

2020

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
(READING)

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

There are many among us who, given the opportunity to leave India, are only too happy to go. But whenever I have had the chance to go away, I have held back. Or something has held me back. A few years ago I was offered a well-paid job on a magazine in Hong Kong. I thought about it for weeks, worried myself to distraction and finally, with a sigh of relief, turned it down. My friends thought I was crazy. Most of them would have jumped at a comparable offer. Many friends have indeed gone away, never to return, except perhaps to get married, very quickly, before they are off again. Don't they feel homesick, I wonder. I am almost paranoid at the thought of going away and then being unable to come back. This almost happened to me when, as a boy, I went to England, longed to return to India, and

did not have the money for the passage. For two years I worked and saved like a miser until I had enough to bring me home. And 'home' wasn't parents and brothers and sisters. They were no longer here. Home, for me, was India.

India is where I was born and went to school and grew to manhood. India was where my father was born and went to school and worked and died. India is where my grandfather lived and died. Surely that entitles me to a place in the Indian sun. If it doesn't, I can revert to my mother's family and go back to the time of Timur the Lame. How far back does one have to go in order to establish one's Indianness?

- (i) How did the author come back to India from England? 2
- (ii) What makes the author an Indian? 2
- (iii) How does the author describe some of his friends who have left India? 2
- (iv) What can you learn from the given passage about the author? 2
- (v) What makes the writer paranoid? 2
- (vi) Find out the word from the passage which means the same as the following:
 - (a) Refused 1
 - (b) Go back 1

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

Drugs are meant to eliminate disease. In the quest for avoiding the misery of sickness, man has invented medicines that may themselves cause diseases. The illness caused by a drug may be short-term or long-term. Side effects are short term and predictable. The unpredictable and bizarre reactions are termed as adverse reactions. A variety of drugs cure many ills but are also known to cause irregular heart beat and even sudden death. A strong sense of responsibility on the physician's part and an attitude of extreme caution on the patient's part can

substantially help in covering at least some of the risks of medicines, if not all. There are many factors that help a doctor in his choice and use of the drug. The medical history of a patient, age, sex, personality, environment and education contribute in deciding the course of treatment. The very old and the very young are likely to suffer as their bodies are less tolerant. Older children may sometimes be more tolerant than the adults. The elderly tend to respond better to standard drug dosage. But the lower body size, slow blood flow to vital organs, decreasing metabolic capacity and tendency to multiple physical problems contribute to adverse reactions.

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

SECTION – B
(WRITING)

3. You are Rashree, Sports Secretary of Triveni Higher Secondary School, Imphal. Write a notice in not more than 50 words inviting students to give their names for various events to be organised on the Annual Sports Day of your school. 3

Or

You are Mr. Amit, Director Excel Coaching Academy. Write an advertisement in not more than 50 words about the various courses provided in your institute. 3

4. You are Jenny, a reporter of Manipur Today. Write a report about a fire that broke out at Singjamei Bazar. 8

Or

Give a brief description of a school picnic you recently participated. 8

5. You are Praveen. Write an application to the Director of Computer World, Imphal, enquiring about the duration, terms and conditions for admission and fee structure of a short term course in Computer Programming you would like to do after your examination. 8

Or

Write a letter to your friend Rajesh in Chandigarh telling him about how you celebrated your father's birthday. 8

6. Choose the correct/best answer from the alternatives A, B, C & D and fill in the blanks.

(i) The train _____ for Chennai shortly. 1

(A) leave

(B) leaves

(C) is leaving

(D) left

(ii) The old man _____. 1

(A) has lived here all his life

(B) lived here all his life

(C) lives here all his life

(D) living here all his life

(iii) The active form of the passive sentence "Will the message be delivered by her?" is _____. 1

(A) Did the message delivered by her?

(B) Was the message delivered?

(C) Will she deliver the message?

(D) The message was delivered.

(iv) I did this once _____, and I will do it again. 1

(A) again

(B) before

(C) ago

(D) since

7. Amplify the idea contained in *any one* the following proverbs : 4

(a) Look before you leap.

(b) Rome was not built in a day.

8. (a) Write an essay on 'Students and Discipline' in about 230 – 250 words. 8

[Outlines : Introduction — why it is necessary — problems created by lack of discipline — conclusion.]

Or

(b) Write an article on 'The importance of conserving water' in about 230 – 250 words. 8

Or

(c) Write a speech on the topic 'Misuse of Scientific Gadgets' in about 230 – 250 words. 8

SECTION – C

(PROSE)

9. Answer the following question in about 120 – 150 words :

(a) 'Health is the foundation of all things in this life'. Discuss why H.W. Beecher say so. 8

Or

(b) Narrate how Bob and Malcolm encounter the attack of the grizzly. 8

10. Answer the following question in about 30 – 40 words :

Why do adolescents need new special skills which may be called the 'life skills'?

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11. Answer the following questions in about 25 – 30 words each:
- (a) Why did Jakanachari run away from home? 2
 - (b) How are computers useful in the launching of satellites? 2
 - (c) What is a scoop? What was the first scoop that newspapers which subscribed to Reuter's news agency made? 2
 - (d) In what ways are the parents of much benefit to the young men? 2

(POETRY)

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

(a) Then a soldier,
Full of strange oaths, and bearded like a pard,
Jealous in honour, sudden and quick in quarrel,
Seeking the bubble reputation
Even in the cannon's mouth.

- (i) Which period/stage of man's life is described in the given extract? 1
- (ii) What is meant by 'seeking the bubble reputation'? 1
- (iii) What is 'cannon's mouth'? 1
- (iv) Who is full of 'strange oaths'? 1

Or

(b) There is no armour against Fate ;
Death lays his icy hand on kings:
Sceptre and Crown
Must tumble down,
And in the dust be equal made
With the poor crooked scythe and spade.

- (i) What symbolises 'Sceptre and Crown' ? 1
- (ii) What lays his icy hand on everyone ? 1
- (iii) Where is everyone made equal ? 1
- (iv) What is meant by 'crooked scythe and spade' ? 1

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

(a) The woods are lovely, dark and deep.

But I have promises to keep,

And miles to go before I sleep,

What does Robert Frost want to convey in the above lines ? 4

Or

(b) Why does James Kirkup say that no men are foreign ? 4

14. Answer the following questions in about 25-30 words each:

(i) Describe the beauty of the lady when the knight met her. 2

(ii) 'Tell that its sculptor well those passions read'

How does the sculptor read the passions of Ozymandias ? 2

(SUPPLEMENTARY READER)

15. Answer the following question in about 120-150 words :

(a) Give a brief account of the post World War-II scenerio that led to the establishment of United Nations Organisation. 8

Or

(b) Why did Abraham Lincoln forgive William Scott even when he was found guilty. 8

16. Answer the following question in about 40 – 50 words :

(a) "... and the pattern never changed".

What was the pattern that never changed ?

4

Or

(b) "This one is the most painful and ghastly too".

Narrate how Kashi's story is the most painful and ghastly.

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17. Why did the man with the scar kill his wife ?

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