

2020

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 question in about 100 – 125 words :*

(a) Why did Mahmood lament when reminiscing about his good old days ? 8

Or

(b) ‘Modern Society becomes insensitive towards the old people’. Express your views with reference to ‘The Dear Departed’. 8

2. *Answer the following question in about 50 – 60 words :*

(a) ‘That there are other people in the world besides yourself’ – Why did Hazlitt say so? 4

Or

(b) Capture briefly the last moments of the Titanic through the experience of Colonel Gracie. 4

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3. Answer the following question in about 40 – 50 words :

(a) 'That doesn't matter now. I'm thinking of destroying and making another'. Comment. 3

Or

(b) What idea does the medical man express when he is told that one can travel back to the past ? 3

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

(a) Describe the special features of the kite Mahmood had once made at the request of Nawab. 2

(b) 'He would not speak a word'. Who is 'he' referred to here ? Why wouldn't he speak a word? 1+1=2

(POETRY)

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

(a) The voice of my education said to me
He must be killed.
For in Sicily the black, black snakes are innocent, the gold are venomous.

(i) What does 'voice of my education' mean? 1

(ii) What does the voice of education tell him? 1

(iii) What does the poet's conscience tell him ? 1

(iv) Which snakes in Sicily are considered harmless? 1

Or

- (b) Here Captain ! dear father!
This arm beneath your head!
It is some dream that on the deck,
You've fallen cold and dead.
- (i) Why does the poet call the captain 'dear father'? 1
- (ii) Why does the poet place his arm beneath the captain's head? 1
- (iii) What does the third line signify? 1
- (iv) Where does the captain of the ship lie? 1

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

- (a) Why does the poet believe that God made the country? 2
- (b) How is hope a bee to the poet in the poem 'Youth and Age'? 2
- (c) What effects does the song of the Skylark give to the people on the earth? 2
- (d) What are the gifts that the poet got from his motherland? 2

(SUPPLEMENTARY READER)

7. Answer the following question in about 100 – 125 words :

- (a) 'Their lives hanged on the caprice of men ruling over them'. Reinforce this statement with an example. 8

Or

- (b) How does HIV develop into AIDS? 8

8. *Answer the following question in about 50 – 60 words :*
- (a) ‘..... there was precious little left’. – Explain. 4
- Or**
- (b) What did Jim’s unusual expression at the door indicate? 4
9. *Answer the following question in about 30 – 40 words :*
- What made Nancy realise that Diamond Joe was mean to the canary? 2

SECTION – B

(READING)

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

Silence is unnatural to man. He begins life with a cry and ends it in stillness. In the intervals he does all he can to make a noise in the world and there are a few things of which he stands in more fear than of the absence of noise. Even his conversation is in great measure a desperate attempt to prevent a dreadful silence. If he is introduced to a fellow – mortal, and a number of pauses occur in the conversation he regards himself as a failure, a mouthless person and is full of envy of the emptiest headed chatter-box. He knows that ninety nine percent of human conversation means no more than the buzzing of a fly, but he longs to join the buzz, and to prove that he is a man and not a wax-work figure. The object of conversation is not, for the most part, to communicate ideas; it is to keep up the buzzing sound. There are, it must be admitted, different qualities of buzz. Most buzzing fortunately is pleasing to the ear, and some of it is agreeable even to the mind. Very few human beings join in a conversation in the hope of learning anything new. Some of them are content if they are merely allowed to go on making a noise into other people’s ears, though they have nothing to tell them except that they have seen two or three new plays or that they had bad food in a Swiss hotel.

- (i) How does the author prove that silence is unnatural to man? 2
- (ii) When does a man consider himself a worthless person? 2
- (iii) How does the author characterise human conversation? 2
- (iv) What, according to the author characterises human conversation ? 2
- (v) What is the object with which most people join in a conversation ? 2
- (vi) Find out the word from the passage which have the same meaning as the following :
 - (a) one who talks continuously 1
 - (b) to exchange information 1

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

The aim of family planning is to restore joy to motherhood and to make every child a wanted child, with a fair chance of health, education and employment. Until now, our major difficulty was to create motivation and psychological climate. Our campaign has been successful in certain pockets. It is not unlikely that soon a nationwide clamour for doctors and appliances for family planning will build up. And delay or failure in the family planning campaign will cause a setback to all our programmes. The other important health problem is that of nutrition. However good our harvest may be, let us not forget that a large part of our people are chronically undernourished in terms of calories as well as life building proteins. If nothing is done about this protein scarcity, these masses will remain condemned to an incomplete and lustreless life.

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

SECTION – C
(ADVANCED WRITING SKILLS)

12. (a) Water supply will be suspended for eight hours on 6th of February for cleaning of the water tank. Write a notice in about 40–50 words advising the residents to store water for a day. You are Kumar, Thangal Bazar Club Secretary, Imphal. 3

Or

- (b) You are Roger, a member of a team of students campaigning against the spread of drug abuse amongst school students. Make a diary entry of your experience. 3

13. (a) You are Tonia, a staff correspondent of 'The Manipur Mail' and you attended the felicitation ceremony of HSLC Examination toppers organized by the Education Department, Manipur. Write a brief report in about 100–125 words covering the event. 8

Or

- (b) Last week the newly built auditorium of your school was inaugurated. As P. Haokip, the school captain of Baptist Academy, Churachandpur, write a factual description of the auditorium in about 100–125 words. 8

14. (a) Write a letter to the editor, 'Imphal Free Press'. about the need to tackle incidences of mob justice in Manipur. Sign yourself as Ton. 8

Or

- (b) Write an application to the Director of Education (S), Govt. of Manipur applying for the post of an English Lecturer in Government Higher Secondary School. You are Tomthin of Thoubal. 8

15. *Read the following passage and answer the question given at the end :*

Teaching is the noblest profession. A teacher has a sacred duty to perform. It is he on whom rests the responsibility of moulding the character of young children. Apart from developing their intellect, he can inculcate in them qualities of good citizenship, remaining neat and clean, talking decently and sitting properly. These virtues are not easy to be imbibed . Only he who himself leads a life of simplicity, purity and rigid discipline can successfully cultivate these habits in his pupils. Besides, a teacher always remains young. He may grow old in age, but not in spirit. Perpetual contact with budding youths keeps him happy and cheerful. These are moments when domestic worries weigh heavily on his mind, but the delightful company of innocent children makes him overcome his transient moods of despair.

Suggest a suitable title for the passage and make a précis of it.

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16. (a) Plastics have largely contaminated the food and the water that we consume everyday. Write an article in not more than 100 – 125 words on the need for ban on plastic products. You are Mr. X.

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Or

- (b) You feel that the 'Clean Imphal Campaign' has not been as effective as you thought it should have been . Write a speech in about 100 – 125 words discussing the reasons for this. Also highlight the measures that a common man and a student can take part to make it a success. You are Biren of Yaiskul.

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Or

- (c) Write an essay on 'Discipline among the youths of Manipur'.

[Hints : Introduction – the need of discipline in society – present situation in Manipur – its effect – remedy]

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SECTION – D
(GRAMMAR)

17. Complete the paragraph given below by filling in the blanks with the help of option that follow :

For centuries lemon has been used for (i) _____ healing properties. It acts (ii) _____ a blood purifier and helps the body (iii) _____ get rid (iv) _____ toxins.

1+1+1+1= 4

- (i) (a) his (b) its (c) their (d) its
(ii) (a) in (b) as (c) for (d) with
(iii) (a) in (b) to (c) with (d) of
(iv) (a) on (b) up (c) in (d) of