

**2022****ENGLISH***Full Marks : 100**Time : 3 hours**The figures in the margin indicate full marks for the questions**General Instructions:*

- (i) Write all the answers in the Answer Script.
- (ii) Attempt Part–A Objective Questions serially.
- (iii) Attempt all parts of a question together at one place.

( PART : A – OBJECTIVE )

SECTION – I

( Marks : 20 )

1. Complete the following sentences using the right word from the alternatives given in the brackets (*any five*):

1 x 5 = 5

- (a) The water level rose \_\_\_\_\_. (frightfully/ threateningly)
- (b) I rushed on deck and gazed with \_\_\_\_\_ at the stark outline of Ile Amsterdam. (wonder/relief)

- (c) It has its own \_\_\_\_\_ needs and vital processes which need to be respected and preserved. (metabolic/physical)
- (d) Well, on Saturday, about \_\_\_\_\_, they began to pray, and continued in prayer till almost break of day. (mid-day/midnight)
- (e) The common link of friendship was \_\_\_\_\_. (snapped/broken)
- (f) When I decided to go abroad for further studies, I was sure my grandmother would be \_\_\_\_\_. (happy/upset)
- (g) He turned and \_\_\_\_\_ back to the sea with horror. (galloped/jumped)

2. Write whether the following statements are *True or False (any five)* : 1 x 5 = 5

- (a) The narrator felt that Ile Amsterdam was the most beautiful island in the world.
- (b) The concept of sustainable development was popularised in 1997 by the World Commission on Environment and Development.
- (c) The children of tomorrow will thank us for the way we have used up all the earth's natural resources.
- (d) Christian had been crushed by Apollyon before.
- (e) The thought of his grandmother, being young and pretty was almost revolting to Khushwant Singh.

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- (f) Grandmother sang of the home-coming of warriors.
- (g) Everywhere the People of the Sea told him the same things.

3. Complete the following sentences using the right word:

1 x 5 = 5

- (a) Let every feather show its \_\_\_\_\_ ; (beauty/marks)
- (b) I also love a \_\_\_\_\_ place  
That's green, away from all mankind (quiet/lonely)
- (c) No, not only \_\_\_\_\_  
walk on water. (saints/prophets)
- (d) What joyance rains upon me, when I see.  
\_\_\_\_\_, in the mirror of futurity. (glory/fame)
- (e) When did my childhood go?  
Was it when I found my \_\_\_\_\_ was really mine.  
(heart/mind)
- (f) It went to some forgotten place,  
That's hidden in an infant's \_\_\_\_\_. (eyes/face)
- (g) Strong upon me the life that does not \_\_\_\_\_ itself,  
yet contains all the rest. (exhibit/prohibit)

4. State whether the following statements are *True* or *False* (any five) :

1 x 5 = 5

- (a) The poet says that both the kingfisher and the peacock have lovely hues.

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- (b) The water striders are weightless.
- (c) Derozio is not sure that his students will gain fame and fortune in future.
- (d) The poet feels he has not been able to make a difference in the lives of his students.
- (e) In the poem 'Childhood', the poet expresses his sadness over the loss of his childhood.
- (f) Children believe that adults are faultless.
- (g) Whitman resolves to take the untrodden path in order to conform to the standards of life set by the society.

## SECTION – II

( Marks : 30 )

5. Answer any *five* questions in not more than 20 words each :

1 x 5 = 5

- (a) Why did the narrator and his family undertake the voyage?
- (b) How did Sue make her father laugh when the situation was almost hopeless?
- (c) What question was raised by the First Brandt Report?
- (d) Why is population control essential in India?

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- (e) How did Hopeful convince Christian not to end his life?
- (f) How did the author's grandmother behave just before she died?
- (g) How did Kotick 'persuade' the seals to follow him to the new safe place?

6. Answer *any five* of the following questions in not more than 2 sentences each:  $1 \times 5 = 5$

- (a) Where does the kingfisher stay?
- (b) Which qualities of the kingfisher does the poet appreciate?
- (c) What kind of legs do the water striders have?
- (d) What does the poet see in the mirror of futurity?
- (e) What did Marcus Natten learn about the existence of Heaven and Hell?
- (f) What contrast did Marcus Natten find in adult's behaviour?
- (g) What decision did Walt Whitman take in the afternoon he explored the untrodden path?

7. (a) Change the voice:  $1 \times 4 = 4$

- (i) The thief has been arrested by the police.

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- (ii) She has written two books.
- (iii) I will never forget you.
- (iv) Who did the job?

