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ENGLISH — Paper I

(New Syllabus)

Time Allowed : 2 $\frac{1}{2}$ 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. Why did Albert Einstein become an American citizen ?
2. How do 'Turtle walks' assist sea turtle conservation ?
3. Why did Mrs. March stay in her room ? What was so unusual about it ?
4. What kind of relief did Roger Bannister feel at the end of the race ?

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

5. Liberty is not a personal affair only, but a social contract.
6. Our food had nothing to do with delicacies. A list of our articles of clothing would only invite the modern boy's scorn.
7. How can we trust someone who is green one minute, red the next ? And they change colour so often it's difficult to even spot them.
8. I know, sir, I know only too well. There is no milk : there are no eggs : tomorrow there will be nothing.

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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. Write a paragraph on Albert Einstein's childhood.
 10. Describe the pain and agony felt by Roger Bannister during the course of the race.
 11. Describe the circumstances that forced Prem to leave his city.
 12. Explain the statement, "Everybody would be getting in everybody else's way and nobody would get anywhere," in a paragraph.
- IV. Answer any *one* of the following questions in about 200 words. Each question carries *ten* marks : $1 \times 10 = 10$
13. Write an essay on the simple pleasures experienced by Tagore in his boyhood.
 14. "Work is wholesome, and there is plenty for everyone." With reference to this statement, write the summary of the lesson, "Mrs. March Takes a Break."

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. What was the stone cutter asked to do ?
 16. What is the central idea of the poem, "Thoughts" ?
 17. What is the significance of the refrain "I am not yet born" ?
 18. Did Mrs. Bird succeed in crossing the road ? What happened to her ?
- 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. "Though pleasure's free she cannot sing
As sweet a song as joy confined."
Identify and explain the figure of speech used in the above lines.

20. In front, the sun climbs slow, how slowly,

But Westward, look, the land is bright.

i) Why does the poet repeat the word 'slowly' ?

ii) What do east and west symbolise here ?

iii) Paraphrase the second line.

21. I will make a palace fit for you and me,

Of green days in forests and blue days at sea.

i) Explain 'green days'.

ii) What does the poet mean by 'blue days at sea' ?

iii) What makes these ideas 'romantic' ?

22. Perhaps a change in their orders, dear. Why are you kneeling ?

i) Why was the girl kneeling ?

ii) Why does the speaker use the word 'perhaps' ?

iii) Was there any change in the order ?

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

23. Can Mrs. Alice Bird be accused of "losing her head," while crossing the road ? Is she to be blamed for her fate ?

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

25. What are the evils of society referred to in the poem 'Prayer Before Birth' ?

26. Write the content of the poem, 'The Stone' in a paragraph.

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

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Now, Joy is

..... at night ;

OR

And you shall

..... the roadside fire.

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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. Who wants such *weird* creatures around ?

- i) It is a terrific movie.
- ii) She has magical powers.
- iii) He has a strange attitude.

29. They face *threat* from sharks.

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

30. The fishing communities in India do not *consume* turtle eggs.

- i) He left the savouries untouched but ate all the sweets.
- ii) The fire destroyed the whole village.
- iii) I thought you had gone out.

31. He was to give her a *good hiding*.

- i) Shall we play the game hide and seek ?
- ii) The skin of the dead cow was sold to the cobbler.
- iii) They were thrashed severely.

32. He later *renounced* his citizenship to become an American citizen.

- i) My father has given up spending money on lottery tickets.
- ii) The principal said that the school was closed because of rain.
- iii) We exchanged our old clothes for new ones.

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

33. I have the *honour* to be your steward.

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| i) goodness | ii) insult |
| iii) disgrace | iv) stupidity. |

34. Albert *systematically* built his card house.

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| i) neatly | ii) irregularly |
| iii) lazily | iv) sincerely. |

35. All kinds of *awful* things began to happen.

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| i) pleasant | ii) terrible |
| iii) crafty | iv) mysterious. |

36. To save themselves, they had almost *suppressed* our right of movement.

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| i) expressed | ii) stopped |
| iii) curbed | iv) freed. |

37. A stout lady was walking with her basket down the middle of the road with no small *peril* to herself.

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| i) safe | ii) pain |
| iii) danger | iv) comfort. |

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

38. traverse

39. stupor

40. insolence.

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

41. get rid of

42. break in

43. be sure of.

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

$2 \times 1 = 2$

44. You can take this story back to your village — may be it will
(*heel / heal*) some of its wounds.

45. (*Hour / Our*) days were spent in the servant's quarters.

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

46. His boss *took him to task* for his carelessness.

OR

We called on my cousin at Kalimpong on our way back.

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

47. She *wore* her new dress for the birthday party.

OR

The thief *escaped* with the cash.

PART - D

(Marks : 23)

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

48. The war having ended, the soldiers returned.

(Change into a *Complex sentence*) 1

OR

Give me a poem which I will memorise.

(Change into a *Compound sentence*)

49. Being bombarded with questions, he became nervous.

(Change into a *Complex sentence*) 1

OR

The bird picked up the crumbs and flew to its nest.

(Change into a *Simple sentence*)

50. I have been watching you since yesterday. (Change the *voice*) 1

OR

Let the fans be switched off. (Change the *voice*)

51. Mr. Raman is one of the best teachers in the school.

(Rewrite using *Positive degree*)

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OR

The zebra does not run as fast as a horse.

(Rewrite using *Comparative degree*)

52. It is a very tall building. (Change into *Exclamatory sentence*)

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OR

She did not watch the film last night, ?

(Supply a Question tag)

53. He cared for the orphan. He adopted him as his son.

(Combine into a *Simple sentence*)

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OR

I do not have a first class ticket. I cannot travel comfortably.

(Combine into a *Complex sentence*)

54. I have met my friend yesterday.

(Correct the sentence)

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

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Is the girl whom I told you to send back to her father still here ?

56. Fill in the blanks with appropriate articles :

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They are kept in open in basket for hour
or so to get acclimatized to temperature.

57. Fill in the blanks with appropriate prepositions :

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Custard apple seeds still have the habit sprouting, but no
longer the accompaniment of that feeling
wonder. The fault is not the custard apple but in the mind.

58. "I remind myself that my inner and outer lives are based on the labour of other men," said Albert Einstein.

(Rewrite in Reported form of speech) 2

OR

Prem told the old man that he wanted to go back to his native place because he had a story to tell them.

(Rewrite in the Direct form of speech)

59. if i went on to the top of helvellyn to do it i could please myself but if i do it in my bedroom my family will object

(Punctuate the sentence) 2

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

Brasher (go) into the lead and I (slip) in effortlessly behind him. My legs (seem) to meet no resistance at all.

61. No, we are not satisfied with our experiment.

(Frame a suitable question) 1

OR

Bees collect honey from flowers. (Frame a 'Wh' question)

62. Identify the sentence pattern : 1

Jim gave her a beautiful gift.

63. Frame a sentence on the given pattern : 1

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