

2020
ENGLISH

Full marks : 90

Time : 3 hours

General instructions:

- i) *Approximately 15 minutes is allotted to read the question paper and revise the answers.*
 - ii) *The question paper consists of 16 questions. All questions are compulsory.*
 - iii) *Marks are indicated against each question.*
 - iv) *Internal choice has been provided in some questions.*
- N.B:** *Check that all pages of the question paper is complete as indicated on the top left side.*

SECTION-A (Literature)

1. Answer the following questions: **5x2=10**
- (a) State two examples from the story 'Thank you Ma'am' which show that the boy was worse off than the woman.
 - (b) What does the magistrate say had happened as a result of the nuts being removed? Does Denis understand the implication of the magistrate's comment?
 - (c) Why was the diamond maker unable to sell his diamonds?
 - (d) Why did the bank manager advise Albert Edward to invest his money?
 - (e) 'It is not possible to estimate this great waste of talent of potential'. What talent and waste is being described?
2. Answer **any one** of the following questions in about 150 words:
- a. Write a note on the characters of the narrator and the diamond maker. List the points of difference.
- Or** **5**
- b. 'The Malefactor' make us feel that the poor do not get justice . Justify.
3. Read the lines from the poem and answer **any two** questions that follow:
- I. *If all men count with you, but none too much;
If you can fill the unforgiving minute
With sixty seconds' worth of distance run.*
- (a) Why should 'all men' count, but 'none' too much? **1**
 - (b) Why has the minute been called 'Unforgiving'? **1**
 - (c) Explain the last line in your own words. **1**
- II. *Well, why can't a woman be like you?
One man in a million may shout a bit.
Now and then, there's one with slight defects*

*One perhaps whose truthfulness you doubt a bit,
But by and large we are a marvelous sex!*

- (a) Where is the extract taken from? **1**
 (b) Who is the speaker? **1**
 (c) Why does he say 'We are a marvelous sex'? **1**

III. *Remember they have eyes like ours that wake
Or sleep, and strength that can be won
By love. In every land is common life
That all can recognize and understand.*

- (a) What does the poet want us to remember? **1**
 (b) How can strength be won by love? **1**
 (c) What is common to all lands? **1**
4. Why did the harvest remain 'unreaped and sere'? What cruel side of war does the image highlight? **4**
5. *Algernon: I may mention that I have always suspected you of being a confirmed and secret Bunburyist; and I am quite sure of it now .*
- (a) Who says these words and to whom? **1**
 (b) What is the context in which he says these words? **2**
 (c) Is the person spoken to really a Bunburyist? Give reasons? **2**

Or

Discuss the characters of Algernon and Lane, and how they depict a peculiar aspect of society and the relationship between the rich and the servants. **(5)**

6. Answer **any two** of the following questions in about 150 words: **5x2=10**
- (a) Discuss the irony present in the novel, 'Swami and Friends'.
 (b) Comment on the theme of friendship in R.K Narayan's 'Swami and Friends'.
 (c) Sketch the character of Rajam.

SECTION –B (Reading)

7. *Leisure*
- What is this life if, full of care,
We have no time to stand and stare.
No time to stand beneath the boughs

And stare as long as sheep or cows.
 No time to see, when woods we pass,
 Where squirrels hide their nuts in grass.
 No time to see in broad daylight,
 Streams full of stars, like skies, at night.
 No time to turn at Beauty's glance,
 And watch her feet, how they can dance.
 No time to wait till her mouth can
 Enrich that smile her eyes began.
 A poor life this is if, full of care,
 We have no time to stand and stare.

- (i) Based on your reading of the poem ,complete the following in the space provided .

4x $\frac{1}{2}$ =2

The poet says that man has everything except _____. In his opinion man has entangled himself in responsibilities and _____ that he has no time to enjoy the _____ beauty around him. The poet laments that this is a _____ life full of anxieties.

