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ENGLISH — Paper I

Time Allowed : $2\frac{1}{2}$ Hours]

[Maximum Marks : 100

Instruction : In your answer-book, use the Arabic numerals **1** to **33** of the question you answer.

PART - A

(Marks : 32)

I. Answer any *three* of the following questions in about 30 words each. Each question carries *two* marks : $3 \times 2 = 6$

1. Why had Prem to go to Pambupatti ?
2. When do we consider ourselves to be civilised or uncivilised ?
3. What according to Joan, was the will of God ?
4. How did the servant Shyam restrict Tagore's movements ?

II. Explain any *two* of the following excerpts with reference to the context. Each carries *three* marks : $2 \times 3 = 6$

5. Housekeeping ain't no joke.
6. I am going to walk where I like.
7. Never regard your study as a duty but as enviable opportunity.
8. With five yards to go the tape seemed almost to recede.

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III. Answer any *two* of the following questions, each in a paragraph of about 100 words. Each question carries *five* marks : 2 × 5 = 10

9. Write a note on the sea turtle's hatchlings.
10. Describe in detail, the finish of the race and the joyous triumph.
11. Give a note of Einstein's childhood.
12. Give a character sketch of Robert de Baudricourt.

IV. Answer any *one* of the following questions in about 200 words. Each question carries *ten* marks : 1 × 10 = 10

13. How did Makara's action affect the forest of Pambupatti ? How did normalcy return ?
14. Write an essay on the simple pleasures experienced by Tagore in his boyhood.

PART - B

(Marks : 27)

V. Answer any *three* of the following questions each in not more than 30 words. Each question carries *two* marks : 3 × 2 = 6

15. Describe Mrs. Alice Bird.
16. What does the poet expect out of nature ?
17. Why should we not yield to fears on the battlefield ?
18. How is joy similar to a butterfly ?

VI. Answer the questions for any *two* of the following excerpts. Each question carries *three* marks : 2 × 3 = 6

19. Though pleasure's free she cannot sing

As sweet a song as joy confined.

Identify the figure of speech in the above lines and explain.

20. The two of us were chiseling,
together, I and death.

- i) Who are the 'two' ?
- ii) What was the narrator doing ?
- iii) What does the poet convey through these lines ?

21. Your comrades chase e'en now the fliers
And, but for you, possess the field.

- i) Who are the comrades and who are the fliers ?
- ii) Why does the poet say 'but for you' ?
- iii) What is the expansion of the word "e'en" and why is it used ?

22. O what is that light I see flashing so clear
Over the distance brightly, brightly ?

- i) Who utters these lines ?
- ii) What was the 'flashing' due to ?
- iii) How do these lines help us understand the poem better ?

VII. Answer any two of the following, each in about 100 words. Each question carries five marks : 2 x 5 = 10

23. Write a paragraph on how the element of suspense is developed in the poem 'O What Is That Sound'.

24. What are the evils of society referred to in the poem, "Prayer before Birth" ?

25. Why does Bharati want to have a 'will' and what does he want to achieve with it ?

26. Give a brief appreciation of the poem 'The Stone' highlighting the element of pathos as handled by the poet.

VIII. 27. Quote from memory either of the following :

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Though pleasure's free

..... Nature's light ;

OR

If hopes were dupes

..... inch to gain.

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PART - C

(Marks : 18)

IX. Choose the appropriate response which conveys a similar meaning to the italicized word / phrase in the main sentence. 5 × 1 = 5

28. When someone is strong and powerful, you know, it is difficult *to go along with* what he says.

i) Sheela agreed to what Prabhu said.

ii) I accompanied my father to the market.

iii) We found a lot of camels on the way.

29. We are much more conscious of the *imperfections* of others.

i) She always finds fault with people.

ii) Learn to love people with all their shortcomings.

iii) I saw a short man with a pleasing personality.

30. The Dauphin will give me all I need to raise the *stege* of Orleans.

i) The army surrounded the city at dawn.

ii) The villagers were afraid that they were under a curse.

iii) The abductors demanded a huge sum as ransom.

31. He was *sceptical* of its potency.

The doctor was doubtful if the patient would come out of the ICU alive.

i) He believes in changing his own destiny.

ii) Faith can move mountains.

32. The magnetic compass, probably *sparked* the genius in Albert

The lightning struck a tree and that caused the forest fire.

