

2024

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 possible

SECTION – A

(READING)

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

The happy man is the man who lives objectively, who has free affections and wide interests, who secures his happiness through these interests and affections and through the fact that they, in turn, make him an object of interest and affection to many others. To be a recipient of affection is a potent cause of happiness, but the man who demands affection is not the man upon whom it is bestowed. The man who receives affection is, speaking broadly, the man who gives it. But is useless to attempt to give it as a calculation, in the way in which one might lend money at interest, for a calculated affection is not genuine and is not felt to be so by the recipient.

What then can a man do who is unhappy because he is encased in self? So long as he continues to think about the causes of his unhappiness, he continues to be self-centre and therefore does not get outside it, it must be by genuine interests, not by simulated interest adopted merely as a medicine. Although this difficulty is real, there is nevertheless much that he can do if he has rightly diagnosed his trouble. If, for example, his trouble is due to a sense of sin, conscious or unconscious mind that he has no reason to feel sinful, and proceed to plant this rational conviction in his activity. If he succeeds in dispelling the sense of sin, it is possible that genuine objective interest will arise spontaneously. If his trouble is self-pity, he can deal with in the same manner after first persuading himself that there is nothing extraordinarily unfortunate in his circumstances.

(a) Who, according to the writer, is a happy man?

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- (b) Who, according to the writer, is the man to be a recipient of affection? 2
- (c) Why is it useless to attempt to give affection as a calculation? 2
- (d) What is the writer's suggestion to one's trouble due to sense of sin? 2
- (e) How can a person, according to the writer, deal with his trouble caused by self-pity? 2
- (f) Find out the words from the passage which mean:
 - (i) Given/presented 1
 - (ii) Not real, but made to look or feel like real 1

2. *Read the passage given below and do as per directions that follow to be your answer:*

Everyone needs a holiday, both to relax and to have a change of environment. The holiday makers feel relaxed and refreshed at the end of the holiday and look forward to the resumption of their duties, be it at school, office or factories, with renewed vigour. This is the reason why all establishments grant their employees annual leave. With the end of the Academic year the schools and universities grant their pupils a long holiday during mid-summer. This will last until early September when the new school term starts. Of course, the parents will like to take advantage of this and take their leave to coincide with the children's vacation. This has become a traditional holiday season in most European countries particularly in England. With the coming of August, the traditional holiday season in Britain reaches its peak point and most of the holiday resorts are packed to capacity. In order to avoid the crowd, some prefer to take their holiday a little earlier if facilities so warrant.

Holiday time is surely a time for shedding serious preoccupations and seeking the pleasures that appeal to us. It is true that we may not always succeed in finding them, indeed there are people who maintain that the great thing about a holiday is that it gives you an ampler appreciation of home comforts – a view no doubt more widely held among the elderly ones than youngsters.

- (a) On the basis of your reading of the above passage, make notes of the important points (using headings and recognizable abbreviations, wherever necessary) 4

- (b) Develop the important points into a summary.

SECTION –B
(HIGHER LEVEL WRITING SKILL)

3 Answer the following question in about 50 words in a proper format.

- (a) After the final examination, you went to a market place and happened to meet an old friend who had left for Delhi to study five years back. Make a diary entry expressing your thoughts and emotions on the meeting. 4

Or

- (b) Your school, Salvation Academy is going to hold Annual week 2024 from January 8 to 14. You, as a Secretary of Social and Cultural Club, are organizing Song and Dance Competition. Draft a notice inviting interested participants from among the students for the competition. 4

- 4 (a) A massive fire broke out at Wino Market area of Ukhrul and several shops were gutted causing loss of property amounting to several lakhs. Invent necessary details of the incident and as a staff reporter of a local daily. Write a news-report in proper format in about 100-125 words. 6

Or

- (b) Describe the factual features of a mobile phone in about 100 – 125 words. 6

5. Answer the following question in about 100 – 125 words in a proper format.

- (a) Friendship Public School, Chandel, is planning to a group of 50 Class XII students to Darjeeling on an excursion in the second week of October. Mr. Moran Maring, the Teacher-in-charge writes a letter to the Manager, Seven Sisters Tours and Travels, Imphal asking them to arrange their transport and accommodation. Give details of preference and dates of journey 8

Or

- (b) After your passing of Higher Secondary Examination, 2024. You want to go for Computer Applications and IT. Write a letter to the Director, National Institute Electronics and Information Technology (NIELIT), Akampat, Imphal East District enquiring details about admission process, fee structures, courses, placements etc. You are Shiny Shimray, Ukhrol. 8
6. Make a précis of the following passage in about one third of its length. Give a suitable title also.

From the moment we are born, we cannot be alone; we stand in constant need of support from all around us, body and soul and spirit. We need clothes that other men make; houses which other men build, food which other men produce. We earn our living by working for others and others earn their living by working for us.

