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**English
(Old Syllabus)**

Time : 3 Hours 15 Minutes

Full Marks : 100

(General Instructions for the Examinees)

All Candidates should answer First Paper and Second Paper in one Answer Booklet.

Candidates should write their Name, Roll No. and Registration No.
in their respective answer scripts.

First 15 Minutes are allotted for reading the question paper.
Answers should be in brief and to the point.

Write correct question no. against each answer.

Special credit will be given for answers which are brief and to the point.
Marks will be deducted for spelling mistakes, untidiness and bad handwriting.
In the right side, the marks of questions are given.

First Paper

Full Marks: 50

1. Answer *any three* of the following questions: (Each answer should be in about 40-50 words): $5 \times 3 = 15$
 - (a) Why does the poet call the Winter Wind not so unkind as man's ingratitude? What makes the poet say "thy tooth is not so keen"? How is nature not so cruel as man? (2+1+2)
 - (b) Why did Mahatma Gandhi fail to become a teacher? How can one attain self-realization according to Gandhiji? (2+3)
 - (c) What is a "reverie"? Do you think the context of the poem justifies the title? Give reason in support of your answer. (2+3)
 - (d) Is 'The last leaf' a true story? Why did the last leaf not fall? (3+2)
2. Answer *any one* of the following questions. (Each answer should be in about 100-120 words) $10 \times 1 = 10$
 - (a) What does "too high for rivalry" refer to? Name one "sleepless minister" as described in the poem. How is the work of man done? How has the poet proved that 'Nature's work will persist for ever? (2+1+2+5)
 - (b) What is an open window? Why did Mrs. Sappleton look at the window again and again? Why does Mr. Nuttel leave in such a hurry? Why according to Vera, is the window kept open? (2+3+2+3)
3. Answer *any two* of the following questions. (Each answer should be in about 40-50 words) $5 \times 2 = 10$
 - (a) "Her lips so sweet that monarchs kissed."—Who said it? Who was the person spoken to? What was the context to say so? (1+1+3)
 - (b) "I'm obliged to you."—Who is 'obliged' and to whom? What makes him 'obliged'? (1+1+3)
 - (c) Do you think, the sergeant truly revealed the ambiguities and divided loyalties of his profession a role? Explain with reference to the context. (5)
4. Answer *any one* of the following questions. (Each answer should be in about 100-120 words) $10 \times 1 = 10$
 - (a) How does Lady Gregory portray patriotism to be more important than duty in the play "The Rising of the Moon"? What does 'Moon' signify in the play? (8+2)
 - (b) Bring out the significance of the title of the play 'The Rising of the Moon.' 10
5. Complete the following sentences choosing the correct answer from the given alternatives: $1 \times 5 = 5$
 - (i) According to A. G. Gardiner, the focus on the theme of the essay 'On Fear' is of
 - (a) Conflicts
 - (b) Fear
 - (c) Tension
 - (d) Disappointment
 - (ii) The dry Mussoorie ridge is linked up with a small hill named
 - (a) Anantagiri
 - (b) Ezhimala
 - (c) Pari Tibba
 - (d) Ajodhya
 - (iii) In 'The Wild Swans at Coole', Coole is the name of
 - (a) The park where lady Gregory lived
 - (b) Yeats' Cat
 - (c) Yeats' tower in Galway
 - (d) The woods where Yeats lived when he was nineteen
 - (iv) The people in 'The Patriot' will be paid for their misdeeds by whom?
 - (a) God
 - (b) People throwing stones at him
 - (c) Children
 - (d) Palsied few
 - (v) The expression 'the waters warp' means that the winter creates waves in the
 - (a) Sea
 - (b) Ocean
 - (c) Land
 - (d) Island

Second Paper

Full Marks: 50

1. Write the substance of the following: 5

The Spirit of the age is in favour of equality, though practice denies it almost everywhere. We have got rid of slavery in the narrow sense of the word, that a man can be the property of another. But a new slavery, in some ways worse than the old, has taken its place all over the world. In the name of individual freedom, political and economic systems exploit human beings and treat them as commodities. And again, though an individual cannot be the property of another, a country and a nation can still be the property of another nation, and thus group slavery is tolerated. Racism also is a distinguishing feature, of our time, and we have not only master nations but also master races.

