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ENGLISH LITERATURE

Time : 3 Hours 15 Minutes

Maximum Marks : 80

GENERAL INSTRUCTIONS TO THE EXAMINEES :

- 1) Candidates must write his/her Roll No. on the question paper.
- 2) **All** the questions are compulsory.
- 3) For questions having more than one part, the answers to those parts are to be written together in continuity.
- 4) Write answers of all the questions in your answer-book only.
- 5) Write down the serial number of the question before attempting it.

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SECTION - A

1-8 Read the passage carefully and answer the questions that follow :

Forests are considered the 'green gold' of a country. The very survival of humans and other living beings is dependent on trees and plants which are a major source of oxygen - the vital gas for our respiration. They also act as a 'sink' for the carbon dioxide exhaled by humans and animals and spewed from the chimneys and by the automobiles.

Forests play a vital role in sustaining our life and the nation's economy. They provide oxygen without which life is not possible on earth. They maintain a healthy gaseous balance in the atmosphere. They are great moderators of climate. Plants increase the humidity of water vapour from their exposed surfaces by way of transpiration.

As one may be aware, forests extensively control soil erosion and landslides. Forests in the hilly areas keep the soil of riverbanks intact with their extensive root system. They also maintain the stability of the mountain slopes. The aerial parts of the plants intercept rain, decreasing its erosion power. Ground flora and the thick layer of litter and humus in the forests act as sponge and help to retain the water received in the form of rain or through the melting of snow, this prevents flood in the plains. By decreasing the velocity of water coming down the hills, forests help in greater absorption of water by the soil in the plains and thus preventing droughts. As the soil retains its moisture, it is released slowly, giving rise to perennial streams and rivulets.

The material advantage, offered by forests needs no mention. Through centuries forests have provided us fuel, fodder and timber wood, our several industries are based on certain resources which are found in the woods. Our paper pulp, rayon and plywood industries are completely dependent on forest produce. Trees provide drugs, spices, fruits, fibres, gums, resins, rubber and latex. Raw materials required by dyeing and tanning industry include myrobalan, oilseeds, honey, beeswax, bidi leaves and sandalwood. It is estimated that our national income via these products and timber wood is more than 600 crores of rupees per annum.

In short, forests protect our environment, maintain the ecological balance reduce pollution and noise levels, protect land from erosion caused due to rains and storms, prevent formation of sand dunes and deserts, add to the aesthetic value of the landscape and help tide over our energy problems. Population has increased to reach stupendous figures. Consequently, the need for fuel and timber has increased manifold leading to the felling of millions of trees. In the name of production and development, trees are cut down and forest areas made clear. This clear felling has denuded our hill slopes of their protective cover. Exploitation practices which destroy the very resource base on which the people's future rests is like killing 'golden goose'. Such practices continue unabated in various parts of India.

- 1) Forests are considered : [1]
 - A) the 'gold' of a country
 - B) the 'green gold' of a country
 - C) the 'yellow gold' of a country
 - D) the 'golden gold' of a country
- 2) Forests play a vital role in sustaining our life and the nation's: [1]
 - A) Civilization
 - B) Culture
 - C) Economy
 - D) None
- 3) Through centuries forests have provided us : [1]
 - A) fuel
 - B) fodder
 - C) timber wood
 - D) all these
- 4) How is the very survival of humans and other living being dependent on trees and plants? [1]
- 5) Name the things which are provided by trees? [1]
- 6) Why are trees cut down and the forest areas made clear? [1]
- 7) Find word from the passage which is opposite of 'inhaled'. [1]
- 8) Find word from the passage which is same in meaning of 'living for several years'. [1]

9-16 Read the given poem carefully and answer the following questions.

'What song shall I sing of you, my Mother?'

I asked.

'Shall I sing

Of the Himalayas with their snow-born peaks,

Of the three seas that wash your palm?

Shall I sing

Of your clear down with its pure gold-streaks?'

Said the Mother imperturbable, calm :

'Sing of the beggar and the leper

That swarm my streets.

Sing of the filth and the dirt

That foul my sylvan retreats.'

'What song shall I sing of you, my Mother?'

I asked

'Shall I sing

Of your rock-cut temples, epics in stone,

Of your children that died to call you their own,

Their very own?

Of the seers and prophets that he'wed the straight path

For the man that pilgrims alone?'