- (ii) Find words in the poem that mean the same as:

2x1=2

- (a) Improve
 (b) Take a brief or hurried look

8. Read the following passage and answer the questions that follow:

Nature writing is non fiction or fiction prose or poetry about the natural environment. Nature writing encompasses a wide variety of works, ranging from those that place primary emphasis on natural history facts (such as field guides) to those in which philosophical interpretation predominate . It includes natural history essays, poetry, essays of solitude or escape, as well as travel and adventure writing.

Nature writing often draws heavily on scientific information and facts about the natural world; at the same time, it is frequently written in the first person and incorporates personal observations of and philosophical reflections upon nature. Modern nature writing traces its roots to the works of natural history that were popular in the second half of the 18th century and throughout the 19th century. An important early figure was the 'parson naturalist ' Gilbert White (1720-1793), a pioneering English naturalist and Ornithologist. He is best known for his Natural History and antiquities of Selborne (1789).

Based on your understanding of the passage, answer the following questions:

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| I. (a) | What is nature writing? | 1 |
| (b) | What kind of works are written as part of nature writing? | 1 |
| (c) | What does nature writing emphasize on? | 2 |
| (d) | What does the passage talk about ? | 2 |

- II. Give words from the passage which mean the same as: **2x1=2**
 i. loneliness ii. being the first to use a particular new idea

9. **Read the passage and answer the questions that follow:**

Dr. Carver was an American Negro slave, who by dint of his ability became a scientist and educator of world-wide fame. A National Monument has now been built at his birth place in the United States of America. Carver's life and achievements prove the American saying: "You can't keep a great man down". Carver's life has come to symbolize the transformative potential of education, even for those born into the most unfortunate and difficult of circumstances.

From childhood, he showed qualities which gave promise of his genius. He would get up before sunrise to study the wonders of nature before the break of dawn in the east. His guardians wanted to educate him but were too poor to do so, so, he left home at an early age, hardly ten and began to work menial jobs to earn a little money for his education. Thus, through much struggles, he completed his education and went on to become a prominent scientific expert and one of the most famous African Americans of his time.

His chief desire was to do the greatest good to the greatest number of people. He left all his life's savings to fund scholarship for research in agricultural chemistry for this research, he knew, was bound to benefit farmers all over the world. Though world-famous, he never felt proud of his discoveries.

"I discovered nothing", he once said, "I am God's Agent- the instrument through which He works".

- a. What was the chief desire of Dr. Carver? **1**
 b. Is there anything to prove that he was humble? **1**
 c. Describe Dr. Carver's early life. **2**
 d. How does Dr. Carver's life prove that "You can't keep a great man down"? **2**
 e. Find words in the passage which means the same as: **2x1=2**
 i. Forestanding ii. obliged

SECTION-C (Writing)

10. As a student editor of your school magazine, draft a notice in not more than 50 words for your school notice board inviting articles from the students of all classes.

Or

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You are Elizabeth/ Jonathan. You have been invited to attend the wedding of your friend's sister during the winter vacation. Respond to the invitation informally accepting it.

11. Draft a poster for promoting 'Organic Healthy Food' with attractive slogan. **4**
12. Write an essay in about 150-200 words on the topic,
'Does technology make us more lonely?'. **6**
- Or**
- Write a diary entry describing the horrible experiences you had when your bag was stolen during a railway journey. **6**
13. Write a letter to your friend living in Delhi describing how you are spending your winter vacation at your grandparents house. **6**

SECTION-D (Grammar)

14. You have to make an appointment for your mother with a doctor . You have called the clinic and spoken to the receptionist who wants details of what the problem is. Write a dialogue in direct speech giving necessary details and note the time and date of the appointment. **4**
15. Complete the following sentences by giving two reasons for each of them: **3**
- (a) I was trimming the hedge when
- (b) Reading is a good habit as
- (c) You love your school because
16. Write three precautionary measures that must be taken while working with an electrical equipment (Remember to use Passive Voice). **3**
