

Quarterly Examination - 2017-2018

English Literature

Time : 2 Hrs. + 15 min.

Std. : VIII

F. M. : 80

Answer any five questions (16x5=80)

SECTION A (Prose)

Read the extracts and answer the following questions :

- I. "One day something happened that was more than I could bear."
- Who is the narrator? How did the narrator realise that she was different from others? (1+2=3)
 - Who were the two companions of the narrator? How did she rule over one of her companions? (3)
 - Which incident is referred to in the extract as unbearable for the narrator? (3)
 - What made the narrator 'filled with discontent'? (3)
 - What is your opinion about the character of the narrator? Justify. Name the chapter. (3+1=4)
- II. 'I asked Aditya whether he was interested in revisiting the place of his birth.'
- Who is the speaker? Name the place that the speaker wanted him to visit. How was Aditya related to that place? (1+1+1=3)
 - Who was the lonely customer in the teashop? What did Nagen Babu advise him to do? (1+2=3)
 - Why did the narrator think that Mr Sanyal was little crazy? (3)
 - What information did Nagen Babu reveal about the life of Mr. Sanyal? (3)
 - Do you think Aditya was ashamed of what he had done to Sasanka as a child? How did he make amends? (2+2=4)
- III. 'For teaching an ass like me the credit goes entirely to you.'
- Who is the speaker and to whom is he speaking? Name the chapter. (3)
 - Give a brief description of the speaker. (3)
 - Why did the speaker consider the narrator as his teacher? (3)
 - Why did the speaker come to the narrator? (3)
 - Do you think the narrator was eager to help the speaker? Give reasons. Why did the speaker come with gifts for the narrator? (4)

SECTION B (Poetry)

- IV. "They did not die from the cold without. They died from the cold within."
- Explain 'Cold Without' and 'Cold Within'. (1½+1½=3)
 - What, according to the poet is the 'human sin'? (3)
 - In this poem, what do the rich and the poor think about each other? (3)
 - What according to you, in the message of the poem? (3)
 - How did the poet depict the ironical situation in this poem? Name the poem and the poet. (2+2=4)
- V. 'The waves beside them danced, but they outdid the sparkling waves in glee.'
- What does 'they' refer to? Why does the poet compare himself to a wondering cloud at the beginning of the poem? (1+2=3)
 - What does the poet compare the daffodils to and why? In what way did the daffodils outshine the waves? (3)
 - What effect did the sight of dancing daffodills have on the poet? Give an example of personification from the poem. (2+1=3)
 - What wealth did the sight of the Daffodils bring to the poet? Name the poet. (2+1=3)
 - Pick out two words from the poem that denotes movement and two words that express happiness. (2+2=4)
- VI. 'He stalks in his quiet rage.'
- What, according to the poet, should the tiger be doing? (3)
 - Where do you think the tiger is? Is the tiger happy? Which line suggests this? (1+1+1=3)
 - Why does the tiger keep 'stalking the length of his cage', ignoring the visitors? (3)
 - What is the tiger seen doing at the end of the day? Why do you think he looks at the strangers? (2+1=3)
 - What is the message of the poem? (4)