

2019

ENGLISH

Full Marks – 80

Pass Marks – 20

Time : Three hours

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

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

SECTION – A

(READING)

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

We do not realize adequately to what extent our minds are moulded by books we read especially in youth. We have several means by which we acquire knowledge today i.e. radio, cinema, newspaper and television etc. But (reading of books is the most ancient and effective of them all.) Reading a book is different from mechanized instruction. (We are never alone when we have books as our companions.)

A great writer has said that religion is what man does with his solitariness. It is not merely religion but art and literature ,scientific discovery and technological invention that are the outcome of what a man does with his solitariness. In the modern world we tend to be gregarious beings . When we have a little leisure we run to parties, clubs or other social activities. We

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are afraid to be alone with ourselves afraid to stand and stare, much less to sit and think. We are happy with others not with ourselves. Pascal tells us that the evils of the world arise from the fact that men are unable to sit still in a room. (Reading a book gives us the habit of solitary reflection and true enjoyment.)

(a) Complete the following statements :

(i) The best means of acquiring knowledge is _____ .

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(ii) When we have books as our companions _____ .

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(b) Answer the following questions in one phrase/ sentence each :

(i) Why is reading of books different from several means of acquiring knowledge like radio, cinema, newspaper and television ?

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(ii) What is man by nature ?

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(iii) What is the cause of evils in the world according to Pascal ?

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(c) Answer the following questions in about 50 words :

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What does the writer tell us about the reading of books and solitariness ?

(d) Find out the words from the passage that have the same meaning as :

1+1=2

(i) Sociable

(ii) Shaped

COURSE BOOK

(PROSE)

2. Answer the following questions in *one* phrase / sentence each : $1 \times 3 = 3$

- (a) Why should we plant more trees ? Give one reason.
- (b) What is the outcome of human greed and thoughtlessness concerning rhinos ?
- (c) When was the earliest international match of the Polo played ?

3. Answer the following questions in about 30 words each : $2 \times 3 = 6$

- (a) What made Sunita Williams to regard as a woman of many parts ?
- (b) In what respect is Andro a place of historical importance attracting tourist ?
- (c) Why is creating 'a safe tourist friendly environment' important for tourism industry ?

4. Answer the following questions in about 50 words each : $3 \times 2 = 6$

- (a) "I saw that a man of truth must also be a man of care".

What had happened to M.K.Gandhi that he made this statement ?

Or

What were Ramanujan's contributions to mathematics which had made him world famous ?

- (b) "They reached it together, as a team".

Why did Colonel John Hunt declare so ?

Or

Why is it said that the Shwedagon Pagoda is a spot where the nation's history, politics and religion intersect ?

SECTION – B
(WRITING)

5. Write an essay on *any one* of the following topics in about 200 words using the outlines given : 7
- (a) Discipline
[What it means – the importance in personality development, relationship and success in life – conclusion]
- (b) Importance of Newspaper
[Introduction – how it serves everyone's interest – public opinion – business houses – its role in democracy – conclusion]
- (c) Climate Change
[Introduction – causes and effects – man's role - conclusion]
6. Jenny of Wino Market of Ukhrul District writes to her sister Mayonao studying in Modern School, Barakhamba Road, New Delhi to make her aware of the present day competitiveness and to work hard to fulfil her dream. 5

Or

- You are Sanahal of Thangmeiband Lourung Pural leikai . Write a letter to the Editor, Hot Tea Daily highlighting the deteriorating standard of living in the Imphal city by the fast increasing population. Prepare the letter.
7. You are Sajid, a staff reporter of a local daily. You went and collected information about the fire accident that began from a grocery shop at Thangal keithel. Prepare a news report to be published in your daily in about 100 words. 4

8. Make notes of the important points of the following passage and write a summary using the notes. (Use recognizable abbreviation wherever necessary): 3+3=6

One of the best ways to make our writing better is to avoid long sentences. To see just how effective this can be, take a look at a top – quality newspaper. Sentences vary in length, but most are short and punchy. Generally, we can tell from the first sentence what the story is about.

Take another example to know how can we can be clear and concise. Successful authors captivate their audiences with brief sentences made interesting with imaginative use of words. Every word that we write should be there for a reason. Using longer words will make our writing vague. Most people have a tendency to use certain favourite words all the time e.g. words like “basically and actually.” Identify such words in our writing. Are they necessary to the meaning? Is there a better alternative, or could we get rid of them altogether?

We all resort to overused phrases such as in a ‘nutshell’, ‘You know’ or ‘the fact is’ Look at these examples and ask yourself whether we are using them as a concise way to sum up a situation or just out of laziness. Retain them only if they add to the meaning .

9. You are the Secretary of Students’ Council of Eastern Star Academy, Imphal East District. Write a notice informing the students from Class VIII to X to join Tree Plantation Day on the theme “Go Green ,Save Earth ” to be held on the 22nd June,2019. The programme is organized by the school authority.

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SECTION – C

(GRAMMAR)

10. Rewrite the following sentences inserting appropriate determiners in the blanks : 1+1=2

The select committee members have now read all of the competition entries. _____ entry has received careful consideration. _____ finalist has produced impressive work in one way or another.

11. Fill in the blank with correct modal verb of the following : 1

All drivers _____ have adequate insurance.

12. Change the voice of the following sentences : 1+1 = 2

(a) Who painted this picture ?

(b) There is said to be bad weather on the way.

13. Change the narration of the following : 1+1 = 2

(a) Linthoi said, "Let it rain, I have to go."

(b) James said, "How can I do such a foolish work ?"

14. Transform the following sentences as directed : 1+1 = 2

(a) In case of his failure to return the goods, he must pay the bill.

(Change into complex sentence)

(b) Only the industrious hope to succeed in life.

(Convert it into a negative sentence without changing the meaning)

15. Rewrite the following sentence using the correct form of the verb within bracket : 1

They _____ (sing) when we reached there.

SECTION – D
(LITERATURE)

16. Answer the following questions in about 30 words each : 2×2 = 4

(a) Why did the imp turn into a labouring man ?

Or

“The policeman is a necessary symbol .”

Why does the writer say so ?

(b) “My punishment is just ; but oh, God, it is very hard.”

Why is it “very hard” while the Bishop accepted the punishment as ‘just’ ?

17. Answer the following questions in 30 words each : 2×3 = 6

(a) “Nor shall Death brag thou wonder'st in his shade,
When in eternal lines to time thou grow'st; ”

Explain the idea.

Or

“ Nor shall she fail to see

Even in the motions of the storm

Grace that shall mould the maiden's form

By silent sympathy.”

What does Nature mean here in the perfect development of beauty and grace of Lucy ?

- (b) "Into the jaws of Death,
Into the mouth of Hell."

Explain the imagery.

Or

"And at the corner of the street
A lonely cab – horse steams and stamps."

What does the poet want to convey in these lines ?

- (c) "I am a part of joy and a part of sorrow."

Explain the part played by flower at the time of joy and sorrow.

Or

"And the frog observed them glitter
With a joy both sweet and bitter ."

Why was the frog's joy both sweet and bitter ?

18. Answer the following question in about 120 words :

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How were M. Hamel and Franz affected by the order from Berlin ?

Or

Describe the behavior of Lady Macbeth in her sleep –walking as observed by the doctor and the gentlewoman.

19. Answer the following Questions in about 120 words :

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Write the character of the Bishop.

Or

Write the theme of the play ' The Bishop's Candlesticks'.