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**English
Class-11**

Time : 3 hours 15 minutes]

[M.M. : 100

Instructions :

- (i) First 15 minutes are allotted for the candidate to read question paper.
- (ii) All questions are compulsory.

Section 'A'

1. Read the following passage carefully and answer the questions that follow : 12

The man who were governing Athens, summoned socrates to appear before them and to stand his trial. His friends begged him to escape or to hide until the storm had blown over. But socrates was no coward. He knew that he had done nothing wrong and that he had only taught what he believed to be just true and honourable, and so he went to the court. His clothes and shoes were dusty and travel-stained. But every one knew that a noble heart beat under the shabby garments.

He made powerful and dignified speech. He told the Athenians that they would gain nothing by taking away the last few years of his life, but that he was willing to die many deaths for what he believed to be right. The judges listened to him, questioned him and condemned him to death. The old man made no complaint. He leaned on his stick, looking round the crowded courtroom.

Questions :

- (a) Who summoned socrates to appear before them ? 2
- (b) Why was socrates willing to die ? 3
- (c) Who made a powerful and dignified speech ? 3
- (d) Which in the passage mean 'called' ? 1½
- (e) Give the antonyms of the word 'complaint' ? 1½

Section 'B'

2. Read the passage given below and answer the question that follow : 5

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As he looked at their mighty limbs, now so helpless he sadly wondered who could have been powerful enough to kill them. Then he too descended into pool, draw to the water by an over powering thirst. At once the voice without form warned. "Your brother died because they did not heed my words. They tried to drink water without answering my questions. Do not follow them. Answer my questions first and then you can quench your thirst. This pool belongs to me."

It did not take Yudhisthira a moment to understand that these could be none other than the words of a Yaksha and guessed what had happened to his brothers. It took him no time to see a possible way of Bringing them back to life. He said to the bodiless voice : "please ask your question."

Questions :

Questions on the basis of your reading of the passage 'Make Note' on it. Use a format you consider suitable, supply a suitable title. 5

3. Describe the following on the way 'A visit to a Historical Place.' 10
Or
4. Write a complaint to the General Post Master against the new Postman who does not deliver the letter and parcels properly in time. 5
Or
- Write a letter to the Editor of a newspapers describing the ill-effects of indoor games.

Section 'C'

5. (a) Change any one of the following into indirect form of speech— 2
(i) I will say to the Judge, "I am innocent."
(ii) I said to him, "you should consider your decision."
- (b) Combine any one of the following sentences as directed within the brackets : 2
(i) It must be done. The cost does not count. (into simple sentence)
(ii) Wise men love truth. Fools shun it. (into compound sentence)
- (c) Transform any one of the following sentences as directed within the brackets : 2
(i) I love my country. (into Negative sentence)
(ii) One must do one's duty. (into Passive voice)

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- (d) Correct any **one** of the following sentences : 2
(i) Although he was poor but he was honest.
(ii) One should respect his parents.
- (e) Use any **two** of the following idioms/phrases in your own sentence so as to make their meaning clear : 2
(i) Tooth and nail (ii) Part and parcel
(iii) a red letter day
- (f) Use any **two** of the following phrases verbs in your own sentences so as to make their meaning clear : 2
(i) Give in (ii) Broke out
(iii) Hold good
- (g) Give the antonyms of the following words : 2
(i) oral (ii) sharp
- (h) Give the synonyms of the following words : 2
(i) pray (ii) error
- (i) Substitute one word for the following expressions : 2
(i) No longer in use (ii) A man who eats meat
- (j) Use the following words in sentences of your own so as to bring out the difference in their meanings clearly : 2
(i) close (ii) doze
6. Translate the following into English : 8

एक बार एक चित्रकार एक महल सजा रहा था। उसके हृदय में अपने कार्य को दूर से देखने की इच्छा हुई। पीछे हटते-हटते वह चबूतरे के छोर पर पहुँच गया। यदि वह एक कदम और पीछे हटता तो वह पृथ्वी पर गिर पड़ता। उसके नौकर ने उसे देख लिया। उसने दीवार पर रंग का बर्तन फेंक दिया। नौकर के व्यवहार पर चित्रकार को बहुत क्रोध आया। वह उसे दण्ड देने के लिए आगे बढ़ा। कारण जानने पर उसने नौकर को इनाम दिया।

Section 'D'

7. Answer any **one** of the following questions in about 100-150 words : 7
(a) Describe the changing relationship between the author and his grandmother. Did their feelings for each other change?
(b) How does the story suggest that optimism helps to endure "the direst stress" ?
8. Answer any **two** of the following questions in about 30-40 words each : 4 + 4 = 8
(a) What kind of emotions do these songs usually express ?

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(b) Which language do you use to talk to elderly relatives in your family?

(c) Do you think it is important to preserve language?

9. Read the following passage of the poem and answer the questions that follow : $2 \times 3 = 6$

Then with eerie delicate whistle-chirrup whis perings.

She launches away, toward the infinite.

And the laburnum subsides to empty.

Questions :

(a) Write the name of poem and the poet ? 2

(b) Who launches away towards the sky ? 2

(c) What do you mean by 'laburnum' ? 2

10. Give the central Idea one of the poems : 4

(i) A Photograph (ii) The Laburnum Top

11. Answer any one of the following questions in about 100-150 words : 7

(a) Can you narrate some incident from your childhood that might make an interesting story ?

(b) "The Adress" is a story of human predicament that follows war. comment.

12. Answer any two of the following questions in about 30-40 words : $4 + 4 = 8$

(a) What kind of a person do you think the narrator is ?

(b) Does this statement give some clue about the story ? If yes, what is it ?

(c) Why did the boys return the horse ?

