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ENGLISH

Time : 3 Hours]

[Maximum Marks : 100

Section-A

(Literature)

1. Answer the following questions in 100 words :

Describe the character sketch of 'Pyotr'.

Or

Discuss the title of the story 'A Handful of Dates'.

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2. Describe the theme of the poem "Where the Mind Is Without Fear".

Or

Write the critical appreciation of the poem "The Daffodils".

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3. Answer any two of the following questions (50-80 words) :

(i) What made Rafferty conclude that the news was a hoax ?

(The Star Ducks)

(ii) Why does the narrator compare the atmosphere of the shop to that of a church ?

(Quality)

(iii) Why did Harry Gold persuade Sandy to take the diamond to auction ?

(The Surgeon)

(iv) How does the master of a machine justify the ugliness created by his machines ?

(Machines and the Emotions)

2x5=10

4. Attempt any three of the following questions :

(i) Pick out at least three "binary pairs" in the poem "The Listeners".

(ii) Pick out the examples of metaphors used in the poem "The Mosquito".

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(iii) List the Imagery used in the poem "Where the Mind is Without Fear".

(iv) Discuss the personification in the poem "The Season of the Plains".

(v) Pick out examples of similes and metaphors in the poem "The Daffodils".

3x3=9

5. Explain the following with reference to the context :

Others had echoes, gave back your own call with a clean new music
in it. And one was scare some, for there, out of ferns and tall
Foxgloves, a rat slapped across my reflection.

Or

Though it concerns all of us, bio-diversity is most directly related to
the everyday lives of India's ecosystem people. Hundreds of millions

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of small farmers, fisher folk, herders, and hunter-gatherers. a substantial number of them tribal, depend on the diversity of species.

1×5=5

Section-B

(Reading Comprehension)

6. Read the following poetic passages and answer the questions given at the end :

Queer, what a big stain my sucked blood makes,

Beside the infinitesimal faint smear of you !

Queer, what a dim dark smudge you have disappeared into !

Questions :

- (i) Who is being addressed as "you" ?

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(ii) What two smears does the poet compare ?

(iii) What two things does the poet find queer ?

(iv) The lines give an idea that something has been destroyed.

(True/False)

(v) A big stain has been made by (Complete it)

Or

Now to pry into roots, to finger slime,

To stare, big-eyed Narcissus, into some spring,

Is beneath all adult dignity. I rhyme

To see myself, to set the darkness echoing.

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Questions :

- (i) What does the poet find "beneath all adult dignity" ?
- (ii) The poet compares himself to Narcissus. (True/False)
- (iii) Why does the poet write poetry ?
- (iv) What does the poet mean by "to pry into roots" ?
- (v) Who was Narcissus ?

1x5=5

7. Read the following passages carefully and then answer the questions

given at the end :

- (a) A person who looks at the good side of things, sees good things.

we call such a person an optimist. One who looks at the bad

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side of things is a pessimist. One who looks at the good qualities of others will make many friends and live happily. The others will make their own as well as the lives of others miserable. We expect others not to look at or mind of bad qualities. Let us remember that the others too expect the same from us. A very good way to live a happy life with several friends is to learn to look at the good qualities of others.

Questions :

- (i) Who is an Optimist ?
- (ii) What is the good way to live a happy life ?

4- (iii) The phrase "others" refers to :

(A) Optimists

(B) Pessimists

(C) Realist

(D) None of these

(Pick out the correct one)

(iv) A pessimists mostly makes his life miserable. (True/False)

(v) People expect from us, what we (Complete it)

1x5=5

(b) Do not study for too long at a stretch. So long as the mind acts, it may be allowed to continue working, but if it needs extra trouble to keep the attention fixed, it is far better to break off and take a walk or some other recreation than go on plodding until one feels completely exhausted. To continue forcing the mind to work is likely to end in nervous breakdown or some other ailments.

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Questions :

- (i) What does the word 'plodding' mean ?
- (ii) Give the synonym of 'extra'.
- (iii) Use the phrase "break off" in your own sentence.
- (iv) Overwork may lead to nervous breakdown. (True/False)
- (v) Find any collocation from the above passage. 1x5=5

Section-C

(Writing Skills)

8. Write a paragraph on any *one* of the following (60-80 words) :

Health is wealth.

Or

Moral Education—need of the hour.

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9/ Write an essay in 100-150 words on any *one* of the following :

"Importance of Trees for Human Belings" :

Hints : Source of oxygen, fuel — Construction of buildings etc. —
Clean atmosphere — Fruits, etc. — Gift of nature — Life depends on
trees.

Or

"Qualities of a True Friend" :

Hints : Friendship is a blessing. True friend—source of joy, fun, love
and inspiration — Stands by us through thick and thin — He is trust
worthy — Often guides us and warns us against bad things.

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10. Write a letter to the editor of a local newspaper highlighting the
problems faced by the student community due to unscheduled long
power cuts.

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Or

Write a letter to your friend inviting him on the marriage ceremony of your elder brother scheduled for the next month.

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11. Read the following passage carefully and make notes :

Books are wonderful blessings. When the clouds of sorrow and misery darken the horizon of our life, they, like true friends, comfort and console us. When our friends and Keth and Kin desert us owing to our misfortunes, they stand by us. They encourage us and teach us to get over difficulties with courage and perseverance. They are the essence of man's wisdom. But, all books are not good. Some of them may be poisonous and dangerous. Such books should be avoided.

Books should be judiciously and carefully selected.

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Section-D

(Grammar)

12. Do as directed :

(i) (A) Owing to poor health, she missed the test.

(Change into a compound sentence)

(B) The earth is round and we can prove it.

(Change into a complex sentence)

(C) Being a beautiful lady, she was crowned as Miss fair lady.

(Change into a compound sentence)

(D) He was fined because he was late.

(Change into a simple sentence)

(E) He saw the danger, but carried on.

(Change into a complex sentence)

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(ii) Use the appropriate forms of the verbs given in brackets :

- (A) She (write) this poem last month.
- (B) A whale (not lay) eggs.
- (C) She (work) in this company for the last ten years.
- (D) The painter (finish) his work before you reached home.
- (E) I hope you (not forget) all this by tomorrow. $1 \times 5 = 5$

(iii) Fill in the blanks with the appropriate auxiliaries :

- (A) She ~~used to~~ write poetry in her childhood.
- (B) Every motorist obey the rules of the road.
- (C) you please give me some money ?
- (D) She is beautiful. She become miss world.
- (E) It is cloudy. It rain by night. $1 \times 5 = 5$

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✓ (iv) Join the following sentences using relative pronouns :

(A) Some men are repairing the road. They want water to drink.

(B) I know a boy. He won first prize in speech contest last year.

(C) We stayed in a good hotel. Raj recommended it to us.

(D) I ate a cutlet yesterday. It gave me stomach ache.

(E) My cousin lives in Germany. He is a doctor. 1×5=5

✓ (v) Correct the following sentences using appropriate conditional

clause/s :

(A) If I get rich, I would tour round the world.

- (B) If you had asked me, I helped you.
- (C) She will not pass, unless she does not work hard.
- (D) If I were you, I will apologise at once.
- (E) The old man will die if he will not get first aid quickly.

1x5=5

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