

2023**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 given alternatives (*any five*): 1 x 5 = 5

- (a) Here are some funny people. Did they make you _____? (Laugh/Happy)
- (b) He getteth him a _____ crab-tree cudgel, and goes down into the dungeon. (dangerous/grievous)

(2)

- (c) So, he explored and explored by himself from the North to the South _____. (Atlantic/Pacific)
- (d) The great wave had put our _____ engine out of action. (Supplementary/Auxiliary)
- (e) The concept of sustainable development was popularised in _____ by the World Commission on Environment and Development. (1987/1978)
- (f) After five years I came back home and was met by her at the _____. (Gate/Station)
- (g) Take them into the _____ tomorrow, and show them the bones and skulls of those that thou hast already despatched. (Castle yard/Grave yard)

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

- (a) Nani Palkhiwala said “More children does not mean more workers”.
- (b) Giant Despair never takes counsel from anyone.
- (c) Grandmother collected the women of the neighbourhood to celebrate the author’s return.
- (d) Mr. Lester Brown said, we have borrowed this earth from our children.
- (e) The narrator lost hope when the ‘Wavewalker’ capsized.

(3)

(f) Grandmother understood the subjects taught in the city school.

(g) Kerrick Booterin was pleased to see a white seal.

3. Complete the following sentences by using the right word from the given alternatives (*any five*): $1 \times 5 = 5$

(a) Bequeathing hence types of _____ love. (Athletic/Romantic)

(b) Was it the time I realised that Hell and Heaven, could not be found in _____. (Google map/ Geography)

(c) Weaving the _____ you are yet to gain. (Chaplets/Garland)

(d) See them _____ on dry capillary legs. (Stand/ Perch)

(e) Live with proud peacocks in _____. (Forest/ Green parks)

(f) And the sweet _____ of the spell that binds your intellectual energies and powers. (opening/ loosening)

(g) _____ them along that substantial life. (Creating/Projecting)

(4)

4. State whether the following statements are *True or False* (*any five*) : $1 \times 5 = 5$

(a) Derozio's pupils worship God's omnipotence.

(b) The Kingfisher is a multicoloured bird.

(c) The poet compares the water bug to a prophet.

(d) The poet, Walt Whitman, was very happy with the norms of the society.

(e) The poet confirms that there is no specific age at which one leaves one's childhood behind.

(f) The strider skates on the surface of the water.

(g) HLV Derozio felt that his life was meaningless, in 'To the Pupils of Hindu College'.

SECTION – II

(Marks : 30)

5. Answer any *five* questions in not more than 20 words each : $1 \times 5 = 5$

(a) Why were Christian and Hopeful imprisoned by Giant Despair?

(b) How did the grandmother react to what was being taught in the city School?

(5)

- (c) Why did the old seal of the Lost Rookery of Masafuera ask Kotick to try once more?
- (d) What messages were written on the card made by Sue?
- (e) What are the four principal biological systems of the Earth?
- (f) Why did the narrator pick up the two crewman before heading East?
- (g) What was the result of the three years study using satellites and aerial photography conducted by the United Nations?

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

- (a) Walt Whitman says that he wants to take a new challenge. What was that?
- (b) Why could Hell and Heaven not be found in Geography according to the Natten?
- (c) According to Marcus Natten, children believe that adults are faultless. Why is it so?
- (d) To what does Derozio compare the opening of his pupils' minds?
- (e) What is the similarity between the Kingfisher and the poet?

(6)

- (f) Why does the poet compare the water bug to a prophet?
- (g) Why does the poet say that the rainbow's mother's name was 'Tears'?

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

- (i) We are living a hard life.
- (ii) People admired his bravery.
- (iii) We shall discuss this matter tomorrow.
- (iv) Everyone praises good men.

(b) Make sentences with the following idioms : $1 \times 4 = 4$

- (i) Kith and kin
- (ii) To beat about the bush
- (iii) Come out with flying colours
- (iv) Bag and baggage

(c) Change the following sentences as directed:

$1 \times 3 = 3$

- (i) He attended the ceremony.

(Change into a Negative Sentence)

(7)

(ii) Who does not want to be happy?
(Change into an Assertive Sentence)

(iii) It is a very beautiful flower.
(Change into an Exclamatory Sentence)

(d) Fill in the blanks with the correct determiners :
1 x 2 = 2

(i) She doesn't have _____ books. (much/many)

(ii) _____ customer will be honoured. (Every/
All)

(e) Fill in the blanks with the correct form of the
verb:
1 x 2 = 2

(i) The principal _____ to speak to you. (want)

(ii) I _____ a new bike yesterday (buy)

8. Answer *any five* of the following questions in not more
than 2 sentences each: 1 x 5 = 5

(a) What makes America a prosperous country?

(b) When can earth be seen from Mars?

(c) What was the only pleasure left for Rakesh's
father?

(8)

(d) How does Mr. Selfridge comment on laziness?

(e) What complaints did old Varma make to Bhatia
about his family?

(f) What is the most tantalising thing about Earth?
Why is this so?

(g) What happened at the Birthday party of Rakesh's
youngest son?

(h) How did the author and his friend spend their
time on the moor?

(PART : B – DESCRIPTIVE)

(Marks : 50)

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

(a) Write about the role played by Sue and Jonathan
throughout the family's struggle in the sea.

(b) How did the relationship between the
grandmother and the grandson develop in the
village?

(c) How did Kotick change the attitude of the other
seals?

(9)

- (d) "My soul chooseth strangling rather than life".
- (i) Who is the speaker here? 1
- (ii) To whom were these words said? 1
- (iii) Why did the speaker say so? 3

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

- (a) How has Ramanujan succeeded in drawing a vivid image of the water strider?
- (b) What gives Derozio a special sense of achievement?
- (c) Why does the poet want to take the "Untrodden Path"? What does he hope to achieve by doing so?
- (d) What does the poet suggest to the Kingfisher in the second stanza?

11. Answer *any one* of the following questions : 1 x 10 = 10

- (a) Did Rakesh prove to be a devoted son till the very last days of his father's life? Give reasons for your answer.
- (b) According to J.B. Priestly, what are the positive benefits of spending time in leisurely activities.

(10)

- (c) What do the Martians believe about the possibility of life on Earth? Compare the two viewpoints.

12. Write a report for your school magazine about your school's Annual Sports Day organised in your institution recently. 10

Or

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

- (a) A person who inspires you.
- (b) Tourism in Meghalaya.
- (c) An Eventful day in my life.

13. Read the following passage and answer the questions carefully: 10

India is chiefly an agricultural land. The cultivation of crops depends on a proper supply of water throughout the year. Since olden times, large parts of our country have suffered from periods of too much rain, alternating with periods of drought. People have known that if surplus water of the flood seasons can be stored away for use in the fields during the dry seasons, the problem would be solved. Unfortunately, they have had neither the knowledge nor the means to do much in this matter. What little they knew, they have tried to put into practice. They

have dug canals to carry away water from the great perennial rivers. This was heavy and expensive work and practicable over only a small area. Large tanks were excavated, small bundh or dams built to hold water or hold back floods. But it has not been possible to do anything on a countrywide scale.

Questions :-

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| (a) How has our country suffered since olden times? | 2 |
| (b) What have our people known to avoid this suffering? | 2 |
| (c) What have they been doing regarding the matter? | 2 |
| (d) Why have they not been able to do much? | 2 |
| (e) Write out from the passage words which have the same meaning as of the expression given below: | |
| (i) Coming by turns | 1 |
| (ii) Flowing the whole year. | 1 |

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