

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 words as far as practicable.*

**SECTION – A**

**(READING)**

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

I was only five when my father had taken me abroad, and that was eighteen years ago. When my mother had died after a tragic accident, he did not quickly recover from the shock of loneliness. Everything around him was full of her presence, continually reopening the wound. So, he decided to emigrate. In the new country, he became absorbed in making a new life for the two of us so that he gradually ceased to grieve. He did not marry again and I was brought up without a woman's care, but I lacked for he was both father and mother to me. He always meant to go back one day, but not to stay. His roots and mine had become too firmly embedded in the new land. But he wanted to see the old folk again and to visit my mother's grave. He became mortally ill a few months before we had planned to go and when he knew that he was dying, he made me promise to go on my own.

I hired a car the day after landing and bought a comprehensive book of maps, which I found most helpful on the cross-country journey, but which I did not

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think I should on the last stage. It was not that I actually remembered anything and over again what we should see every milestone, after leaving the nearest town, so that I was positive I should recognize it is familiar territory, well, I had been wrong, for I was now lost.

I looked at the map and then at the speedometer. I had come ten miles since leaving the town and at this point, according to my father, I should be looking to the farms and cottages in a valley, with the spire of the church of our village showing in the far distance. But I could see no such things - only a lake. I decided that I must have taken a wrong turning somewhere. So, I drove back to the town and began to retrace the route, glancing at the map. I landed up at the same corner. The curious thing was that the lake was not marked on the map. Fortunately for me, as I was wondering what to do next, there appeared on the horizon a man on horseback, riding in my direction. I waited till he came near, then I asked him the way to our old village. He said that there was now no village. I thought he must misunderstand me. So, I repeated its name. This time he pointed to the lake. The village no longer existed because it had been submerged all the valley too. The lake was not a natural one, but a man-made reservoir.

- (a) Why did the author's father emigrate? 2
- (b) Why did the author not feel the absence of his mother after her death? 2
- (c) Why did the author's father want to go back to his old village? 2
- (d) Why had the author come back to the land of his birth? 2
- (e) What was the negative impact of modern civilization to the author's village? 2
- (f) Find out the words from the above passage which convey similar meaning as the following:
  - (i) Wide in scope or content. 1
  - (ii) An instrument in a vehicle which shows the speed of the vehicle. 1

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

We need money to survive, to be comfortable, to indulge and enjoy ourselves. Even as children, though not earning ourselves, we seek pocket money from parents. Money also give you power over others. The more the money, more the purchasing power. Not surprisingly, money is the single most sought-after commodity today.

To acquire wealth, however, one needs knowledge. The main purpose of education is to acquire knowledge that prepares you to face life and help build your character. If the only purpose of knowledge acquisition is to earn money, then education is narrowed down to the knowledge required for only a low level of subsistence.

Broader and deeper knowledge has several advantages over material wealth. Knowledge can be used to make money, but it cannot really be purchased with money, it is acquired by individual effort. Worldly health is limited, knowledge is unlimited. Knowledge cannot be taken away or stolen. It is not burdensome to carry and it causes no anxiety. Safeguarding one's costly worldly possessions could be a source of immense anxiety. Wealth could diminish but knowledge increases when shared. A man of wealth is respected only till he possesses it; an erudite person is respected even long after he is no more.

The Mundaka Upanishad speaks of two kinds of knowledge; 'apara vidya' or lower knowledge acquired by study of the Vedas, rituals and astrology for one's well-being in the material world, and 'para vidya' or higher knowledge, knowledge of the imperishable being or God. One of the three main paths to be followed to attain liberation is jnana-yoga, or union with God through knowledge.

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

**SECTION – B**

**(WRITING)**

3. (a) You are the general manager of The Urban Bank, Imphal, Manipur. You want to appoint two sales representatives for your bank. Give an advertisement to be published in the classified columns of a local daily (word limit: 50 words). 4

**OR**

- (b) You are Mohit. Your brother is not at home. You received a call from his guitar teacher, saying that their guitar class got cancelled. As you are in a rush to go out, leave a message for him. Write the message within a limit of 50 words. 4

4. (a) You are Anil, you witness a fire accident occurred at your locality in which five houses with roofs were reduced to ashes before the fire-fighters arrived at the incident site. Write a report in about 100 words. 6

**OR**

- (b) You recently visited a relief camp for displaced victims. Prepare a report in the right format in about 100 words. 6

5. (a) Suddenly you feel sick and you want to have a rest at home. Write an application to the principal requesting for half-day leave. Sign as Malem, Class – XI, Section – A. 8

**OR**

- (b) Write a letter to the District Health Officer of your district, requesting him to take immediate steps against the spread of Dengue in your locality. 8

6. In each sentence below, there is a blank space. Complete the sentence by choosing the most appropriate one from the alternatives given :

(a) His health has \_\_\_\_\_ due to overwork. 1

(i) broken down

(ii) broken up

(iii) broken into

(iv) broken in

(b) Rina \_\_\_\_\_ sleeping since 6 o'clock. 1

(i) was

(ii) is

(iii) have

(iv) has been

(c) He \_\_\_\_\_ yesterday. 1

(i) arrived

(ii) has arrived

(iii) have arrived

(iv) was arrived

7. Choose the one which expresses the sentence in indirect speech of the following :

He said, 'Can you dance?'. And I said 'No'. 1

(a) He advised me if I could dance and I replied that I couldn't.

