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ENGLISH

(Old Course)

(FOR CANDIDATES WITH INTERNAL ASSESSMENT)

Full Marks : 80

Pass Marks : 24

(FOR CANDIDATES WITHOUT INTERNAL ASSESSMENT)

Full Marks : 100

Pass Marks : 30

Time : 3 hours

(FOR ALL CATEGORIES OF CANDIDATES)

General Instructions :

- (i) The candidates are advised to attempt all questions accordingly.
- (ii) Marks allocated to every question are indicated against each.
- (iii) Question Nos. **1** to **16** are to be answered by all **Candidates**.
- (iv) Question Nos. **17** to **20** are to be answered by **Candidates without Internal only**.

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SECTION—A

(**Prose**)

1. Choose and write the correct answer (any *three*) : 1×3=3

(a) Maria Sharapova was proud of her

(i) Siberian nationality

(ii) Russian nationality

(iii) American nationality

(b) Promodini was saved from a lot of embarrassment after the implementation of the suggestions given by

(i) Mr. David

(ii) Mr. Dhanda

(iii) Mr. Bhandari

(c) Mr. Framton Nuttel was advised by the doctor to avoid

(i) violent physical exercise

(ii) mental excitement

(iii) mental excitement and violent exercise

(d) Megan decided not to give her baby for adoption when

(i) her mother took her to the doctor

(ii) she delivered the baby

(iii) she was expelled from school

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(e) The narrator and her family would have liked to take off their coats but did not because

(i) they were afraid of falling sick

(ii) they would have to run any minute

(iii) they were wearing more clothes than usual

2. State whether the following statements are *True* or *False*

(any three) :

1×3=3

(a) Christine Arnothy and her parents amazingly survived to escape over the Austrian border.

(b) When Bruno was sent to the Zoo at Mysore, everyone was relieved but the author's wife was inconsolable.

(c) Claire was not at all sympathetic towards Megan.

(d) Maria Sharapova was ten-years-old when she left for the USA.

(e) Promodini was very friendly to all the Guests who came to the Guest House.

3. Fill in the blanks with the correct words from the choices given in the brackets (any three) :

1×3=3

(a) It was Mr. David who came to our _____.

(house/rescue)

(b) It was a relief to Framton when the aunt _____ into the room.

(bustled/bolted)

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(c) Megan gave birth to a baby ____.

(boy/girl)

(d) "I used to be so ____", Maria recalls.

(lonely/friendly)

4. Read the extracts given below and answer the questions that follow (any *two*) : 3×2=6

(a) "You wicked girl! You You little devil. Get to your room!"

(i) Who said this and to whom? 1+1=2

(ii) Why did the speaker term the girl as 'wicked'? 1

(b) "That's the dream that kept me going."

(i) Who is the speaker of the given line? 1

(ii) What is the dream that the speaker is referring to? 1

(iii) Which qualities in the speaker made her realise her dream? 1

(c) "For old ones like you, I shall ask extra."

(i) Who was the speaker here? 1

(ii) To whom were these words spoken? 1

(iii) Why did the speaker ask for 'extra'? 1

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

(a) Where was Bruno found? What accident befell Bruno the first time at the author's house? What made the author give Bruno to the Zoo? 1+2+2=5

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- (b) Why had the writer's friend recommended the Bhandari's Guest House? What was the writer's own opinion once he was there? What did he observe about the Bhandari couple? $2+1+2=5$
- (c) In the story *Through the Iron Curtain*, the narrator and her family had a plan to execute. What was the plan? What were they running away from? Why could their dog not go with them? $3+1+1=5$
- (d) Where was Maria Sharapova born? Why did she leave her mother and the country of her birth? What lesson did this enforced separation from her mother teach Maria? $1+2+2=5$

SECTION—B

(Poetry)

6. Choose and write the correct meaning from the options given below (any *four*) : $1 \times 4 = 4$

- (a) Gently weeps in rainy tears
- (i) it begins to drizzle
 - (ii) the poet weeps as it rains
 - (iii) people weep like rain
- (b) A single body breathes
- (i) a person needs air
 - (ii) we will die when we stop breathing
 - (iii) men all over are essentially the same

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(c) Desert sand of dead habit

(i) life chained by fear

(ii) life chained by reason

(iii) reasons are overshadowed by customs

(d) Full of the linnet's wings

(i) the birds flying here and there

(ii) the wings of the linnets will look pretty

(iii) the linnets will flap their wings

(e) April's in the West Wind

(i) the wind reminded him of his approaching youth

(ii) the wind reminded him of the past youth of his life

(iii) the poet felt the pleasant sensation of the month of April from the wind

(f) War's long winter starv'd

(i) during wars people starve

(ii) during winter people starve

(iii) during wars and winter, people starve

7. Supply the missing lines in the following extracts
(any two) :

1×2=2

(a) "I will arise and go now, for always night and day

_____"

(b) "Where words come out from the depth of truth
_____"

(c) "Larks are singing in the west, brother, above the
green wheat,
_____"

8. Read the extracts given below and answer the questions
that follow (any *one*) : 3

(a) "Into that heaven of freedom, My father, let my
country awake."

