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**ENGLISH**

**( CANDIDATES WITH INTERNAL ASSESSMENT )**

*Full Marks : 80*  
*Pass Marks : 24*

**( CANDIDATES WITHOUT INTERNAL ASSESSMENT )**

*Full Marks : 100*  
*Pass Marks : 30*

*Time : 3 hours*  
( For Both Categories of Candidates )

*The figures in the margin indicate full marks for the questions*

*General Instructions :*

- (i) The candidates are advised to attempt all questions accordingly.
- (ii) Marks allocated to every question are indicated against each.
- (iii) Question Nos. **1** to **16** are to be answered by both Regular and Private Candidates.
- (iv) Question Nos. **17** to **20** are to be answered only by Private Candidates without Internal.

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SECTION—A

( Prose )

1. Choose and write the correct answer (any *three*) : 1×3=3

(a) The writer's wife left the zoo at Mysore when

(i) she finally got the permission to take the bear home

(ii) Bruno was packed off

(iii) it was closing time

(b) Promodni's communications were confined to

(i) gestures with her hands

(ii) movements of lips

(iii) making queer sounds

(c) Christine and her parents went through a maze of little narrow

(i) lit streets

(ii) ill-lit streets

(iii) moonlit streets

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(d) Framton shivered slightly and turned towards the niece with a look of sympathetic

(i) thought

(ii) comprehension

(iii) apology

(e) On their way to the doctor, Megan and her mother walked along the pavement

(i) staring at each other

(ii) with a lot of fuss and disruption

(iii) in icy silence

2. State whether the following statements are *True* or *False* (any three) :

1×3=3

(a) The pit which surrounded the island was seven feet wide and six feet deep.

(b) Being from North India, Mr. Bhandari had a trace of that untempered roughness peculiar to most men from the area.

(c) On the matter of diet, Nuttel's doctors were not much in agreement.

(d) Miss Springer was the first to be kind and caring towards Megan.

(e) Maria took just two years as a professional to reach the pinnacle.

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3. Fill in the blanks with the correct words from the choices given in the brackets (any *three*) : 1×3=3

- (a) Friends had \_\_\_\_\_ that the bear would not recognize her.  
( reported / conjectured )
- (b) “I hope you don’t mind the open window”, said \_\_\_\_\_.  
( Mrs. Sappleton / Vera )
- (c) The road stretched behind like a \_\_\_\_\_ ribbon.  
( white / silver )
- (d) The little girl, Promodni, was at the moment playing in the \_\_\_\_\_.  
( courtyard / garden )

4. Read the extracts given below and answer the questions that follow (any *two*) : 3×2=6

- (a) “Then you know practically nothing about my aunt?” pursued the self-possessed young lady.
- (i) Whom does the ‘self-possessed young lady’ refer to? ½
- (ii) Why is she described as a ‘self-possessed young lady’? 1
- (iii) Why did the young lady ask the person about her aunt? 1½
- (b) “May I have my Baba back?”
- (i) How did Baba behave after he was transferred to the zoo? 1
- (ii) How did the speaker get back Baba? 2

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(c) "I became aware of the slightly-built girl hiding behind the settee."

(i) Who is the 'girl' referred to here?  $\frac{1}{2}$

(ii) How was the girl dressed? 1

(iii) How did the girl react when the narrator called her?  $1\frac{1}{2}$

5. Answer any *two* of the following questions :  $5 \times 2 = 10$

(a) Narrate the sacrifices and hard work which enabled Maria Sharapova to reach the top. What is her attitude towards success? Why could she not be pigeonholed?  $3+1+1=5$

(b) "It really hadn't been so important a thing to have caused such an avalanche of happenings." What was it that had caused such an upheaval? What is implied by 'avalanche of happenings'? How did the mother try to settle the problem?  $1+2+2=5$

(c) Why, according to Vera, was the window kept open every evening until dusk? What did the three persons, Mrs. Sappleton, Vera and Framton, witness as they looked out the window? Describe the expression and behaviour of each one as they looked out the window.  $2+1+2=5$

(d) Why did the plan of the narrator's family about train tickets to Ovaros change? What difficulties did the family face while crossing the border?  $2+3=5$

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SECTION—B

( Poetry )

6. Choose and write the correct meaning from the options given below (any *four*) : 1×4=4

(a) Every tinkle on the shingles

- (i) The sound of a bell falling on the pebbles
- (ii) The sound of rain falling on the roof
- (iii) The sound of water as it touches the shore

(b) It's song to a man's soul

- (i) The west wind is singing to the poet
- (ii) It is a song about the soul
- (iii) The song of the wild bees in spring touches the poet's heart

(c) 'Bee-loud glade'

- (i) A cabin around which bees make a sound
- (ii) The glade will be alive with the humming of bees
- (iii) A glade meant for bees

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- (d) It's a fine land, the west land, for hearts as tired as mine  
(i) One will get solace and comfort in one's homeland  
(ii) The west land is meant only for tired people  
(iii) The poet is asked to stay away from home
- (e) Where tireless striving stretches its arms towards perfection  
(i) Where people stretch their arms to join in unity  
(ii) Where people stretch their arms for God's guidance  
(iii) Where people make continuous effort towards perfection
- (f) It is the human earth that we defile  
(i) All of us will finally be buried in the same earth  
(ii) We deceive each other by hating one another  
(iii) We pollute the earth by fighting with each other

**7.** Supply the missing lines in the following extracts (any *two*) : 1×2=2

- (a) To survey her darling dreamers  
\_\_\_\_\_

- (b) \_\_\_\_\_  
A labour not different from our own.

