

2019

**ENGLISH**

Full Marks : 100

Pass Marks : 33

Time : Three hours

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

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

**SECTION – A  
(PROSE)**

1. *Answer the following questions in about 100-125 words :*

(a) Man's pride was humbled through the destruction of the Titanic. Explain. 8

*Or*

(b) Stanley Houghton portrays the degradation of moral values in British middle class in 'The Dear Departed'. Comment. 8

2. *Answer the following questions in about 30-40 words each:*

(a) What does Hazlitt say about openness, freedom and self-possession? 2

(b) What did the Captain tell Phillips and Harold Bride to do as the ship was sinking further? 2

(c) How does the death of Mahmood mark the end of an era? 2

(d) How does Time Traveller illustrate that 'Time is only a kind of space'? 2

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- (e) “..... we’ve all got to die some time or other. It might have been worse”.  
Who is the speaker? What prompts the speaker to say these words? 2
- (f) “Her father-in-law was pleading”  
What was he pleading for and to whom? 2

**(POETRY)**

3. *Read the following extract and answer the questions that follow :*

- (a) Possess ye, therefore, ye who borne about  
In chariots and sedans, known no fatigue  
But that of idleness, and taste no scenes  
But such as art contrives, possess Ye still  
Your element; there only can ye shine;
- (i) To whom does ‘ye’ refer? 1
- (ii) What causes fatigue to these people? 1
- (iii) What is deprived of the town people? 1
- (iv) What does ‘there only can ye shine’ signify? 1

*Or*

- (b) Dew drops are the gems of morning.  
But the tears of mournful eve!  
Where no hope is, life’s a warning  
That only serves to make us grieve  
When we are old :



- (i) What does 'dew-drops' imply? 1
- (ii) What is the significance of 'the tears of mournful eve'. 1
- (iii) What becomes of a man when he loses hope? 1
- (iv) What is 'tedious taking-leave'? 1

4. Answer **any three** of the following questions in about 30-40 words each:

- (a) '-Twixt, thee and thine a never-failing bond' – Explain. 2
- (b) Why does Walt Whitman address the Captain as 'dear father'? 2
- (c) What are the views of Rupert Brook on dying for his country? 2
- (d) Why did the poet let the snake finish drinking the water? 2

**(SUPPLEMENTARY READER)**

5. Answer the following questions in about 100-110 words:

- (a) Bring out the irony in the situation when Jim and Della realised the uselessness of their gifts for each other. 7

**Or**

- (b) 'Risk of HIV infection is one of the major problems facing young people today'.

Discuss and state measures to prevent one from getting infected with HIV.

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6. Answer the following questions in about 30-40 words each:

- (a) How do you explain the title of the story 'Love Across the Salt Desert'? 2
- (b) 'One dollar and eighty-seven cents. That was all' – How did Della make the saving? 2

- (c) 'Charlie stood confused' – Why was Charlie confused? 2
- (d) Why is India referred to as 'secular'? 2

**SECTION – B**  
**(READING)**

7. *Read the following passage and answer the questions that follow:*

An air-conditioned office seems an unlikely place for a work-related injury. Yet, more and more white collar workers in hi-tech offices are complaining of disorders involving hands, wrists, arms, shoulders, neck and back. The common factor in most cases is swelling and growing pain at one of these sites. The many variations of this problem are now covered by a common name – Repetitive Stress Injury (RSI) also commonly known as Cumulative Trauma Disorder. With Computer keyboards becoming almost standard equipment, RSI crop up most frequently in modern offices. But anyone who spends long hours in repetitive motion everyday is at the risk of injuring the muscles and joints involved. This includes post office staff involved in nonstop sorting and stamping, assembly line workers and packers. Swollen finger joints are a common complaint among children who earn their living by rolling thousands of 'bidis' a day. Musicians and athletes in heavy practice can also be struck by RSI. The condition could begin with the occasional ache or numbness, later leading to a permanently painful condition.

