

**2023**

**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 carefully and answer the questions that follow:*

It is curious and significant fact that, in spite of all modern scientific progress and talk of internationalism, racialism and other separating factors are at least as much in evidence today, if not more so, than at any previous time in history.

There is something lacking in all this progress, which can neither produce harmony between nations nor within the spirit of man. Perhaps more synthesis and a little humility towards the wisdom of the past, which after all is the accumulated experience of the human race, would help us to gain a new perspective and greater harmony.

That is especially needed by those people who live a fevered life in the present only and have forgotten the past. But for countries like India, a different emphasis is necessary, for we have too much of the past about us and have ignored the present.

P.T.O.

We have to get rid of that narrowing religious outlook, the obsession with the supernatural and metaphysical speculations, that loosening of the mind's discipline in religious, ceremonial and mystical emotionalism, which come in the way of our understanding ourselves and the world. We have to come to grips with the present, this life, this world, this nature which surrounds us in its infinite variety.

- (a) What is the curious and significant fact that the writer refers to? 2
- (b) According to the writer, what is lacking in scientific progress? 2
- (c) What is the writer's view that would help to gain a new perspective and greater harmony? 2
- (d) Why should we get rid of religious outlook, the obsession with supernatural and metaphysical speculations? 2
- (e) What have we to deal with the present? 2
- (f) Find out the words from the passage which mean the same as the following:
  - (i) combination 1
  - (ii) outlook 1

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

Scientists in the USA and Japan are developing a set of smart materials that can clean themselves off dirt and stains besides eliminating foul odours and dangerous bacteria.

Exploiting powerful catalytic properties, researchers succeeded in creating tiles, glass, paint, paper and cloth that can keep themselves sparkling clean.

The first item to reach the market, a self-cleaning wall and counter tile, can not only kill bacteria but also eliminate odours and staining associated with smoke from cooking oils and cigarettes, reports the journal Technology Review.

The key to the self-cleaning world of the future is the interaction between titanium dioxide and ultraviolet rays from the sun or fluorescent lights. The special properties of titanium dioxide — a substance used to make paint and tooth-paste white — were first discovered by Tokyo University chemist Akira Fujishima and Associates in 1969. Their research showed that when exposed to solar energy, titanium dioxide has the ability to break down water into hydrogen and oxygen.

- (i) Make notes of the main points of the passage using abbreviations wherever necessary. 4
- (ii) Develop the main points into a summary. 4

### SECTION – B

#### (WRITING)

3. Many students are found secretly bringing mobile phones to the school. They play games during class hours, send SMS to the classmates and take photographs as well. Write a message to send to the parents/guardians of students to check their children/wards and requesting them to co-operate with the school authority to maintain discipline and control nuisance in about 60 words. You are the Principal, Hillside Academy. 3
4. (a) You are a staff correspondent. You went to the Book Fair at D.M. University campus on the opening day. The Fair was opened by the Education Minister, Government of Manipur. Many publishing companies from outside the state were there. Write a report in about 100-120 words about the opening day and the Fair. 8

*Or*

- (b) As Coordinator of Eco-club, ABC academy, write a report for your school magazine on 'Cleanliness Drive and Tree plantation programme' held on 7th June, 2022, organised by your club. Prepare the report in the right format. 8
5. (a) Write a letter to the Principal, Delhi Public School, R.K. Puram, New Delhi, expressing your desire and enquiring eligibility criteria for reading in class XI there. You are David from Dinku Road, Lane I, Imphal. 8

Or

- (b) You have learnt from news (T.V. channels) that the recent flood caused havoc to many places of Assam. Write a letter to your friend Siksha Bora of Goalpara District, Assam enquiring condition and expressing deep concern about the flood affected area and victims. Write your name as Chinglembi of Wangkhei. 8
6. In each sentence below, there is a blank space. Complete the sentence by choosing the most appropriate one from the alternatives A, B, C & D that follows :

