

2018

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

(PROSE)

1. *Answer the following questions in about 100 – 125 words.*

- (a) “An inattention to our own person implies a disrespect to others...”
How does Hazlitt criticise those who are careless about dress and manners? 8

Or

- (b) “Any real body must have its extension in four directions...”
Justify the Time Traveller’s argument about the Fourth dimension. 8

2. *Answer the following questions in about 30 – 40 words each.*

- (a) “But you know I sinned”
How did Rajen sin? 2
- (b) Why did Mrs. Isodore Straus refuse to take her seat in the boat? 2
- (c) In what respects does Ruskin Bond say that trees and men are alike? 2

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- (d) How does Hazlitt react when his son criticizes the dress of some of the boys of his school ? 2
- (e) Why did the Time Traveller use the forefinger of the Psychologist to press the lever of the model time machine ? 2
- (f) What did Mr. Abel Merryweather intend to put in his new will ? 2

(POETRY)

3. *Read the following extract and answer the questions that follow.*

To the last point of vision, and beyond
 Mount, daring Warbler! – That love-prompted strain
 Twixt thee and thine a never-failing bond-
 Thrills not the less the bosom of the plain.

- (i) Who is the daring warbler ? 1
- (ii) Upto what point does the poet ask the warbler to mount ? 1
- (iii) What has prompted the song of the warbler ? 1
- (iv) What does 'the bosom of the plain' mean ? 1

Or

If I should die, think only this of me
 That there's some corner of a foreign field
 That is forever England. There shall be
 In that rich earth a richer dust concealed.

- (i) To whom is the poet addressing ? 1
- (ii) What is the nationality of the poet as suggested in the line ? 1
- (iii) Where is the poet ? 1
- (iv) What does 'a richer dust' mean ? 1

4. Answer **any three** of the following questions in about 30 – 40 words each.

- (a) How does William Cowper describe the life style of the townpeople in his poem ? 2
- (b) "And must wait, must stand and wait"
Why did the poet decide to stand and wait ? 2
- (c) Describe after Walt Whitman how the people on the shore prepare to welcome the Captain. 2
- (d) How did Coleridge express in his poem that he was an adventurous and spirited boy ? 2

(SUPPLEMENTARY READER)

5. Answer the following questions in about 100 – 110 words.

- (a) Write briefly the four objectives of the Indian Republic as defined in the Preamble to the Constitution. 7

Or

- (b) "Nancy, the canary was dead."
Narrate the incidents that followed after the death of the song bird which brought happiness to Charlie's life. 7

6. *Answer the following questions in about 30 – 40 words each.*

- (a) Why was Fatimah not upset when she left her home in Pakistan? 2
- (b) Why did Della flop down on the shabby little couch and how? 2
- (c) How does the immune system of human body work? 2
- (d) How is the adage “Eternal vigilance is the price of liberty” applicable in respect of “Fundamental rights”? 2

SECTION – B
(READING)

7. *Read the following passage and answer the questions that follow.*

Scientific knowledge has its dangers, but so has for great thing. And over and beyond the dangers with which it threatens the present, it opens up as nothing else can the vision of a possible happy world, a world without poverty, without war, with little illness. And, what is perhaps more than all, when science has mastered the forces which mould human character, it will be able to produce populations in which few suffer from destructive fierceness and in which the great majority regard other people, not as competitors to be feared, but as helpers in a common task. Science has only recently begun to apply itself to human beings, except in their purely physical aspect. Such science as exist in psychology and anthropology has hardly begun to affect political behaviour or private ethics. The mind of men remain attuned to a world that is fast disappearing. The changes in our physical environment require, if they are to bring well-being, correlative changes in our beliefs and habits. If we cannot

effect these changes, we shall suffer the fate of the dinosaurs who could not live on dry land. It is the duty of science to study the means by which we can adapt ourselves to the new world. There are certain things that the world quite obviously needs; tentativeness, as opposed to dogmatism, in our beliefs; an expectation of co-operation, rather than competition, in social relations; a lessening of envy and collective hatred. These are things which education could produce without much difficulty. They are not things adequately sought in the education of the present day.

- (i) What does scientific knowledge open up beyond the dangers it threaten? 2
- (ii) What is the duty of science as suggested in the passage ? 2
- (iii) How does the writer come to the point that man may suffer the fate of dinosaurs ? 3
- (iv) What are the things that the world needs today ? 2
- (v) Find out the words from the passage which means the same as the following :
- (a) to bring into harmony 1
- (b) not done with confidence 1
- (c) narrow-mindedness 1

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

In every country people imagine that they are the best and the cleverest and the others are not so good as they are. The Englishman thinks that he and his country

are the best; the Frenchman is very proud of France and everything French. The Germans and Italians think no less of their countries and many Indians imagine that India is in many ways the greatest country in the world. This is wrong. Everybody wants to think well of himself and his country. But really there is no person who has not got some good and some bad qualities. In the same way, there is no country which is not partly good and partly bad. We must take the good wherever we find it and try to remove the bad wherever it may be. We are, of course, most concerned with our own country, India. Unhappily, it is in a bad way today. Most of our people are poor and unhappy. They have no joys in their lives. We have to find out how we can make them happier. We have to see what is good in our ways and customs and try to keep it, and whatever is bad we have to throw away. If we find anything good in other countries, we should certainly take it.

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

SECTION – C

(ADVANCE WRITING SKILLS)

9. In your capacity as the Secretary General of Youth Welfare Club, Imphal, you are calling a meeting of the executive committee. Write a model of the notice in about 50 words. (do not write your name. Put only General Secretary) 5

Or

Suppose your school organises a slogan writing competition as a part of 'Swachh Bharat Mission'. Write five slogans for it. (do not write your name) 5

10. Suppose you are Tony, a news reporter of 'Manipur Mirror'. You are sent to collect a report of a mob justice in a remote area of Manipur. Prepare the report in not more than 125 words. 9

Or

Give a factual description of the "Imphal Evening" that you have visited on a Sunday in Imphal in not more than 125 words. Put Your name as Mr. A. 9

11. Write a letter to the Chief Engineer, Public Health Engineering Department, Manipur, drawing his attention to provide the facility of drinking water in your locality. (in not more than 125 words. Put your name as X) 9

Or

The Mega Store, Imphal wants some talented youths as sales executive. Apply for the post stating your Bio-data and Qualification etc. in about 125 words. (Put your name as B) 9

12. (a) You are invited to make a speech on the topic 'Performance of the Manipuri Youths in the arena of football in India' at a felicitation function organised by your local club. As a preparation of the same, write the speech in about 200 to 230 words. 12

Or

- (b) Suppose you are a regular article contributor of a newspaper. Write an article on the topic "Students' Involvement in the Social Issues in Manipur" in about 200–230 words. 12

Or

- (c) Write an essay on the following topic. 12
'Havocs of Flood in Manipur'.

[Outlines: What is it — how does it happen — suffering it brings — memories of recent flood — prevention measures — conclusion].
