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English

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Class XI

[M.M : 100

Section-A

1 Explain with reference to the context any one of the following passages :- 8

(a) I was one of the happiest souls on earth. The sweeping of that room was my college examination. I have passed several examinations since then, but I have always felt that this was the best one I ever passed.

(b) I do not ascribe it to perversity on my part, but rather to the inconsequence of childhood, which is deficient in moral sense, that I could never quite reconcile myself to the lesson. My sympathies were with the grasshopper and for some time I never saw an ant without putting my foot on it.

2 Answer any one of the following questions in not more than 30 words each :- 4

(a) What is the commonest form of forgetfulness ?

(b) Who was Mahmood ? Why was he popular in the city ?

3 Fill in the blanks in the following sentences with the most appropriate word from the four alternatives against each sentence :- 1+1+1+1=4

(1) In the fall of 1872, I _____ to make an effort to get there.

- (a) planned
- (c) decided

- (b) determined
- (d) made up mind (P. T. O.)

(2)
(2) I was one of the happiest _____ on earth.

- (a) sherry
- (c) shay
- (b) souls
- (d) man

(3) The commonest form of forgetfulness occurs in the matter of _____ letters.

- (a) sending
- (c) posting
- (b) delivering
- (d) reading

(4) There is a great affinity _____ trees and men.

- (a) in
- (c) among
- (b) with
- (d) between.

4 Answer any two of the following questions in not more than 30 words :- 4+4=8

- (a) Who was author's Pen Pal ? Where did she live ?
- (b) Why did Jimmy get Bole arrested ?
- (c) Who was Amina ? Who slapped her ?

5 Explain with reference to the context one of the following extracts :- 8

(1) But mercy is above this sceptred sway,
It is enthroned in the hearts of kings,
It is attribute to God himself;
And Earthly power doth then show likest God's
When mercy seasons justice.

(2) And we are here as on a darkling plain
Swept with confused alarms of struggle and flight
Where ignorant armies clash by night.

6 Give the Central Idea one of the following poem :- 6

- (1) Mercy
- (2) The Scholar
- (3) Fo India : My Native Land

(3)

- 7 Answer one of the following questions in not more than 75 words :- 8
- (a) What disturbed the calm of Siddhartha's mind even among the pleasures and luxuries of the palace ?
- (b) Write in short the message which the music of the wind sang in the Prince's ears.
- 8 Write the definition of any one of the following figures of speech with two examples :- 4
- (1) Simile (2) Personification
- (3) Hyperbole <http://www.upboardonline.com>

Section-B

- 1 (a) Change one of the following into Indirect :- 2
- (1) The boy said to Mahmood, "The kite has gone."
- (2) The teacher said to me, "Have you read this book ?"
- (b) Transform one of the following sentences as directed within the brackets :- 2
- (1) He is rich. (Negative)
- (2) He is too poor to buy a car. (Remove adverb too)
- (c) Correct any three of the following sentences :- 3
- (1) My father are going to Delhi.
- (2) One must do his duty.
- (3) The books are upon the table.
- (4) He write a letter.
- 2 (a) Use any three of the following idioms in your own sentences :- 1+1+1=3
- (1) All in all (2) A bed of roses
- (3) Black sheep (4) Face to Face

(4)

- (5) French leave
- (b) Give the antonyms of the following words :-
- Ancient, Acccept, Clean 1+1+1=3
- (c) Give the synonyms of the following words :-
- Begin, Cost, Enough 1+1+1=3
- 3 Translate the following into English :- 10
- प्राचीन काल में विक्रमादित्य नाम का राजा इस देश में राज्य करता था। वह बड़ा न्यायी राजा था। आज भी लोग उसके न्याय की प्रशंसा करते हैं। एक दिन कुछ लड़के एक गाँव के निकट एक जंगल में खेल रहे थे। वहाँ उन्होंने एक मिट्टी का ढेर देखा जो पत्थर से ढका था। उनमें से एक लड़का पत्थर पर बैठ गया। उसने साथियों से कहा, "मित्रों, अब मैं विक्रमादित्य हो गया हूँ। तुम लोग अपने मुकदमें मेरे पास ले आओ। मैं न्याय करूँगा।" उनके निर्णय की चर्चा दूर-दूर तक फैल गई।
- 4 Write an essay on one of the following topics in about 250 words :- 12
- (1) A person you like most
- (2) Wonder of Science
- (3) The Problem of rising prices
- (4) Women Education in India
- 5 Write a letter to your friend inviting him to your sister's marriage. 7

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