

Pre-Final Examination, 2022
H.S. 2nd Year
Subject : English

Time : 3 hours

Full Marks : 100

Section : A
(Reading Skills : 10 marks)

1. Read the following passage carefully and answer the questions that follow :

During the reign of Queen Elizabeth, there lived a famous Englishman named Sir Walter Raleigh. He was a gentleman of birth, and a favourite of the queen. He was a scholar, a poet, and a brave daring soldier. He sailed to the new world which we call America, and had many adventures there. He did two useful things, he brought back from America two plants which became very popular with the Europeans. One was tobacco, the other was potato. Before his time the potato was unknown to Europe, but it is now one of the commonest foods and potato became to the Irish what wheat is to Punjabi, and rice is to the Bengali and Madrasi as their chief food.

- (i) Who was Sir Walter Raleigh? Why is he famous for? 2
(ii) What is the new world? Why is it so called? 2
(iii) What were the two useful things that Raleigh did? 2
(iv) Did people know about potato before? Why? 2
(v) What is the most common food all over the world? 2

Section : B
(Writing Skills : 25 marks)

2. Write a notice for the school/college notice board informing the students about a blood donation camp on the eve of World AIDS Day to be organized in your school/college. You are Jonti, Gen. Secretary of your school/college. 5

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Or

Draft an advertisement to be published in a local daily for a situation vacant for the post of a salesman and two security guards for a company based in Guwahati Branch. 5

3. Write a report note on anti-social activities in your locality to be published in a local English daily. 10

Or

Your college has completed 10 years of its journey on the Foundation Day/Annual Day, there were so many competitions held and write a report on it. You are Rintu/Kanchan. 10

4. You have seen an advertisement published in The Assam Tribune inviting application for the post of an Asstt. Professor lying vacant in MM Bhagawati College, Diphu. As an arts candidate apply for the post of a Professor. Suppose that you are Aayan/Ruksana, a post graduate in English. 10

Or

Write an application for the post of a Sales Executive lying vacant on a reputed company, Guwahati Branch applying for the post, write the letter to the General Manager. 10

Section : C

(Grammar : 20 marks)

5. Change the forms of narration : 2x2=4
- Jesus said, "Oh! God forgive them, they don't know what they are doing."
 - The teacher asked the boy if he knew who was Maradona. The boy replied he knew.
6. Change the voice of the following : (any five) 1x5=5
- They were playing cards yesterday.
 - They laughed at the blind man.
 - I know her name.
 - People call rose the queen of flowers.

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- Who has invented the radio?
- An American Company discovered the Vaccine of Covid-19.

7. Use the correct form of verbs. 1x6=6

- I wish (be) there.
- He left the room after he (lock) the door.
- The teacher (know) the boy was lying.
- He (kill) in the war last year.
- They (go) to picnic tonight.
- She (do) her homework while we saw her.

8. Put appropriate prepositions : (any five) 1x5=5

- Mohan is fond ____ music.
- He died ____ the car accident.
- An old man doesn't have addiction ____ gambling.
- India is rich ____ minerals.
- Who is responsible ____ the mistake?
- Tiku is eligible ____ the post.
- Please sit down ____ a minute.

Section : D

(Textual Questions)

9. (a) Perhaps the earth can teach us as when everything seems dead and later proves to be alive.

Now I'll count up to twelve
And you keep quiet and I will go.

- What can the earth teach us?

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- (ii) Why does the poet count upto twelve? 1
(iii) What will keeping quiet help us achieve? 1

Or

(b) and felt that old
familiar ache, my childhood's feat,
but all I said was, see you soon,
Amma,
All I did was smile and smile and
Smile.....

- (i) What was the childhood fear of the poet? 1
(ii) What does the poet's parting words suggest? 2
(iii) What is the meaning of smile and smile? 1

10. Answer any three of the following : 3x2=6

- (i) Why was the mother's face like a corpse?
(ii) What is the theme of the poem keeping Quiet?
(iii) What is the meaning of 'Trees sprinting'?
(iv) What were the sources of beautiful things?
(v) Who were the might dead in the poem A Thing of Beauty?
(vi) Who is the poet of the poem, A Thing of Beauty?

11. Answer any five of the following : 2x5=10

- (i) What is lost spring about?
(ii) Who was Savita?
(iii) What does bangle symbolize?
(iv) Name the school teacher of Franz?
(v) Who was Wachter?
(vi) For how many years the school teacher did work there?

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12. Answer any five of the following : 2x5=10

- (i) Why was Raj Kumar Shukla described as being 'resolute'?
(ii) Where did Gandhi stay in Muzzafarpur?
(iii) What was the commotion that Franz anticipated in the classroom?
(iv) Describe Mukesh's family.
(v) Why did Gandhi go to Lucknow?
(vi) What was the order from Berlin?
(vii) Describe Seemapuri.
(viii) Does Geoff believe what Sophie says about her meeting with Danny Casey?

13. Answer any one : 1x5=5

- (i) Discuss the living condition of Firozabad and Seemapuri.
(ii) Why do you think Gandhi considered the Champaran episode to be a turning-point in his life?
(iii) Give an account of the author's experiences of the floods on the North Bank of the Brahmaputra during the monsoon.

14. Answer any one : 7

- (i) Compare the characters of Mr. Lamb and Derry.
(ii) Do you think the doctor's final solution to the problem was the best possible one in the circumstance?

15. Answer any four : 2x4=8

- (i) Who is the Tiger King? Why does he get that name?
(ii) Who was Hana? How did she help her husband?

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- (iii) What the different spots held in Magh Bihu?
- (iv) How did people comment on Derry's face?
- (v) Who was Mr. Lamb? Why did Derry come back to him?
- (vi) What type of person was Dr. Sadao?
- (vii) Describe Zitkala-Sa's and Bama's experience in Memories of Childhood.

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