The diamond ring threw brilliance around in the showcase.

iii) The timely guidance from my teacher was responsible for my innovative approach to experiment.

X. Choose the most appropriate antonyms of the italicized words from the four alternatives given with each sentence. 5 × 1 = 5

33. Earth, water, foliage and sky, they all spoke to us and would not be *disregarded*.

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| i) ill treated | ii) abused |
| iii) regarded | iv) insulted. |

34. She had the *impudence* to ask to see me two days ago.

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| i) boldness | ii) worthiness |
| iii) eagerness | iv) politeness. |

35. They are such *slow coaches*

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| i) speedsters | ii) runners |
| iii) lazy | iv) active. |

36. *Unconsciously* I obeyed.

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| i) exalted | ii) impoverished |
| iii) consciously | iv) qualified. |

37. They agreed to be *contented* with tea.

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| i) uneasiness | ii) discontented |
| iii) satisfied | iv) disquiet. |

XI. Use any *two* of the following words in sentences of your own. 2 × 1 = 2

38. aggressive

39. culinary

40. pounced.

XII. Use any *two* of the following phrases in sentences of your own : 2 × 1 = 2

41. give out

42. look down

43. keep away.

XIII. Fill in the blanks, choosing the right alternatives given in the brackets :

2 × 1 = 2

44. Wheat is used in making chapatis. (flour/floor)

45. He his birthday suit and attended the function. (ore/wore)

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XIV. a) Use one word for the phrasal verb or idiom italicized in either of the following sentences : 1

48. The bus *broke down* on the way.

OR

We should *back up* our leader.

b) Use a phrasal verb or an idiom in the place of the italicized word in either of the following sentences : 1

47. He *removed* his raincoat.

OR

The fire service tried to *extinguish* the fire.

PART - D

(Marks : 23)

XV. Rewrite as directed. Marks are indicated against each item :

48. The poem is too long to be memorised.

(Change into a *Complex sentence*) 1

OR

Though he is lean, he is strong.

(Change into a *Compound sentence*) 1

49. He didn't attend the function due to his sickness.

(Change into a *Complex sentence*) 1

OR

He is not only a singer but also an orator.

(Change into a *Simple sentence*) 1

50. We have booked the ticket.

(Change the *voice*) 1

OR

Let the fans be switched off.

(Change the *voice*) 1

51. Selvam is one of the most popular players.

(Rewrite using *Positive degree*)

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OR

Sheela is not as punctual as Rupa.

(Rewrite using *Comparative degree*)

52. He spoke very well. (Change into an *Exclamatory sentence*)

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OR

The mason cannot complete the work in a day, ?

(Supply a *Question tag*)

53. Tagore's most famous work is the Gitanjali. It is a collection of short poems.

(Combine into a *Simple sentence*)

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OR

The prince married the beautiful princess. They lived happily ever after.

(Combine into a *Complex sentence*)

54. My father prefers coffee than tea.

(Correct the sentence)

1

55. Identify the type of clauses in the given sentence :

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I have decided that we don't need the tortoises.

56. Fill in the blanks with appropriate articles :

$$4 \times \frac{1}{2} = 2$$

At age of five, when Albert was sick in bed his father brought him device. It was first time he had seen magnetic compass.

57. Fill in the blanks with appropriate prepositions :

$$4 \times \frac{1}{2} = 2$$

..... the meeting the giant Makara polished his teeth
red flowers the tree the river till they sparkled.

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58. Pongey said, "Is there anything else left for us to think?"

(Rewrite in the Reported form of speech)

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OR

He said that he would tell him why they did not like the tortoise.

(Rewrite in the Direct form of speech)

59. there was plenty of food in the larder and while beth and amy set the table
me and jo got breakfast

(Punctuate the sentence)

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60. Fill in the blanks with the correct tense forms of the verbs given in
brackets : 3 × 1 = 3

There (be) complete silence on the ground, a false start. I
..... (feel) angry that precious moments during the lull in the wind
might be (slip) by.

61. Yes they will come by 8 O' clock.

(Frame a suitable question)

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OR

Vijay has gone to Chennai.

(Frame a 'Wh' question)

62. Identify the sentence pattern :

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Last week they gave him an assignment.

63. Frame a sentence on the given pattern :

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