But there are also other reasons, say RSI specialists. Jobs are becoming more specialized. Now that everything from record-search to faxing, proof-reading to filing is done on the computer, the office worker is pounding the key-board almost non-stop all day. There's loss old fashioned paper insertion



or carriage throwing and that adds to the speed and productivity. Less office space means tight seating, with limited leg room and no place to stretch. RSI experts also blame the pressures of modern day working life. The need to appear “on top of the work”, performance anxiety and the fear of being laid off all make the average office worker a bundle of stress that affects muscle tension.

Individual habits also increase the risk of RSI. Working on the key-board while cradling a receiver between neck and shoulder., stretching the neck to read the screen or hitting the keys with excess force are some traits which put extra strain on hand and neck joints.

- (i) What is the unexpected fact stated by the writer? 2
- (ii) Who are the people most vulnerable to RSI? 2
- (iii) According to the writer, what is the chief reason for RSI? 3
- (iv) How does the pressure of modern day working life, also cause problems? 2
- (v) Find a word in the passage, which means the same as
- (a) infrequent 1
- (b) beat heavily 1
- (c) characteristics. 1

8. *Read the following passage and give your answer as directed:*

The Great Wall of China was built to link existing fortifications into a united defense system and better keep invading Mongol tribes out of China. It is the largest man-made monument ever to have been built and it is said that it is the only one visible from space.

The Great Wall of China is a series of towers made of stone, brick, earth, wood and other materials, generally built along an east-to-west line across the historical northern borders of China to protect the Chinese States and empires against the raids and invasions of the various nomadic groups of the Eurasian Steppe. Several walls were being built as early as the 7th century BCE; these, later joined together and made bigger and stronger, are now collectively referred to as the Great Wall.

Other purposes of the Great Wall have included border controls, allowing the imposition of duties on goods transported along the Silk Road, regulation or encouragement of trade and the control of immigration and emigration. Furthermore, the defensive characteristics of the Great Wall were enhanced by the construction of watch towers, troop barracks, garrison stations, signaling capabilities through the means of smoke or fire and the fact that the path of the Great Wall also served as a transportation corridor. The Great Wall stretches from Dandong in the east to Lop Lake in the west, along an arc that roughly delineates the southern edge of Inner Mongolia.

King Zheng of Qin conquered the last of his opponents and unified China as the First Emperor of the Qin dynasty in 221BCE. Intending to impose centralized rule and prevent the resurgence of feudal Lords, he ordered the destruction of some sections of the walls, however, he ordered building of new walls to connect the remaining fortifications along the empire's northern frontier. The Great Wall concept was revived under the Ming dynasty in the 14th century, to gain a clear upper hand over the Mongolian tribes.

- (a) Make notes of the main points in the passage. 4
- (b) Develop the main points into a summary. 4



**SECTION – C**  
**(ADVANCE WRITING SKILLS)**

9. A reputed multi-national company is looking for Sales Executives, to promote their latest product. Draft an advertisement giving all necessary details in about 50 words. 5

*Or*

You are the General Secretary, Student's Union of English Public School. The Founder's Day of your school is scheduled to be held shortly. Draft a formal invitation giving all the necessary details in not more than 50 words. 5

10. Consumption of tobacco and liquor is growing steadily in Manipur. In Thoubal District Hospital, more than 25 people were admitted with complains of nausea and stomach ailment after consuming liquor in a marriage function. Write a newspaper report in about 100-125 words covering the incident. You are Sanathoi of 'Imphal Daily'. 9

*Or*

Write a factual description of a teacher you admire in about 100-125 words. 9

11. Write a letter to the editor expressing your concern after reading the disturbing news that fruits and vegetables sold in the markets are chemically treated and hence damaging to health. You are Bina of Uripok. 9

*Or*

You are Manglem, Sports Instructor of Sunshine Public School. Write a letter to your local dealer placing an order for certain sports goods. 9

12. (a) Teenagers today are increasingly getting addicted to the latest gadgets such as cell phones and computers. Write an article in about 200-230 words on whether you feel that technology is ruling teenagers today and discuss if this is having an adverse impact on them. 12

*Or*

- (b) Mr. Gyan, a senior lecturer has to deliver a speech to the students in a school function about the importance of time management. Prepare the speech in about 200-230 words. 12

*Or*

- (c) Write an essay on Moral education – need of the hour.: 12

[Introduction– role of moral education – present scenario – a remedy for social evils – conclusion].

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