As children we need our parents to be our comforters and take care of others; we cannot live a day without our peers. We need teachers to educate, books and masters to teach us trades; and when we learn it and settle ourselves in life, we need laws made by other man who died hundreds of years before we were born to secure for us our rights and property, to secure our comfort in our station; and we need friends to comfort us in our sorrows and share our joys. 4

7. Answer the following question in about 150 words:

(a) Write an article for your school magazine on the topic – Manipur – A flower on lofty hills 8

Or

(b) Write a speech to be delivered in the morning assembly of your school on the topic – Social media – Its advantage & disadvantage. 8

Or

(c) Write an essay on the following topic - Corruption – Its causes and effects. 8

8. *Each given sentence with a blank is followed by four options. Choose the suitable/correct one to fill in the blank to make the sentence meaningfully correct. Rewrite the sentence as your answer:*

- (a) You _____ like that
a) ought not behave 1
b) ought not to behave
c) ought not to have behaved
d) ought to not behaved
- (b) The students watched the bears in the zoo _____ with fish. 1
a) being fed
b) had been fed
c) were being fed
d) having been fed
- (c) The lights _____ just as we sat down to watch the movie on the television. 1
a) put out
b) gave off
c) went off
d) blew off

9. Choose the one from the alternatives which best expresses the meaning of the underlined phrase:

- We should do away with the present examination system. 1
- (a) abolish
(b) demolish
(c) execute
(d) prohibit

10. In the following question, parts of the sentence are jumbled but marked P, Q, R and S. Four possible combinations follow the question. Choose the one that is meaningfully correct as your answer. 1

- The Buddha
- (P) Who had
(Q) Set views
(R) Was opposed to all those
(S) Or closed system of thought

- (A) PQRS
- (B) PQSR
- (C) RPQS
- (D) SRPQ

SECTION-C
(PROSE)

11. Answer the following question in about 125 words.
- (a) Describe the heroic activities of the Captain, the officers and the crew during the sinking of the Titanic after your reading of the text. 6
- Or
- (b) 'The old man remained dreaming in the sun'.
Describe Mahmood's day-dream. 6
12. Answer the following question in about 60 words.
- (a) 'But, you know I sinned'.
Why did Rajen say so? 4
- Or
- (b) "I say I'm going to get married".
Why did Abel Merry weather decide to get married? 4
13. Answer the following questions in about 50 words:
What advice did Hazlitt give his son concerning reading habits and health? 3
14. Answer the following questions in about 40 words each:
- (a) "Do not begin to quarrel with the world too soon".
Why does Hazlitt say so? 2
- (b) Why was Mrs. Jordan not willing to ask her father if he really promised to give his gold watch to her son, Jimmy? 2
15. Choose the most suitable one from the alternatives that follow the key line and rewrite it as your answer:
- (a) Rajen contracted HIV because 1
- (A) The girl was a prostitute
 - (B) He did not care for preventive measures.
 - (C) He had a very weak immune system.
 - (D) He was unaware of infection

- (b) When Hazlitt's son criticized the dress of some of the boys, his advice was
- (A) Never despise anyone at all. 1
- (B) Never anticipate evils.
- (C) Never despise anyone or anything that he cannot help.
- (D) Never speak disrespectfully of others.

(POETRY)

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

- (a) 'O Captain! my captain! our fearful trip is done,
The ship has weathered every wreck, the prize we sought is won,
The Port is near, the bells I hear, the people all exulting'
- (i) Who is the person addressed by the poet as 'Captain'? 1
- (ii) What is being symbolized by 'trip'? 1
- (iii) What does the poet mean by 'the prize'? 1
- (iv) What does the poet mean by 'the port'? 1

Or

- (b) 'And looked around like a god, unseeing, into the air,
And slowly, very slowly, as if thrice adream,
Proceeded to draw his slow length curving round
And climb again the broken bank of my wall-face.'
- (i) About whom is the poet speaking? 1
- (ii) In what respect, according to the poet, is the creature similar to a god? 1
- (iii) How is the movement of the creature described? 1
- (iv) In which direction did the creature turn his head? 1

17. Answer the following questions in about 40 words each:

- (a) "A privacy of glorious light is thine".
Why does Wordsworth say so? 2
- (b) "Life is but thought"
Explain the idea. 2
- (c) "Where he stood perplexed and still",
Why was the Traveller perplexed and still"? 2

- (d) "Friends and loves we have none, nor wealth nor blessed abode",
Why do the seekers say so? 2

SUPPLEMENTARY READER

18. Answer the following question in about 125 words:
- (a) Write how Jim and Della bought gifts for each other on the Christmas eve. 6
- Or
- (b) Narrate Robichon's experience with the Marquis de Thevenin. 6
19. Answer the following question in about 60 words:
- (a) What did Najab do when he reached Fatimah's village after crossing the desert? 4
- Or
- (b) As per the preamble of the Indian Constitution, what do 'Justice' and "Equality", the two objectives imply? 4
20. Answer the following question in about 40 words:
- How did Fatimah's arrival at khavda prove auspicious? 2
21. The key-line is followed by four options. Choose the correct/suitable one with reference to the key-line as your answer and rewrite it:
- (a) "Secular" in the preamble to the Indian Constitution means 1
- (A) all the citizens are secure.
- (B) perfect neutrality in religious matters.
- (C) a balance in the existing economic disparities.
- (D) protection of citizen's fundamental rights.
- (b) There was no applause when Robichon finished his lecture because 1
- (A) The audience did not like it
- (B) His role did not suit him
- (C) The audience were so horrified that they forgot to applaud
- (D) The people thought that they had been cheated