(b) Make sentences with the following idioms :

$1 \times 4 = 4$

- (i) Break the ice
- (ii) Hand to mouth
- (iii) Burn the midnight oil
- (iv) Hit the sack

(c) Change the following sentences as directed:

$1 \times 3 = 3$

- (i) She is taller than her sister.  
(Change into a Negative Sentence)
- (ii) What a beautiful day?  
(Change into an Assertive Sentence)
- (iii) She is an amazing dancer.  
(Change into an Exclamatory Sentence)

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(d) Fill in the blanks with correct determiners :

1 x 2 = 2

(i) The new job isn't \_\_\_\_\_ different from the old one. (many/much)

(ii) There are a \_\_\_\_\_ books in our library. (little/few)

(e) Fill in the blanks with the correct form of the verb:

1 x 2 = 2

(i) We \_\_\_\_\_ him yesterday. (visit)

(ii) I am tired of \_\_\_\_\_ here. (work)

8. Answer *any five* of the following questions in not more than 2 sentences each:

1 x 5 = 5

(a) Why did Varmaji bribe his grandson?

(b) Why did all the neighbours and relatives come to visit Rakesh's family?

(c) How did Rakesh react to Mr. Varma eating a dish of 'soojie halwa'?

(d) Why is migration easier on Mars than on Earth?

(e) What is the most tantalising thing about Earth?

(f) What sight should have done Mr. Selfridge good, according to the author?

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(g) According to JB Priestley, what should our statesmen have done instead of rushing off to Versailles with a bundle of ill-digested notions?

(h) What was William Wordsworth's 'youthful notion'?

( PART : B – DESCRIPTIVE )

( Marks : 50 )

9. Answer *any two* of the following questions : 5 x 2 = 10

(a) How did the narrator and his family reach the island?

(b) How is the growing human population responsible for the declining health of the earth?

(c) What was specially emotional and moving about grandmother's funeral?

(d) "I am old and I shall never live to see that day, but others will. Try once more". 1 + 1 + 3 = 5

(a) Who is the speaker here?

(b) "Whom is the speaker speaking to?

(c) What 'day' is he talking about?

**10.** Answer *any two* of the following questions :  $5 \times 2 = 10$

- (a) What, according to the poet are the significant qualities of the kingfisher?
- (b) How does the poem 'To India- My Native Land' reflect the poet's love for India?
- (c) What are Marcus Natten's speculations regarding 'childhood'?
- (d) Why does Walt Whitman want to take the 'untrodden path'? What does he hope to achieve by doing so?  $2 + 3 = 5$

**11.** Answer *any one* of the following questions :  $1 \times 10 = 10$

- (a) How did Rakesh treat his father in his old age? What led his father to disillusionment?  $5 + 5 = 10$
- (b) How does JB Priestley enjoy his outing with his artist friend at Yorkshire Falls?
- (c) Why do the Martians think that prospects for life on earth is extremely poor?

**12.** Write a report for your school magazine about how you observed the World Environment Day this year. 10

*Or*

Write an essay on *any one* of the following topics:

- (a) Road condition in rural Meghalaya.
- (b) Computer-Its role in life today.
- (c) Hazards of plastic use.

**13.** Read the following passage and answer the questions carefully:

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One day, a guru foresaw in a flash of vision what he would be in his next life. So he called his favourite disciple and asked him what he would do for his guru in return for all he had received. The disciple said he would do whatever his guru asked him to do. Having received this promise, the guru said, "Then this is what I'd like you to do for me. I've learned that when I die, which will be very soon, I'm going to be reborn as a cat. Do you see that cat eating garbage there in the yard? I'm going to be reborn as the fourth kitten of its next litter. You'll recognise me by a mark on my brow. When that cat has littered, find the fourth kitten with a mark on its brow and, with one stroke of your knife, slaughter it. I'll then be released from a cat's life. Will you do this for me?" The disciple was sad to hear all this, but he agreed to do as he had promised. Soon after this conversation, the guru did die. And the cat did have a litter of four little kittens. One day, the disciple sharpened his knife and picked out the fourth little kitten, which did indeed have a mark on its brow. Just as he was about to bring down his knife to slit its throat, the little kitten suddenly spoke. "Stop! Don't kill me!" it screamed. Before the disciple could recover from the shock of hearing the little kitten speak in a

human voice, it said, “Don’t kill me. I want to live on as a cat. When I asked you to kill me, I didn’t know what a cat’s life would be like. It’s great! Just let me go.

Questions :-

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| 1. What did the guru foresee for himself in his next life?                           | 1 |
| 2. What did the guru ask the disciple to do for him?                                 | 2 |
| 3. What did the disciple promise the guru?   | 1 |
| 4. What preparation did the disciple make to fulfil the promise he made to his guru? | 1 |
| 5. Why was the disciple shocked?   | 3 |
| 6. Why, do you think did the guru change his mind?                                   | 2 |

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