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ENGLISH — Paper I

Time Allowed : 2½ Hours]

[Maximum Marks : 100

PART - A

(Marks : 32)

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

1. Who was the unexpected visitor to Mrs. March's house ? Why was she disliked ?
2. How does the female Ridley prepare her nest ?
3. Describe the author's emotions on having excelled at the race.
4. Why did the caged bird decline the invitation of the free bird ?

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

5. "We know why the forest has gone crazy, don't we ?"
6. "There are lots of people in this world, and I have to accommodate my liberty to their liberties."
7. "You will go to paradise, and your name will be remembered forever as my first helper."
8. "It's not that I am so smart, it's just that I stay with problems longer."

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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 : $2 \times 5 = 10$

9. Describe the circumstances that forced Prem to leave the city.
10. Write a paragraph on the conservation of sea turtles.
11. How is the element of the supernatural brought out in the play *St. Joan* ?
12. How did the magnetic compass spark the genius of young Einstein ?

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

13. Why did Mrs. March pretend to be ill ? Justify her act.
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 : $3 \times 2 = 6$

15. Why does the poet say, 'Joy is born of parents poor' ?
16. What kind of a place was chipping-under-Bone ?
17. What does the poet want to do once he gains the will ?
18. How did the girl behave when the stone cutter was at work ?

VI. Answer the questions for any *two* of the following excerpts from the prescribed poems. Each question carries *three* marks : $2 \times 3 = 6$

19. 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 ?

20. Let them not make me a stone and let them not
Spill me.

Otherwise kill me.

- i) Whom does 'them' refer to ?
- ii) What does 'stone' stand for ?
- iii) What is the request of the speaker ?

21. 'The enemy faints not, nor falleth'

- i) Whose words are these ?
- ii) What is the mood of the speaker as conveyed in this line ?
- iii) Name the figure of speech used here.

22. The two of us were chiselling,
together, I and death.

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

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

23. Explain 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. Explain the central theme of the poem :

'Say Not the Struggle Naught Availeth'.

26. Describe the images illustrated in the poem 'Romance'.

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

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Joy's like a Lark.....

..... others hear ;

OR

Where there is a will

..... willed it .

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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. They face *threat* from the sharks.

- i) This punishment is too severe.
- ii) There is great risk of danger in climbing this steep cliff.
- iii) They were filled with fear when the thief brandished a knife.

29. There were *rotting* animals in the forest .

- i) There was a riot in our village.
- ii) We find a lot of decaying vegetables in the market.
- iii) We have sweet smelling flowers in our garden.

30. The walk *revived* her spirits.

- i) The weary travellers took rest under the tree.
- ii) Coffee refreshed her thoughts.
- iii) My sister looks very beautiful.

31. In the excitement my knowledge of space had *deserted* me.

- i) He was forsaken by his friend.
- ii) My mother supports me in all that I do.
- iii) The article deserves careful study.

32. I have changed a *dormant* snail paced earth into a gigantic power house of surging progress.

- i) Some insects are very small.
- ii) Our servants sleep very little.
- iii) Children who are inactive, cannot progress well in their studies.

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

33. God is very *merciful*.

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| i) omnipotent | ii) unforgiving |
| iii) unfortunate | iv) mighty. |

34. Olive Ridley is the most *abundant* of the eight species.

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| i) scarce | ii) beautiful |
| iii) tiny | iv) amazing. |

35. Olive Riddleys are listed as *endangered* species.

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| i) protected | ii) hazardous |
| iii) marvellous | iv) poisonous. |

36. The freedom of not being petted made up for the harshness of this *bondage*.

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| i) slavery | ii) illness |
| iii) liberty | iv) tyranny. |

37. The nests are *narrow* in their mouth.

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| i) thin | ii) large |
| iii) flat | iv) wide. |

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

38. curious

39. chaos

40. lurking.

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

41. emerge from

42. submit to

43. to content with.

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

$2 \times 1 = 2$

44. All the guests from their seats. (*raised/rose*)

45. The manager the papers on his desk. (*laid/lay*)

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

46. They will *call on* us this evening.

OR

They *set out* early as they had a long way to go.

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

47. Rita doesn't *resemble* her mother.

OR

These books must be *removed* from the library.

PART - D

(Marks : 23)

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

48. Before leaving, they cover their nests with sand.

(Change into a *Complex sentence*) 1

OR

Although he saw the danger, he pressed on.

(Change into a *Compound sentence*)

49. Wait here, till my arrival.

(Change into a *Complex sentence*) 1

OR

We must eat or we cannot live.

(Change into a *Simple sentence*)

50. Don't give up your efforts.

(Change the *voice*) 1

OR

Let time be never wasted.

(Change the *voice*)

51. India is one of the most populous nations.

(Rewrite using *Positive degree*) 1

OR

Very few states in India are as cold as Sikkim.

(Rewrite using *Comparative degree*)

52. That was a terrible fall. (Change into *Exclamatory sentence*) 1

OR

We can't cross the street here, ?

(Supply a *Question tag*)

53. A hungry fox saw some grapes. They were hanging from a vine. 1

(Combine into a *Simple sentence*)

OR

Don't tell lies. Your parents will be unhappy.

(Combine into a *Complex sentence*)

54. Can you tell me where have you picked her out ? 1

(Correct the sentence)

55. Identify the type of clauses in the given sentence : 2

Recent studies have proved that honey contains many of the antioxidants.

56. Fill in the blanks with appropriate articles : $4 \times \frac{1}{2} = 2$

Olive Ridleys eat enormous range of marine organisms.

..... young hatchlings have heart shaped shells, which start out

grey but reach olive green once turtles are adults.

57. Fill in the blanks with appropriate prepositions : $4 \times \frac{1}{2} = 2$

The rats were everywhere, the trees, the grass,

..... the bushes, the ground.

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58. Prem said to the old man, "Don't say that again. What I have seen in my village makes me burn with shame".

(Rewrite in Reported form of speech) 2

OR

The leader complimented us on having done our duty, but questioned what the others had done.

(Rewrite in the Direct form of speech)

59. mercy on us what has happened cried jo

(Punctuate the sentence) 2

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

I (feel) that a moment of a life time (come). There (be) no pain, only a great unity of movement and aim.

61. No, I can't read the last line on the chart.

(Frame a suitable question) 1

OR

They asked me if I was speaking the truth. (Frame a 'Wh' question)

62. Identify the sentence pattern : 1

Laughing and larking doesn't pay.

63. Form a sentence on the given pattern : 1

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