- (c) For it comes from the west lands, the old brown hills.  
\_\_\_\_\_.

8. Read the extracts given below and answer the questions that follow (any one) : 3

- (a) "I remember but to love her  
with a rapture kin to pain."
- (i) Who does the poet recall in these lines? 1
- (ii) What does he say about her beauty? 1
- (iii) How does the poet feel when he remembers her? 1
- (b) "I've a balm for bruised hearts, brother,  
sleep for aching eyes,  
Says the warm wind, the west wind, full of birds' cries."
- (i) How does the poet react to the west wind? 1
- (ii) What is meant by 'bruised hearts'? 1
- (iii) Why is the wind described as 'warm'? 1

9. Answer any one of the following questions : 6

- (a) Why does the poet intend to go to Innisfree? Describe how the poet will live a solitary but happy life in Innisfree. 2+4=6
- (b) What kind of freedom is expressed in the poem, *Where the Mind is Without Fear*? What does Tagore mean by the words "Where the clear stream of reason has not lost its way into the dreary desert sand of dead habit"? How does the poet describe the 'heaven of freedom'? 1+2+3=6
- (c) In the poem, *No Men are Foreign*, what are the similarities, suggested by the poet, in men all over the world? How does he convey that by hating others we harm ourselves? How can 'strength' be won? 2+3+1=6



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SECTION—C

( **Rapid Reader** )

Answer *either* from Group—A *or* from Group—B

GROUP—A

( **The Strange Case of Dr. Jekyll and Mr. Hyde** )

**10.** Answer, in brief, any *four* of the following questions : 1×4=4

- (a) Whom did Mr. Enfield rescue in *The Story of the Door*?
- (b) Describe the weapon with which Sir Danvers Carew was killed.
- (c) “I’ve been afraid for about a week and I can bear it no more.” What made the speaker feel this way?
- (d) “We won’t speak of this letter, you know.” Who said these words and to whom were they spoken?
- (e) What was the name of the firm from where Dr. Jekyll purchased the salt required for the tincture?
- (f) On what does Mr. Utterson base his friendship?

**11.** How did Dr. Jekyll assure Mr. Utterson that he had nothing more to do with Mr. Hyde after the Carew murder case? Why did Utterson think that Jekyll had forged for a murderer? How did Henry Jekyll’s pleasures turn monstrous in the hands of Edward Hyde? 2+1+3=6

*Or*

Why did Dr. Jekyll invent the transcendental medicine? How did he feel when he took the drug? How did it bring about his death? 1+2+3=6

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GROUP—B

( **The Count of Monte Cristo** )

**10.** Answer, in brief, any *four* of the following questions : 1×4=4

(a) What was St. Jean?

(b) How did Haydee become a slave?

(c) Who was Noirtier?

(d) How did Dantes become Lord Wilmore?

(e) Who were the two people murdered at the Inn Pont Du Gard?

(f) Why was Abbe Faria placed among the mad prisoners?

**11.** How did Dantes manage to be left alone on the Island of Monte Cristo? How did he find Spada's treasure on the island? 3+3=6

*Or*

Describe in your own words Bertuccio's confession to Father Busoni in the prison of Marseilles.

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SECTION—D

( Grammar and Composition )

12. Rewrite the following as directed :

1×8=8

- (a) As he drove the cart on the pavement, the driver lost control on the horse.

( Rewrite the sentence using the 'ing' form of verb )

- (b) I speak the truth. I am not afraid of it.

( Join the sentences using an infinitive )

- (c) Mina requested the old lady to go into the house.

( Begin with Please ..... )

- (d) India hosts the IPL matches.

( Change into the passive voice )

- (e) They went to London. They discovered people out there were very busy.

( Join the sentences beginning with Going ... )

- (f) A book is being written by my grandfather.

( End with ..... a book )

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(g) She swept the floor and found a necklace.

( Rewrite using a gerund )

(h) George said to Tom, "What is the distance between Delhi and Chennai?"

( Begin with George asked ... )

**13.** Fill in the blanks with appropriate prepositions (any *four*) :

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

(a) She took some money \_\_\_\_\_ her father to buy a video game.

(b) It has been a long time \_\_\_\_\_ I met my friend.

(c) Truth always prevails \_\_\_\_\_ the long run.

(d) Dilip went out \_\_\_\_\_ his way to help the poor.

(e) She has been going \_\_\_\_\_ the script for days.

(f) Always be true \_\_\_\_\_ yourself.