(i) Who is the poet praying to and for whom? 1+1=2

(ii) What does the term 'heaven of freedom' mean? 1

(b) "I will arise and go now and go to Innisfree
And a small cabin build there, of clay and wattles
made."

(i) Who wrote the poem *The Lake Isle of Innisfree*? 1

(ii) Why does the poet want to go to the lake Isle of
Innisfree? 1

(iii) How does the poet intend to build his cabin on
the island? 1

9. Answer any *one* of the following questions : 6

(a) How is Coates Kinney's mind affected by the rain?
What are the various memories that the sound of the
rain bring to the mind of the poet? 2+4=6

(8)

- (b) What is the poet's reaction when he feels the West Wind? What are the sights from his homeland that the poet recalls? 2+4=6
- (c) Who wrote the poem *Where The Mind Is Without Fear*? What kind of freedom does the poet wish for his countrymen and what kind of place does he want his country to be? 1+3+2=6

SECTION—C

(**Rapid Reader**)

Answer *either* from Group—A *or* from Group—B

Group—A

(**The Strange Case of Dr. Jekyll and Mr. Hyde**)

10. Answer, in brief, any *four* of the following questions : 1×4=4

- (a) Who identified Sir Danvers Carew's body?
- (b) Whom did Mr. Enfield rescue in *The Story of the Door*?
- (c) What happened to Dr. Jekyll at Regents Park?
- (d) Who was Poole?
- (e) What did the drawer in the cupboard marked 'E' contain?
- (f) Who were 'the three very old friends' in the story *Dr. Jekyll and Mr. Hyde*?

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11. Who was Sir Danvers Carew? How did Sir Danvers Carew die? What was found at the crime scene? 1+3+2=6

Or

Why did Dr. Jekyll invent the transcendental medicine?
How did he feel when he took the drug? How did it bring
about his death? 1+2+3=6

Group—B

(**The Count of Monte Cristo**)

10. Answer, in brief, any *four* of the following questions : 1×4=4

- (a) How did Villefort protect his father?
- (b) What was the name of the inn owned by Caderousse?
- (c) How did Albert Morcerf challenge the count of Monte Cristo to avenge his father's disgrace?
- (d) What did the bundle that Bertuccio took from Villefort contain?
- (e) What present did Cavalcanti give his old friend?
- (f) What papers did Haydee produce to prove her identity?

11. Who was Abbe Faria? Why was he placed among the mad prisoners? Describe his appearance. 1+2+3=6

Or

How did Dantes persuade the telegraph man to send a false message to Paris? What was the message? How did the false message affect Danglars? 2+2+2=6

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SECTION—D

(Grammar and Composition)

12. Rewrite the following as directed : 1×8=8

(a) He told his mother that he would become a brave General one day.

(Begin with : He said)

(b) She exclaimed with regret that she had been very foolish.

(Begin with : She said)

(c) To see is to believe.

(Rewrite the sentence using a gerund)

(d) The people do not admire this picture.

(Change into the passive voice)

(e) I have given you all the facts. I have nothing more to say.

(Rewrite the sentence using the 'ing' form of the verb)

(f) The teacher said to the student, "Why were you absent yesterday?"

(Begin with : The teacher asked)

(g) The flowers were not touched by us.

(End with the flowers)

(h) He is going to Pune. He will start a business there.

(Join the two sentences into one, using an 'Infinitive')

- 13.** Fill in the blanks with appropriate prepositions
(any *four*) : $\frac{1}{2} \times 4 = 2$

- (a) One must be Loyal _____ one's motherland.
- (b) The young scholar has an aptitude _____ science.
- (c) The doctor relieved him _____ pain.
- (d) He complained to the principal _____ me.
- (e) India and Pakistan were _____ War in 1971.
- (f) A band of robbers emerged _____ the forest.

