

2021

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 :*

No one exactly enjoys a trip to the dentist, but it helps if you regard it as a beauty investment. Bad, discoloured and crooked teeth can ruin your looks. If you look after your teeth properly between visits to the dentist, every six months, you won't have anything painful done. Cavities are caused when the bacteria, which exists in your mouth all the time, get to work on the sugar left on your teeth by sweet and sticky food. They produce acid which rots away at your teeth enabling decay to set in causing holes. Unless these holes are filled they will get bigger until the tooth crumbles. You can avoid fillings altogether by brushing twice a day using a good tooth brush and fluoride toothpaste and avoiding too many sweets. A dentist may suggest you wear a brace for a few months to straighten your teeth. It's nuisanceé but, on balance, you have to agree that its preferable to a lifetime of crooked teeth.

P.T.O.

- (i) Why should you visit the dentist every six months ? 2
- (ii) How are cavities formed ? 2
- (iii) Why is filling necessary ? 2
- (iv) What proper care should be taken for good teeth ? 2
- (v) What does dentist suggest for the crooked teeth ? 2
- (vi) (a) Give the opposite in meaning of the following word 'nuisance'. 1
- (b) Find out the word which means the same in meaning as the following word 'crumble'. 1

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

Weight-loss clinics have become big business in India because ninety percent of affluent city Indians are overweight for the simple reason that they constantly overeat foods like wafers, pastries, chocolates, burgers, singhara and ice-creams. Overweight Indians have no awareness of calorie-intake or calories burning. How can they slim down when they don't know what made them fat in the first place ? Ironically, it is the poor people who are the slim and muscular in India unlike in the west where the working class tend to be overweight while the rich are lean. Actually there is a simple trick to staying slim. Don't keep fattening foods at home. Instead keep lots seasonal fruits. That way you won't eat following food even when you want to because it is not available. You will be forced to eat fruits which fills the stomach and give the few calories needed. Let us never forget that food is seductive and virtually impossible to resist. Natural food is never so tempting. If you eat an apple, you feel satiated. But wafers or a piece of chocolate or cake don't satiated. They create craving for more. Losing weight or staying slim requires knowing which foods are rich in calories and which are not the world is full of miracle diets but what finally works in an individual's desire to be slim. If that desire exists, he will eat the right food.

- (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 need a tutor for English for months. Write an advertisement for a local newspaper. 3

4. Kamala is the cultural secretary of ABC School, Ningthoukhong. She writes a report on the Cultural Meet Celebration for her School for the School Magazine. 8

Or

You are James, a staff reporter of a leading local newspaper. You have witnessed a road accident involving a School Van and Hundai I-20 car. Write a report including details of injuries and damages caused to the colliding vehicles. 8

5. Your father is away from home on business. Write a letter telling him of the state of things at home in his absence. 8

Or

Write a letter to the principal of your school asking for improvement in the working of your Library giving instances of disorderliness there and non-availability of text books. 8

6. Choose the correct answer from the given four alternatives.

(i) "Where are my spectacles?" 1

(A) Here they are on the table.

(B) Here are they, on the table.

(C) There are they on the table.

(D) There they are on the table.

(ii) Identify the Present Participle form from the given alternatives. 1

(A) Arise

(B) Arose

(C) Arisen

(D) Arising

(iii) Out of the four alternatives, choose the correct Indirect Speech of the following. 1

He said to her, 'May you succeed.'

(A) He told her that he might succeed.

(B) He prayed to God that she may succeed.

(C) He wished her success.

(D) He said to her that she might succeed.

(iv) Out of the four alternatives choose the correct form of passive voice of the following. 1

Why do you waste time?

(A) Why has time been wasted by you?

(B) Why is time wasted by you?

(C) Why is time been wasted by you?

(D) Why is time being wasted by you.

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

(a) A friend in need is a friend indeed.

(b) Honesty is the best policy.

8. (a) Write an essay on 'The place of Science in Education' in about **250** words. 8

[Outlines : Introduction — Science makes Education concrete and complete
— Science stands for proof, accuracy and closeness — conclusion.]

Or

(b) Write an article on 'The importance of music in life' in about **250** words. 8

Or

(c) Write a speech on 'The environmental pollution' in about **250** words. 8

SECTION – C

(PROSE)

9. Answer the following question in about **150** words :

(a) "My son, take me home. My career is over"

Why did Jakanachari, the old absconder say so? Under what circumstances?

8

Or

(b) Why did Reuter sell his property in Aix-la-chapelle and shift his business to London ? 8

10. Answer the following question in about 60 words:

(a) What are some of the important duties of young-men in life? 4

Or

(b) Write how carrier pigeons were used to send messages. 4

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

Why did Jakanchari say that the stranger's words are inauspicious? 3

12. Answer the following questions in about 25 – 30 words:

(a) What is H.W. Beecher's view of young men that would be in your lesson 'The Relative Duties of Young Men'? 2

(b) Why did Griffiths lock the foreign-looking gentleman inside Reuter's office? 2

(POETRY)

13. Answer the following questions in about 25 – 30 words :

(a) Describe, after Robert Frost, the American Winter scene. 2

(b) 'In every land in common
That all can recognize and understand'
According to James Kirkup, what does the line mean? 2

(c) Why is the beautiful lady's song called a fairy's song? 2

(d) "... its sculptor well those passions read". What does the narrator mean? 2

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

(a) I saw pale kings and princes too,

Pale warriors, death – pale were they all ;

They cried – “La Belle Dame Sans Merci”,

Hath thee in thrall !”

- (i) Who is the speaker here? 1
- (ii) Why were the princes and warriors all deadly pale ? 1
- (iii) Which language is ‘La Belle Dame Sans Merci’ ? 1
- (iv) What does the last line mean her ? 1

Or

(b) I met a traveller from an antique land,

Who said : Two vast and trunkless legs of stone

Stand in the desert..... Near them, on the sand,

Half sunk, a shattered visage lies,

- (i) Where did the traveller come from ? 1
- (ii) Whose trunkless legs of stone referred to here ? 1
- (iii) What did the broken face in the sand signify ? 1
- (iv) What does the stanza describe here ? 1

(SUPPLEMENTARY READER)

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

- (a) How does Somerset Maugham give us the impression that the man with the scar was really a brave man ? 8

Or

- (b) How does James Harriot depict the mutual love and devotion that exist between old Miss Stub and her pets. 8

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

- (a) What made William Scott fall asleep on guard duty ? 4

Or

- (b) Describe the revolutionary general's wife. 4

17. Answer the following question in about 25 – 30 words :

- What is the significance of the title 'God in Near' ? 2