**14.** Make sentences with any *four* of the following idioms : 1×4=4

(a) to and fro

(b) a cock and bull story

(c) to the backbone

(d) apple of discord

(e) the gift of the gab

(f) on the horns of a dilemma

**15.** Read the passage given below carefully and answer the questions that follow :

Today, the issue as to whether cellphones should be given to young children and teenagers has become highly debatable. Adults raise concerns regarding the misuse of cellphones. Parents are worried about being unable to keep track of the whereabouts of their children and raise concern regarding their safety.

Studies have revealed many facts. Teenagers use cellphones to inquire about classes and school/college work. Compared to boys, girls are more active in using cellphones for texting and calling. Having a cellphone is considered to be the second most

important status symbol among teens, their clothing being first. Cellphones have become a necessity to maintain social status rather than a communication device. Statistics reveal that the use of cellphones has increased by leaps and bounds, even though many restrictions may be imposed. Technology could prove to be a threat to studies if it is misused/abused, but it could be a blessing to a worried parent who wishes to know if his/her child is safe. However, the topic of cellphones still continues to be debatable with its pros and cons.

*Questions :*

- (a) What question is highly debatable today? 1
- (b) Why are parents worried and concerned? 1
- (c) Who are more active in using cellphones? 1
- (d) What is the second most important status symbol among teens? 1
- (e) How can technology prove to be a blessing? 1
- (f) (i) Identify the word which is the opposite of 'decreased'. ½
  - (1) Increased
  - (2) Stopped
  - (3) Lengthened
- (ii) Identify the word which is the same as 'revealed'. ½
  - (1) Covered
  - (2) Hidden
  - (3) Shown

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*Or*

(a) You are the Head Boy/Girl of St. Lawrence High School and you have been asked to organize a trip to a flood-affected area to distribute clothes and food. Prepare a notice to be put up on the school notice board, inviting students to make their contributions. 3

(b) Mr. A. K. Mitra is a retired Army Officer. He wants to settle abroad after he sells all his household goods and car. Write an advertisement for him to be put up in the newspaper. 3

**16.** Attempt *either (a) or (b)* : 10

(a) Write an essay (in about 200 words) on any *one* of the following topics :

(i) “Social Network—Its Impact on Youth”

*Points* : Introduction—positive impacts—negative impacts—conclusion.

(ii) Being a Teenager

*Points* : Introduction—why it is called a time of ‘stress and strain’—hobbies and recreations to occupy time besides studies—conclusion.

(iii) “A Foreign Country I would Like to Visit”

*Points* : Introduction—purpose of the visit—preparations to go there—things/places to see there—conclusion.

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- (b) (i) Recently you went to a restaurant and there you saw your favourite celebrity. You had an opportunity of spending some moments with him/her. Write a letter to your friend, giving a brief account of your memorable meeting with the celebrity.

Or

- (ii) You have a younger brother/sister who is brilliant in his/her studies, but is rather lazy. Write a letter to him/her explaining about the importance of education in today's world.

**[ Only for Candidates without Internal Assessment ]**

( Marks : 20 )

- 17.** Answer the following in 1 sentence or 2 sentences each  
(any five) : 2×5=10

- (a) Why did Mrs. Bhandari think that David was rude?
- (b) What qualities of Maria took her to the top of the world?
- (c) “But where can we spend the night and the whole of tomorrow?” Who spoke these words and why?
- (d) Why did the writer and his wife send Bruno to the zoo at Mysore?



(e) What did the doctor say about Megan's condition?

(f) Why was the window kept open, on an October evening?

**18.** Match the columns given below :

1×5=5

- |   |                               |
|---|-------------------------------|
| (a) I hear it in the deep heart's core              | (i) As I list to this refrain |
| (b) Apple orchards blossom there                    | (ii) James Kirkup             |
| (c) Where words come out from<br>the depth of truth | (iii) Lake Isle of Innisfree  |
| (d) Oh! I see her bending o'er me                   | (iv) and the air's like wine  |
| (e) And strength that can be won<br>by love         | (v) Rabindranath Tagore       |

**19.** Fill in the blanks with the correct words from the choices given in the brackets :

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

(a) And the melancholy \_\_\_\_.

( shadows / darkness )

(b) And April's in the west, and \_\_\_\_.

( violets / daffodils )

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(c) And \_\_\_\_\_ full of the linnet's wings.

( noon / evening )

(d) In every land is common \_\_\_\_\_.

( life / strife )

**20.** Answer *either* Group—A or Group—B :

GROUP—A

**( The Strange Case of Dr. Jekyll and Mr. Hyde )**

Answer the following in 1 sentence or 2 sentences each  
(any *three*) :

1×3=3

(a) "It is connected in my mind, he added, with a very odd story." Who told the story and to whom?

(b) When Utterson wanted to see Hyde's face, why did Hyde hesitate?

(c) Who was Newcomen?

(d) What happened to Dr. Jekyll at Regent's Park?

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GROUP—B

( **The Count of Monte Cristo** )

Answer the following in 1 sentence or 2 sentences each  
(any *three*) : 1×3=3

- (a) What did the treasure chest contain?
- (b) Who was Albert Morcerf?
- (c) Who was the beggar who got into Andrea Cavalcanti's carriage?
- (d) Why was Danglars in a hurry to conduct his daughter's wedding?

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