2. Write a paragraph in about 120 words on *any one* of the following topics with the help of the hints given below: 6

- (a) Write a Paragraph about Man's Progress in Science and Technology.

[Man's efforts — The use of different techniques to make life easier — Inventing various ways of doing things automatically — Various gadgets and machines introduced in daily life]

- (b) A movie you have recently enjoyed

[Introduction : Write about the movie — Story element — It's impact upon you — Conclusion]

- (c) Your favourite author

[Introduction : Biography — Contribution to the society — Conclusion]

3. (a) Write a letter (in about 120 words) about the beautiful state you live in to one of your pen-friends/ facebook friend who resides abroad. 5

Or,

- (b) Write a letter to the Inspector-in-Charge of your local police station complaining about the loss of your Bank Pass Book in your area. Give details the way in which it was lost.

4. (a) Write a story using the given hints. Give a suitable title to the story. 6
[Thirsty crow—Finds a pitcher—Drops pebbles—Quenches thirst]

Or,

- (b) Write a story using the given hints. Give a suitable title to the story.

[A dishonest shop-keeper—Gives under-weight—The intelligent girl protested—Shop keeper's reason 'you have to carry less weight'—She paid less money saying 'you have to count less']

5. Write a newspaper report (in about 100 words) on a fair in your town/village. 6
[Duration of the fair—Stalls—People gathered—Business—Culture]

Or,

Write a report (in about 100 words) on a street accident using the following points.

[Date, time and place of the accident—Trains involved—Cause of the accident—Casualties—Rescue measures]

6. (a) Join the following sentences in one sentences. 3

He was hiding in my garden. He was armed with gun. He was a Pathan. My notice was drawn towards it.

- (b) Split the following into four or five sentences. 3
A right-minded man will have the courage to honesty within his means; for who incurs debt in spirit is as dishonest as the man who openly picks your pocket.
7. (a) Turn the following sentences into an indirect speech. 2
“I say, boys,” he cried, “I’ll be the judge and you can all bring cases before me, and we’ll have trials.”
(b) Turn the following sentences in a direct speech.
Addressing him a friend, she asked him not to be in too great a hurry as he (friend) would know all about that in good time. 2
8. Frame questions with ‘wh’ words provided the questions should suit the given contents. 1×4=4
(a) How
Content : Pattaya is far from Bangkok.
(b) When
Content : Rita has to go to Uttarakhand. Her train is at 7:30 p.m.
(c) What
Content : Suman’s mother is a Doctor.
(d) Where
Content : The guest came from Chennai.
9. Read the following passage carefully and answer the questions that follow:
- It is always lovely on the Big Half Moon in summer. When it is fine, the harbour is blue and calm, with little wind and ripples. Every summer, we had some hobby. The last summer before Dick and Mesmi came, we were crazy about kites. A boy on the mainland showed Claude how to make them. Back on the island we made plenty of kites. Claude would go around to the other side of the island and we would play shipwrecked mariners signalling to each other with kites.
- We had a kite that was big and covered with lovely red papers. We pasted gold tinsel stars all over it and had written our names full on it—Claude Leete and Philippa Leete, Big Half Moon lighthouse.
- One day there was a grand wind for kite-flying. I’m not sure how it happened, but as I was bringing the kite from the house, I tripped and fell over the rocks. My elbow went clear through the kite, making a big hole.
- (a) (i) What did the narrator and Claude play on the island and how? 2
(ii) Describe the harbour of the Big Half Moon in Summer. 2
(b) State whether the following sentences are True or False. Write ‘T’ for true and ‘F’ for false. 1×4=4
(i) The Big Half Moon is always lovely.
(ii) The big kite was covered with red papers.
(iii) They made plenty of kites in mainland.
(iv) Claude Leete and Philippa Leete were the inhabitants of the Big Half Moon.
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