

2017

**ENGLISH**

**Full Marks - 100**

**Pass Marks - 33**

**Time : Three Hours and \*Fifteen Minutes**

*(\*15 minutes are given as extra time for reading questions)*

*The figures in the right margin indicate full marks  
for the questions.*

*Answer the questions in your own words as far as practicable.*

**SECTION : A**

**(PROSE)**

1. *Answer the following question in about 100-125 words :*

(a) In the story 'The Kite Maker' how did Ruskin Bond narrate the past and the present of Mahmood, the kite maker? 8

*Or*

(b) Narrate the circumstances that compelled Mr. Abel Merryweather to marry again at the age of seventy-two. 8

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

(a) What advice does Hazlitt give to his son against the habit of speaking disrespectfully of others? 2

- (b) "The first effect of the impact on the passengers was peculiar." How did the passengers behave at that point of time? 2
- (c) Why had Mahmood no patron in his old age? 2
- (d) "Here! You'd better wear these slippers of grandfathers now." Why should Henry wear Mr. Abel Merryweather's slippers? 2
- (e) How does the Time Traveller explain to his friends that man is always getting away from the present moment? 2
- (f) How did it become apparent that Rajen had contracted HIV? 2

### (POETRY)

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

But must I confess how I liked him,

How glad I was he had come like a guest in quiet, to

drink at my water-trough

And depart peaceful, pacified, and thankless.

Into the burning bowels of this earth?

- (i) Who was the guest in quiet? 1
- (ii) What was the poet's feeling in meeting his guest? 1
- (iii) Where did the poet find his guest? 1
- (iv) Where did the guest retreat? 1

Or

O! Captain my Captain! Our fearful trip is done,  
The ship has weathered every rack, the prize we sought is won,  
The port is near, the bells I hear, the people all exulting  
While follow eyes the steady keel, the vessel grim and daring.

- (i) Who is the Captain referred to here ? 1
- (ii) To what does the fearful trip refer ? 1
- (iii) What is the prize mentioned in the second line ? 1
- (iv) What has made the people to rejoice ? 1

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

- (a) Why does William Cowper feel that 'health and virtue' are least threatened in the countryside ? 2
- (b) Why does Wordsworth call the Skylark 'A privileged bird' ? 2
- (c) How does Coleridge compare the coming of old age with an unwanted guest in his poem ? 2
- (d) Why does Rupert Brooke think that 'Some corner of a foreign field' will be forever England ? 2

**(SUPPLEMENTARY READER)**

5. *Answer the following questions in about 100-110 words :*

(a) How did Najab Hussain cross the salt desert alone to bring Fatimah to India across the Rann ? 7

**Or**

(b) How did Jim and Della manage to buy Christmas gifts for each other ? 7

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

(a) How is AIDS connected with HIV ? 2

(b) What do you understand by the 'Right to Freedom of Religion' ? 2

(c) Why did Charlie feel that his journey to Cape Verde had been in vain ? 2

(d) What were Della's fear when she reached her home after buying the fob chain ? 2

**SECTION : B**

**(READING)**

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

Essay writing is an art. In fact, essay is one of the most effective and surest test of personality and mental development of the writer. If the students master the technique of essay writing at an early stage, they can get better marks and ranks in the examinations.

According to the Random House Dictionary of English language an Essay is a short literary composition on a particular subject, usually in prose. The Oxford Dictionary defines Essay as a literary composition. It is usually in prose and on a particular subject.

An Essay is thus a means of literary self-expression of the subject having a vast range from kings to kites. In the examinations the students can be asked to write essays on a variety of subjects like current affairs, topics of general interest, science, education, films, radio, festivals, excursions, etc. in which the students generally have a wide choice and can choose a subject of their liking. But a student should choose only that topic about which he has some clear ideas or which he has already prepared. He should not choose a subject about which he has no knowledge or possesses only vague ideas.

The best and effective style of writing a good essay is the use of simple words. There is no need of using very difficult words. The language used should be simple and idiomatic. The students should write small sentences. In these small sentences there will be less possibility of committing any grammatical mistakes. There is no need of filling an essay with a large number of unnecessary quotations. It shows only the lack of expression on the part of the students. It is better if the students can say something original but in their own language.

A good handwriting, like a pleasing personality, is always an asset. Therefore students should try to improve their handwriting beforehand. The essay should be written in a legible handwriting. A good handwriting always fetches more marks in the examination.

Whatever the form of the essay, it needs to present the subject in an organised manner. Organisation is not a goal in itself; it is a means to an end. In an essay, organisation serves to make the points clear to the examiner. There is difference of opinion on the writing process. Some would say, draw up a formal outline and follow it strictly, while others would advise 'free writing'. Therefore a compromise is the best.

- (i) What is an Essay according to the two dictionaries of English mentioned in the passage ?

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- (ii) What are objectives of writing an essay in the examinations ? 2
- (iii) Why does the writer advise the students to have a good handwriting ? 3
- (iv) What does the writer say about using simple sentences ? 2
- (v) Find out the words from the passage which means the same as the following :
  - (a) not clearly expressed 1
  - (b) valuable 1
  - (c) in advance 1

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

Books are, by far, the most lasting product of human efforts. Temples, monuments crumble into ruins, pictures and statues decay, but books survive. Time does not destroy the great thoughts which are as fresh today as when they passed through their author's mind. These thoughts speak to us through the printed pages. Ideas in the minds of great thinkers and writers of the past are still in the minds of the readers. Different views expressed by the political leaders and philosophers in their books even centuries ago can be used by the future generations for years together. Books, thus, serve as the permanent records of the past. But the only effect of time has been to throw the bad products out of currency. Nothing in literature, which is not good, can live for long. All sorts of books may be preserved, but only good books will be in demand by the future generations. Good books have always helped man in various spheres of life. No wonder that the world keeps its books with great care.

- (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. The Principal of Lovely Higher Secondary School, Imphal wants to call a meeting of the Parents-Teachers Association of the School to discuss the academic problems of the School. Write a model of the notice in about **50** words. 5

*Or*

Mr. Oliver has lost his bag containing important documents in a bus while travelling from Churachandpur to Imphal. Write a suitable advertisement for the **LOST AND FOUND** column of a newspaper in not more than **50** words. 5

10. You are the General Secretary of Sunshine Higher Secondary School, Imphal. You led a team of 50 students in an Educational Excursion. Submit a report in about **100-125** words to your principal about the excursion. Put your name as Mr. A. 9

*Or*

Give a factual description of the Prize Distribution function organised in your locality in not more than **125** words. Put your name as Mr. B. 9

11. Suppose you are Miss Gloria of Nagampal, write a letter to the Editor Manipur Express explaining and complaining the way in which frequent general strikes disturb the academic activities in the schools of Manipur. 9

*Or*

Write a letter to Messrs Shiva Computers, Imphal complaining that the Laptop you bought from them recently does not work properly. Write your name as Mani. 9

12. (a) You have to address in a seminar about 'Global Warming.' Write the probable form of speech in about **230-250** words. Put your name as Santi. 12

*Or*

- (b) Mr. John wants to express his displeasure about the traffic system in the streets of Imphal City. Write the article for him. 12

*Or*

- (c) Write an essay on 'Tourism in Manipur' in about **230-250** words. 12

[ Hints : Introduction — natural beauty — tourist spots and its prospects — difficulties — suggestions for improvement — conclusion].