. 4

Or

b. You are Sanu, a student of Class XII. You stood first in the inter-school painting competition and awarded the prize. Write a diary entry expressing your feeling in about 60 words. 4

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

Real praise, the sincere complement is probably the most useful tool of all. It's the valued good coin of our conservation. Yet, today, it is in danger of losing its brightness. For it is greatly misused and not properly exchanged. What is a true complement? It's one that benefits both giver and receiver. Once a painter and his young assistant worked in a painting house. The older man started wearing shiny new shoes. As the man started skillfully painting, the father-in-law said to the boy, "Son, when you can show up on the job to paint a house, wearing new shoes, you will be the master of your trade". The painter smiled and did the best job. We all like to have our sense of personal worth built up or pointed out. And when one expects it adds to another's sense of dignity and speaks favourably of his skill, he is offering a compliment of the highest and rarest kind.

A compliment differs from flattery in that it is objective and given without thought of gain. Flattery is often merely lip service or excessive praise given for motives other than expressed. The greatest efforts of the human race have always resulted from the love of praise. This should be inspired in childhood. The wise parent makes it a point to compliment a child who deserves it.

a. Make notes of the main points from the given passage. 3

b. Develops the main points into a summary. 3

science has exploded such myths. It was not really so that man owned the world in the beginning. Man developed physically to the form as we find him now, over a period of time, at a very late stage. The planet started with micro life. There is a period of millions of years even between the existence of the micro life and huge dinosaur who owned the world and ruled over it.

But nature has been rather cruel to this animal world for whom actually, everything in the world was meant. Nature gave man with a developed brain that it did not develop in any other creature. It was only man who could think and plan about his existence and welfare, polluting in the process, the land, the space and the seas that nature had made for all. But now he owns the world and is the master of all that he surveys. He feels that all the creatures on the earth and even beyond the earth are meant for him. The ego of ownership has made man the most cruel animal in the world. Nature made vegetation that is meant for all living beings. But man felt that all the animals are meant for him. He kills a large number of animals for his food.

- a. How does the author describe the self-importance of man? 2
- b. How does science show that the world is not only for man? 2
- c. How did our planet start its life? 2
- d. How does the author condemn man in this passage? 2

SECTION – E
(FUNCTIONAL GRAMMAR)

19.

- a. *Arrange the following in the right order to make a meaningful sentence:*
by / relished / home cooked food / no longer / the youngsters / healthy / is,

- b. Change into passive voice of the following: 1
 You ought to listen to his words.
- c. Change into indirect speech of the following: 1
 Amilia said, 'How foolish I am!'
- d. Write the following sentence correctly in respect of grammar, meaning and usage. 1
 Hardly had I slept then the telephone ringing.
- e. Transform the following sentence into Interrogative sentence: 1
 The forest is not very far from the village.
- f. Fill in the blank with appropriate modal: 1
 He studies hard so that he _____ get high marks.
- g. Find out the subordinate clause from the following sentence: 1
 This is the boy who broke the glass and ran away.
- 20.
- a. Fill in the blank with most suitable word from the given alternatives: 1
 At times, we are all _____ to be mistaken
- a. apt
 b. considered
 c. likely
 d. able
- b. Choose the correct alternative to complete the following sentence. 1
 You cannot succeed unless
- a. You do not work hard
 b. You shall not work hard
 c. You will work hard
 d. You work hard
- c. Choose the correct question tag of the following: 1
 Mary has finished reading the book.
- a. has she ?
 b. hasn't she ?
 c. is she ?
 d. isn't she ?