- 9) 'What song shall I sing of you, my Mother?' here 'I' refers to : [1]
 A) Mother B) India
 C) Poet D) None
- 10) Of the Himalayas with their snow-born [1]
 A) peaks B) palms
 C) trees D) rivers
- 11) 'Sing of the beggar and [1]
 A) seers B) leper
 C) prophets D) children
- 12) Identify the two speakers in the poem. [1]
- 13) What does the speaker want to sing about? [1]
- 14) Why does the poet call the temples as 'epics in stone'? [1]
- 15) Who does the poet mean by 'of your children that died to call their own'? [1]
- 16) Find the word from the poem which means 'the first appearance of light in the sky before sunrise'. [1]

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SECTION - B

- 17) Write an essay in about 150-200 words on the given topic : [8]
India's achievements in the field of space

OR

Yoga : good for healthy life

- 18) Imagine you are Ajay/Anjali of class 12th of Govt. Senior Secondary School Chomu (Jaipur). Write a speech in about 150-200 words to be delivered in the morning assembly on [8]

'Importance of Self Study'

OR

Imagine you are Khem Chand/Khushi of 12th class of Govt. Senior Secondary School Ajmer. Write an article in about 150-200 words to the editor of the School magazine, on

'Mobile Phone : A useful tool for students'

SECTION - C

- 19) Write on any two literary terms in about 40-50 words : [2×3=6]

- i) Metaphysical Poetry
- ii) Impressionism
- iii) Anglo-Indian Literature
- iv) Interior Monologue

Read the following passage and answer the questions that follow :

She was about to explore another life with Frank. Frank was very kind, manly, open-hearted. She was to go away with him in Buenos Aires where he had a home waiting for her. How well she remembered the first time she had seen him; he was lodging in a house on the main road where she used to visit. It seemed a few weeks ago. He was standing at the gate, his peaked cap pushed back on his head and his hair tumbled forward over a face of bronze. Then they had come to know each other. He used to meet her outside the stores every evening and see her home. He took her to see The Bohemian Girl and she felt elated as she sat in an unaccustomed part of theatre with him.

- 20) What was she about to explore with Frank? And what type of person was Frank? [2]

- 21) Which thing did she remember well? [2]

- 22) Where did Frank take her? How did she feel when she sat in an unaccustomed part of the theatre with him? [2]

Answer the following question in about 100 words:

[6]

23) What type of city was Vienna? Describe.

(*I Sell My Dream*)

OR

How did the two officials want to redress the situation? What was the reaction of Tao Ying?
(*One Centimetre*)

Answer the following question in about 60 words:

[4]

24) What is the big difference between the natural slavery of man to Nature and unnatural slavery of man to man?
(*Freedom*)

OR

What is Whitaker's Almanack? And what do you know about Whitaker's Table of Precedency?
(*The Mark on the Wall*)

Read the extract of the poem carefully and answer the questions that follow:

Stand still and I will read to thee
A Lecture, Love, in love's philosophy,
These three hours that we have spent,
Walking here, two shadows went
Along with us, which we ourselves produc'd;
But, now the sun is just above our head,
We do those shadows tread;
And to brave clearness all things are reduc'd.

25) Who addresses whom in the first stanza of the extract of the poem?

[2]

26) How many hours have they spent together?

[2]

27) How many shadows have been described in the extract of the poem? Whose shadows are these?

[2]

OR

The trees are in their autumn beauty,
 The woodland paths are dry,
 Under the October twilight the water
 Mirrors a still sky;
 Upon the brimming water among the stones
 Are nine-and-fifty swans.

25) Mention the season which has been described in the poem. [2]

26) How are the woodland paths? [2]

27) How many swans are upon the brimming water among the stones? [2]

Answer the following question in about 100 words : [6]

28) Write the summary of the poem 'Trees'. (Trees)

OR

Describe 'Kubla Khan' or A Vision in a Dream : A Fragment. (Kubla Khan)

Answer the following question in about 60 words : [4]

29) Why did 'Chandalika' say that she was reborn after she met Ananda? (Chandalika)

OR

Draw character sketch of Pramod Murty. (Broken Image)

Answer the following question in about 60 words : [4]

30) Who was 'Jayaraj' and what did he say when he saw the man with the Tiger.

OR

Who was Madan and why did he ask the captain for the tiger?

Answer the following question in about 100 words : [6]

31) Write the theme of 'A Tiger for Malgudi'.

OR

Trace the autobiographical elements in R.K. Narayan's novel 'A Tiger for Malgudi'.

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