(i) Unauthorised constructions around Loktak Lake are being \_\_\_\_\_ by Government. 1

- (A) pulled off (B) pulled down  
(C) pulled up (D) pulled through

(ii) Do women \_\_\_\_\_ leadership differently than men do? 1

- (A) exercise (B) empower  
(C) authorise (D) undertake

- (iii) The boy \_\_\_\_\_ to explain the passage. 1
- (A) told his teacher (B) called his teacher  
(C) said to his teacher (D) asked his teacher

*Choose the one from the alternatives A, B, C & D which expresses the meaning of the underlined idiom/ phrase in the given sentence :*

- (iv) To all intents and purposes he is a good man. 1
- (A) Finally (B) Practically  
(C) Above all (D) In practice

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

- (i) Make hay while the sun shines  
(ii) An idle brain is the Devil's workshop  
(iii) All is well that ends well

8. (a) *Write an essay on the following topic in about 150 words :* 8  
Climate change and its effect especially on Manipur

*Or*

(b) *Write an article on the following topic in about 150 words :* 8  
The need of moral education in the present day Manipur

*Or*

(c) *You are to deliver a speech at the morning assembly of your school on the following topic :* 8

Punctuality is the key to success.

Prepare the speech in about 150 words.

SECTION - C

(PROSE)

9. Answer the following question in about 125 words :

- (a) Write after your reading of Relative Duties of Young Men on some of the important duties of young men in life. 8

Or

- (b) Narrate how Reuter became a businessman dealing not only in news of commercial interest but also in general news as well. 8

10. Answer the following question in about 60 words :

- (a) Why was the name Kridapara changed to Kai Dala? 4

Or

- (b) Why did Malcolm become despondent after looking at his own face in the mirror? 4

11. Answer the following question in about 50 words :

- What are the necessary things to be taken up for a satellite that carries a man? 3

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

- (a) Why are 'life skills' a must for the present generation of adolescents? 2
- (b) What did Barb do immediately after the bear left? 2

SECTION – D

(POETRY)

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

(a) “I saw their starved lips in the gloam

With horried warning gaped wide,

And I awoke, and found me here

On the cold hill’s side.”

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| (i) Who are ‘their’ referred to ?                               | 1 |
| (ii) Why did they “gaped wide’ their starved lips”?             | 1 |
| (iii) Why did the speaker find himself on the cold hill’s side? | 1 |
| (iv) Wherein did the speaker see the people ?                   | 1 |

*Or*

(b) “Some men with swords may reap the field,

And plant fresh laurels where they kill :

But their strong nerves at last must yeild

They tame but one another still:”

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| (i) What does ‘ reap the field’ mean ?                      | 1 |
| (ii) What do ‘ fresh laurels’ refer to ?                    | 1 |
| (iii) To whom does the man of strong nerves at last yield ? | 1 |
| (iv) Who are “ They” in the last line refered to ?          | 1 |

14. *Answer the following questions in about 35-40 words each :*
- (a) "Seeking the bubble reputation"  
What does the given line mean? 2
- (b) "An miles to go before I sleep"  
Explain. 2
- (c) "Are fed by peaceful harvests, by long winter starv'd"  
What does the poet express here? 2
- (d) "The hand that mock'd them and the heart that fed"  
Give the significance of the line. 2

**(SUPPLEMENTARY READER)**

15. *Answer the following question in about 125 words :*
- (a) Narrate the circumstances leading to William Seott's punishment and the meeting with Abraham Lincoln. 8
- Or*
- (b) Give an idea of the post World War II scenario, which led to the birth of UNO. 8
16. *Answer the following question in about 60 words :*
- (a) Why did the commander spare the revolutionary general's life? 4
- Or*
- (b) Why had the author to reassure Miss Stubbs that her pets were going wherever she went? 4
17. *Answer the following question in about 40 words :*
- "No, its worse than that".
- What was the "worse" thing that happened? 2