

2017

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 :

(a) In the words of Ruskin Bond 'There is a great affinity between trees and men'. Explain. 8

OR

(b) Give an account of the characteristics displayed by the two sisters in 'The Dear Departed'. 8

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

(a) What, according to Hazlitt, should one be sad about rather than getting angry? 2



- (b) What were the reasons which made Captain Smith and his officers confident of saving the 'Titanic' ? 2
- (c) "..... a sudden gust of wind caught the torn kite and lifted it into the air". Give the symbolic meaning of the image. 2
- (d) "..... we've all got to die sometime or other. It might have been worse".  
What might have been worse, according to the speaker ? 2
- (e) What prevented the men from seeing the model "Time Machine's movement" ? 2
- (f) 'This is the tragedy of hundreds of thousands of men and women!' What is the tragedy referred to here ? 2

### (POETRY)

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

(a) My Captain does not answer, his lips are pale and still,  
My father does not feel my arm, he has no pulse nor will,  
The ship is anchor'd safe and sound, its voyage closed and done,  
From fearful trip, the victor ship, comes in with object won.

- (i) Why does the Captain not answer ? 1
- (ii) Why does the poet call the Captain his 'father' ? 1
- (iii) What does 'Ship' signify here ? 1
- (iv) What is the 'object' referred to ? 1



OR

(b) And truly I was most afraid,  
But even so honoured still more,  
That he should seek my hospitality  
From out the dark door of the secret earth.

- (i) What was the poet afraid of? 1
- (ii) What did the poet feel more—honour or fear? 1
- (iii) Why does the poet call him 'he'? 1
- (iv) What is the 'dark door'? 1

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

- (a) What harms, according to Cowper, can be brought to the country by "Folly such as yours"? 2
- (b) Twixt thee and thine a never-failing bond' —  
What is meant by 'never-failing bond'? 2
- (c) According to Coleridge, what would happen in life without hope? 2
- (d) What are the things that England made the poet 'aware' of? 2



(SUPPLEMENTARY READER)

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

(a) 'Let's put our Christmas presents away and keep 'em awhile'.

Narrate the events that led to this suggestion by Jim.

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OR

(b) Describe the effects of HIV and AIDS and suggest ways to prevent them.

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

(a) Describe the beauty of Fatimah as depicted in the story.

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(b) "As he could not have Nancy, he must have something—a symbol of her".

How did Charlie come to this decision?

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(c) What is the moral of the story 'The Gift of the Magi'?

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(d) Why is India referred to as 'Secular'?

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SECTION – B

(READING)

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

The most important trait of a leader is authenticity and self-knowledge. As a leader you need to be clear about your values and belief system. The self-knowledge is a compass to navigate complex situations. Secondly, in order to lead, one should have clarity of vision and the ability to communicate it. The obstacle to good communication is not the lack of verbal skills alone. It is also the capacity to view one's targets and goals through a self-generated



lens that sees the world on our own terms. Each of us is informed differently and our view of the world is seen through our own lens and that may be opaque to someone else. A great example of seeing through a different lens can be found in a family with different generations. The third trait for leadership is curiosity. Leadership is about coping with change. The ability to respond to change is particularly critical to business leaders as the pace of innovation in business is very rapid.

When it is a family running a business, family shareholders have to proactively learn best practices for sustaining a closely-held business over generations. The group must wrestle out issues to arrive at a solution that is in line with the overall vision of the company to benefit the business and its shareholders. It is inevitable to have conflicts as members are from different background and different age groups.

In a family run business most members are worried about transition. Generally, it is seen that upto the third generation, there is a clear view of the founder of the business, his values. The next generation, following the third, is not only larger but more distanced from the company's origins. Their challenges will include aligning with a smaller sub-set of the family members and balancing collective versus individual achievement.

In conclusion, we can, say that leaders start out with a vision. Having a vision to lead requires clarity of purpose and direction. Also, leaders need to have the ability to communicate and motivate people to work towards a vision. It is also important that they should inspire others to trust and support them.

- (a) Why should a good leader have the ability to communicate ? 2
- (b) Why are individual len's views different ? 2
- (c) What are the secrets of running a successful family-run business ? 3
- (d) Which generation, generally makes members of family run business worried and why ? 2



- (e) Find out the words from the passage which means the same as
- (i) the special feature of a person. 1
  - (ii) transformation. 1
  - (iii) joining with a particular group. 1

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

The small village of Somnathpur contains an extraordinary temple, built around 1268 A.D. by the Hoyasalas of Karnataka—one of the most prolific temple-builders. Belur and Halebid are among their better-known works. While these suffered during the invasions of the 14<sup>th</sup> century, the Somnathpur temple stands more or less intact in near-original condition.

This small temple captivated with the beauty and vitality of its detailed sculpture, covering almost every inch of the walls, pillars, and even ceilings. It has three shikharas and stands on a star-shaped, raised platform with 24 edges. The outer walls have a profusion of detailed carvings : the entire surface run over by carved plaques of stone. There were vertical panels covered by exquisite figures of gods and goddesses, with many incarnations being depicted. There were nymphs too. The elaborate ornamentation, very characteristic of Hoyasala sculptures, was a remarkable feature. On closer look the series of friezes on the outer walls revealed intricately carved caparisoned elephants, charging horsemen, stylized flowers, warriors, musicians, crocodiles and swans.

The temple was actually commissioned by Soma Dandanayaka or Somnath, the minister of the Hoyasala king, Narasimha the Third. The temple was built to house three versions of Krishna. The inner center of the temple was the Kalyana Mandapa. Leading from here were three corridors, each ending in a shrine, one for each kind of Krishna Venugopala, Janardana and Prasanna Keshava, though only two remain in their original forms.

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



## SECTION – C

### (ADVANCED WRITING SKILL)

9. (a) You are Tomthin, the General Secretary of Star Public School, Imphal. Your school is organising special Yoga classes for the students. Write a notice in not more than **50** words giving necessary details.

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**OR**

- (b) Earthquakes may result in unprecedented damage and destruction to both life and property. Educating people on the precautions to be taken is the need of the hour. Prepare a poster for creating this awareness.

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10. (a) You are Wilson Haskip of J.A.M Public School, Churachandpur. Recently your school celebrated Environment Week. Giving details of the celebrations write a report in **100-125** words for your school magazines.

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**OR**

- (b) Describe in about **100-125** words how tensed you felt when you were caught in a traffic jam on the way to your examination centre.

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11. (a) Write a letter to the editor of a national daily, expressing your opinion and views on the increased human dependence on technology. Right from a small child to an adult, or even an old man, everyone wants gadgets only-cell phone, I-pod, laptop etc. This only has a negative effect on social relationships.

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**OR**

(b) You are Meera, Sales Manager of North-East Food Manufacturer, Mantripukhri. You received a letter from Manager M/s Unique Shop, Lamphel about the undue delay in the delivery of good items from your company. Write a suitable reply to the manager explaining the reasons for the delay. 9

12. (a) Though there is a movement to eradicate child labour, there are still many children working as labourers. It is indeed painful and disturbing to see this alarming trend. Write a speech in about 230-250 words expressing your concern about it. 12

**OR**

(b) With parents having little control over the behaviour of their teenaged children, this has been a cause of concern for every parent and society at large. Write an article in about 230-250 words. You are Ningtamba. 12

**OR**

(c) Write an essay on 'Students and Politics' in about 230-250 words.

(Introduction — should students take part in politics — for and against — their main duties — conclusion) 12