(b) He asked me if I could dance and I replied that I couldn't.

(c) He requested me let I could dance and I replied I couldn't.

(d) He told me that I could dance and I replied I couldn't.

8. *Select and rewrite the correct form of the passive voice of the following :* 1  
People tell lies everywhere.

(a) Lies are told everywhere.

(b) Lies has been told everywhere.

(c) Lies is told everywhere.

(d) Lies was told everywhere.

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

(i) 'United we stand, divided we fall.

(ii) Great talkers are never great doers.

(iii) When money speaks, truth remains silence.

10. (a) *Write an essay on the following topic in about 150 words :* 8

'A state-wide total shut down in Manipur that you have experienced'.

**OR**

(b) *Write an article on the following topic in about 150 words :* 8

"Role of students in present society".

**OR**

(c) *Write a speech on 'Promotion of Tourism' in about 150 words :* 8

**SECTION – C**

**(PROSE)**

11. Answer the following question in about 100 words :

- (a) 'My purpose was only to prevent the consecration and worship of a toad'  
How did the young man serve his purpose to prevent the consecration and worship of a toad? 6

**OR**

- (b) 'Health is the foundation of all things in life' 6  
Elaborate why the author says so.

12. Answer the following question in about 60 words :

- (a) What are the factors from which HIV virus may be contracted? 4

**OR**

- (b) Write on how Malcolm and Barb are leading their married life? 4

13. Answer the following question in about 50 words :

Why did Reuter move to London? 3

14. Answer the following question in about 40 words each :

- (a) What difficulties did Reuter face at the initial of his business? 2

(b) "Today's youths must equip themselves with life skills" 2

Why do youths need to equip themselves with life skills?

15. Choose the correct option from the following : 1

HIV virus passes from person to person

- (a) Through air by coughing or sneezing.
- (b) Due to bites by mosquitos, insects and bugs.
- (c) Over touching or shaking hands, sharing food plates, cups, etc.
- (d) Though sharing of un-sterilized needles among drug users.

16. The citadel of physical life, according to author Henry Ward Beecher, is our

\_\_\_\_\_.  
Choose the correct option given below :

- (a) Kidney
- (b) Lungs
- (c) Stomach
- (d) Liver

**(POETRY)**

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

(a) Whose woods these are I think I know.

His house is in the village though;

He will not see me stopping here

To watch his woods fill up with snow.

1×4=4

(i) Who is 'I' referred to in the above lines?

- (ii) Where does the poet stop?
- (iii) Why does the poet stop there?
- (iv) Which season of the year has been described?

OR

- (b) Mewling and puking in the nurse's arms.

And then the whining school boy, with his satchel

And shining morning face, creeping like snail

Unwillingly to school.

1×4=4

- (i) Who is mewling and puking in the nurse's arms?
- (ii) What is the school boy described as whining?
- (iii) Why is he described as having a shining morning face?
- (iv) Why does he creep to school?

18. Answer the following questions in about 35-40 words each :

- (a) 'Are fed by peaceful harvest, by war's long winter starved'.

Which war is referred to here?

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- (b) 'I see a lily on thy brow'

What does the given line mean?

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- (c) 'Death lays his icy hand on kings'

Explain.

2

- (d) 'The hand that mocked them and the heart that fed'

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Give the meaning of this line.

(SUPPLEMENTARY READER)

19. Answer the following question in about 125 words :

(a) Lincoln: There, there, my boy you're not going to be shot.

Why did Abraham Lincoln save William Scott's life?

6

OR

(b) Comment on the character of the man with the scar.

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20. Answer the following question in about 60 words :

(a) 'I don't want reassurance from you just the truth'.

What was the truth that Miss Stubbs wanted?

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OR

(b) Why is the Magna Carta an important document in the establishment of human rights?

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21. Answer the following question in about 40 words :

'But she never mentioned her illness and pain to me,

all her concern was . . . . .'

What was Miss Stubbs' concern?

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22. Fill in the blanks with appropriate alternatives from the given below :

In the lesson 'God is Near'

(i) Arthur was a huge, grey \_\_\_\_\_ . 1

(A) dog

(B) cat

(C) deer

(D) horse

(ii) Miss Stubbs usually talked about \_\_\_\_\_ . 1

(A) health

(B) father

(C) brother

(D) pets