- 14.** Make sentences with any *four* of the following idioms : $1 \times 4 = 4$

- (a) end in smoke
- (b) cock and bull story
- (c) at the eleventh hour
- (d) crocodile tears
- (e) raining cats and dogs

- 15.** Read the passage given below and answer the questions that follow :

Polythene shopping bags and wrappers are a potential threat to urban environment. Once we have discarded them after use, we do not lose our link with them. They return to us in a variety of ways, though we do not realise it. For example, they choke our drains and provide breeding facilities to deadly germs. A recent study has shown that about 250 tonnes of plastic wastes come from various colonies of major cities everyday. This disrupts or blocks the sewer system, the essential arteries of city life.

Unfortunately, even villages and small towns are not free from this danger. Millions of people carry their shopping in colourful bags. After sometime, they are disposed off in wells, rivers, tanks and drains. Many throw them into fields, forest areas and by the side of roads, without a thought for the environment. As these polythene bags and wrappers are light, they are borne aloft by the wind or swept away by rain. Unlike jute, cotton or paper bags, they remain undissolved in the mud and stop the rain water from seeping deep into the earth.

Questions :

- (a) What is a threat to urban environment? 1
- (b) How do polythene shopping bags and wrappers return to us in a variety of ways? 1
- (c) What do the plastic wastes from major cities do? 1
- (d) Where are the colourful shopping bags disposed off? 1
- (e) Where do the polythene bags and wrappers remain? 1
- (f) Find words from the passage which mean the same as :
 - (i) thrown away
 - (ii) cause disorder in $\frac{1}{2} + \frac{1}{2} = 1$

Or

- (a) While travelling by bus in your town, you lost a bag containing your certificates. Write a classified advertisement for a newspaper under the heading 'Lost and Found'. 3

- (b) The Principal of your school is planning to organize a debate competition. Write a notice to be put up on the School Notice Board. 3

16. Attempt either (a) or (b) : 10

- (a) Write an essay (in about 200 words) on any *one* of the following topics :

(i) Friendship

Points : Introduction—necessity of friends—proper selection of friends—conclusion.

(ii) Students and Examinations

Points : Introduction—fear and stress of doing well in Exams—pressure to compete with friends and to meet expectations of parents—conclusion.

(iii) Health is wealth

Points : Introduction—importance of good health—how to stay healthy—conclusion.

- (b) (i) Recently you watched a movie based on a true story and the movie had a great impact on you. Write a letter to your friend telling him/her all about it.

Or

- (ii) You recently spent a holiday with a friend in his/her city. Write a letter to thank him/her and describe some of the things you enjoyed most during your stay there.

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(For Candidates without Internal Assessment)

(Marks : 20)

17. Answer the following in 1 sentence or 2 sentences each
(any five) : 2×5=10

- (a) Who shot the mother bear?
- (b) What was Maria's favourite food?
- (c) "But where can we spend the night and the whole of tomorrow?" Who spoke these words and why?
- (d) "I almost get a creepy feeling that they will all walk in through that window." Who said this and to whom was it spoken?
- (e) Who was Claire? How did she react to Megan's pregnancy?
- (f) Where was Mr. Bhandari's Guest House situated and what were the facilities provided?

18. Match the columns given below : 1×5=5

(a) The head is held high	(i) William Butler Yeats
(b) What a joy to press the pillow	(ii) to hate our brothers
(c) And evening full of the Linnet's wings	(iii) people live with dignity and self-respect
(d) It's blue sky, and white clouds and warm rain and sun	(iv) rain on the roof
(e) Whenever we are told	(v) John Masfield

(15)

19. Fill in the blanks with the correct words from the choices given in the brackets : $\frac{1}{2} \times 4 = 2$

(a) Ere she left them till the _____.

(dawn/dusk)

(b) While I stand on the roadway, or the pavements _____.

(black/gray)

(c) _____ are singing in the West.

(Larks/Thrushes)

(d) Where the clear stream of _____ has not lost its way.

(vision/reason)

20. Answer *either* Group—A or Group—B :

Group—A

(**The Strange Case of Dr. Jekyll and Mr. Hyde**)

Answer the following in 1 sentence or 2 sentences each (any *three*) : $1 \times 3 = 3$

(a) Who was Dr. Lanyon?

(b) Why were the Sunday walks of Enfield and Utterson peculiar?

(c) “If you fail tonight, I am lost.” Who said this and to whom?

(d) Who witnessed the murder of Sir Danvers Carew?

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Group—B

(**The Count of Monte Cristo**)

Answer the following in 1 sentence or 2 sentences each
(any *three*) : 1×3=3

- (a) Who was Haydee?
- (b) How did Fernand end his life?
- (c) Why did the jeweller return to the inn?
- (d) Under which two names did Dantes disguise himself?

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