

Half-yearly Examination - 2016-2017
ENGLISH LITERATURE

Time : 2 Hrs. + 15 min

F. M. : 80

Std. : VIII

(Answer any five extracts)

Section A : Short stories

Read the following extracts and answer the questions that follow :

- Q1. I am a very ordinary man except that I use my eyes and my common sense more than most people do.
- i. Who is referred to as 'I' here? What was his hobby? Why did he consider it a little out of ordinary? (3)
 - ii. What was the young woman on the other side of the road looking at? Why did the narrator find it strange? (3)
 - iii. What made the narrator say that it was immediately plain to me that he was an American? Mention three things which the narrator had noticed about him. (1½+1½)
 - iv. Why do you think Mr Regnier had set very high price on the flower ring. Why was it considered to be a matter of pride to work for Regnier's? (3)
 - v. What made the narrator suspicious about the American and the young woman/ (2+2)
- Q2. I was really worried about Fricki this time.
- i. Where did the narrator see Fricki? Why was he worried about Fricki? (1+2)
 - ii. What was the reason for Fricki's listlessness. What was done about it? (1+2)
 - iii. Why was Mrs Pumphrey in grief? Who helped her and how? (1+2)
 - iv. What treatment did the narrator give to Fricki at the surgery? (3)
 - v. Describe the change in Friki when he was sent home after recovery? What according to you was the cause of Fricki' illness? (3+1)
- Q3. This made me so angry at times that I kicked and cried until I was tired out.
- i. Who is the speaker? What made her angry? How was the speaker different from other people? (1+1+1)
 - ii. How did the speaker spend time with Martha? (3)
 - iii. How did the speaker get her hands and hair burnt? Who rescued her and how? (3)
 - iv. What trick did the speaker play on Miss Sullivan? Do you think she did the right thing? Give reasons. (2+1)
 - v. Why was the speaker jealous of her baby sister? Name the story from which the above extract has been taken (3+1)

Section B (Poetry)

Q4. Beside a green meadow a stream used to flow,
so clear, you might see the white pebbles below.

- i. What brought the ass and the cow to the stream? (3)
- ii. List two words from the poem that describe the ass. What actions of the ass portray him as a gentleman? (1+2)
- iii. How was the cow appressed by mankind? (3)
- iv. How did the ass prove the cow wrong? What kind of a poem is this? (2+1)
- v. What is the message of the poem? Name the poet and the poem. (4)

Q5. And the last man of this forlorn group

Did not naught except for gain.....

- i. Why does the poet call the group of six people forlorn? What game did the last man play? (2+1)
- ii. Explain any two social evils brought out in the poem by the poets. What means did they have to keep the fire alive? (2+1)
- iii. What did the poor and rich man reflect upon? (3)
- iv. Explain 'They didn't die from the cold without,
They died from the cold within
What figure of speech is used in "The logs held tight in death's still hands?" (2+1)
- v. What is the message of the poem? Mention any two things you would do to make this world a better place to live in. (2+2)

Q6. And what a privilege to be

But the remotest star!

- i. Who would feel honoured to be even the 'remotest star'? Why would it be a privilege? (1+2)
- ii. What kind of a smile would the moon bestow upon a friend? List two names of precious stones used to describe the moon. (1+2)
- iii. To what has the poet compared the firmament, the universe and the stars? (3)
- iv. What are the two phases of the moon presented in the poem? Give two examples of similes from the poem. (1+2)
- v. How has the poet personified the moon as a lady? Write a myth associated with the moon. (3+1)