

PRE-TEST EXAMINATION'2020

**CLASS-XII
SUBJECT: ENGLISH-B)**

Time: 3 Hrs.

F.M.- 80

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**PART-B (MARKS-20)
QUESTION-CUM-ANSWER BOOK LET
M.C.Q. & S.A.Q.**

1. Complete each of the following sentences, choosing the correct option from the alternatives provided: 1 x 4 = 4

- i) "There was some confusion in the doorway" the confusion was-
- a) A woman fell out with one of the passengers
 - b) A woman getting into the compartment, stammered an apology
 - c) The girl while getting of bode him good bye
 - d) A man, getting into the compartment, stammered an apology.
- ii) Kalam is also spiritual because-
- a) Visits the masque every day
 - b) He tries to follow in his father's footsteps.
 - c) He believes in the power of the divine
 - d) He believes that an individual has to sever all ties to be happy.
- iii) The journey in "The Eyes have it" took place in the month of –
- a) September b)October c)March d)November
- iv) By "Strong Roots" APJ Abdul Kalam means-
- a) His family background
 - b) His Indian origin
 - c) His love for science
 - d) His religious identity.

1. Answer any four of the following questions each in a complete sentence: 1x 4 = 4

i) How did the narrator try to initiate a conversation with the girl ?

ii) How can one achieve 'happiness and peace of mind ?'

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- iii) What game did the narrator play with the fellow-travellers ?
- iv) According to Jainulabdeen the differences of which two visions one must understand ?
- v) What do the blind people or people with poor eyesight do ?
- vi) What can the divine power do, according to Kalam ?

2. Complete each of the following sentences, choosing the correct option from the alternatives provided

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- i) It takes much time to kill a tree, the statement indicates-
- a) A sense of impatience, that it takes such effort to kill a tree
 - b) A sense of irony, that it is not a simple task to kill a tree
 - c) A sense of defeat, that it takes time to kill a tree
 - d) A sense of joy, that the tree cannot be easily killed
- ii) The phrase, "a soldier very young" suggests that-
- a) Soldiers are always young
 - b) Young soldiers always love to go to the battle field
 - c) Young soldiers are sacrificed in the warfare.
 - d) None of the above
- iii) On what tone does the poem "On killing a Tree" end ?
- a) Of achievement
 - b) of tragedy
 - c) of joy
 - d) of irony
- iv) The poet wrote the poem "Asleep in the valley" when France was involved in war with-
- a) Spain
 - b) Russia
 - c) Germany
 - d) Portugal

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3. Answer any four of the following questions, each in a complete sentence. 1 x 4 = 4

- i) In the poem "on killing a Tree", what does the poet mean by saying "unchecked" ?
- ii) What does the phrase " without guile" signify in the poem "Asleep in the valley" ?
- iii) "The root is to be pulled out.....of the anchoring earth", what does the poet want to suggest ?
- iv) How does the valley in the poem "Asleep in the valley" look like ?
- v) How is the tree seasoned into wood ?
- vi) What is meant by "Sun soaked bed" ?

4. Complete each of the following sentences, choosing the correct option from the alternatives provided : 1 x 4 = 4

- i) Who is the chief actor in seeing the proposal through ?
a) Lomor and Chubukor b) Lomor and Natalya, c) Chubukar and Natalya
e) Chubukor
- ii) Natalya is characterized as-
a) Spirited, proud and stubborn b) Calm, proud and stubborn

c)spirited, docile and pround d)indifferent, stubborn and qurrel some

- iii) Why does not Iomor directly ask Natalya to marry her ?
a) Because he has palpitations
b) Because he is not sure about her reaction
c) Because he is trying to be calm
d) Because he knows chubukor has already told Nayalya
- iv) What lebel can you give the comic turn of the play ?
a) Melodrama b) farce c) comedy d) clowning.

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Instructions to the candidates:

1. Special credit will be given for answers which are brief and to the point.
 2. Marks will be deducted for spelling mistakes, untidiness and bad handwriting.
 3. Figures in the margin indicate full marks for the questions:
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1. Answer any two of the following questions each in about 100 words: $6 \times 2 = 12$
 - a) "She was completely blind."
-Explain the irony in the given line.
 - b) How did Kalam's father's attitude to adversity influence the young Kalam ?
 - c) With the help of this text, how does the author prove that the mind's eye is more powerful than our natural eyes ? Suppose your point with instances from the text.
 - d) "One must understand the difference between a fear ridden vision of destiny and the vision that enables us to seek the enemy of fulfilment within ourselves."
- What is the general attitude to people destiny. What do you mean by fear ridden vision of destiny ? what is the second vision of destiny ?
 2. Answer any two of the following questions each in about 100 words: $6 \times 2 = 12$
 - a) "On Killing a Tree" is a study in the struggling existence of a tree- Discuss.
 - b) Look at the word 'asleep'. What do we normally associate with the word. When does the reader recognise that the soldier is asleep in a different sense ?
 - c) What do you think is the purpose of the poet in the poem ? Is it fulfilled /
 - d) Bring out the irony of the poem 'Asleep in the valley.'
 3. Answer any one of the following questions in about 100 words. $6 \times 1 = 6$
 - a) Do you think Chubukor and Iomov and good neighbours? Give reasons with reference from the play "The proposal".
 - b) In the play "The proposal" the playwright has used some funny adjectives which the characters use to blame each other. How do they contribute to the comic elements of the play ?
 - c) Do you think 'The proposal' can be defined as a play of contradictions? Support your answer with reasons.
 4. A) Do as directed:- $1 \times 6 = 6$

- i) He finished the namaz. He used to walk down to a small coconut grove. We owned it. It was about four miles from our home. (simple)
 - ii) A pillow made of fern beneath his head, stretched in the heavy undergrowth. (complex)
 - iii) He is better than anything that even Volchanetsky has got. (Change the degree)
 - iv) Natalya said to Chubukov, "what a rascal, what trust can one have in one's neighbour after all that". (change into indirect speech)
 - v) Only the scent of perfume still lingered (Negative)
 - vi) She laughed pleasantly. (use adjective form of pleasantly and rewrite the sentence)
- b) Fill in the blanks with appropriate articles and /or prepositions: $\frac{1}{2} \times 6 = 3$
When my father came out of.....mosque after prayers, people.....different religions would be sitting outside, waiting.....him. Many of them offered bowls of water.....my father who would touch his fingertips.....them and say.....prayer.
- c) Correct the error in the following sentence by replacing the right word from options given below; $1 \times 1 = 1$
I feel convinced that there exists a divine power.
(options: existed, existing, exists)

5. Read the following passage and answer the questions that follow:

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"Diabetes and obesity are associated with some types of cancer including that of the pancreas, esophagus and breast." Said Edwin Gale, Professor of diabetes at British University's division of medicine. He was in the city to address a conference organized by Integrated Diabetes and Endocrinology Academy (Idea), Calcutta.

According to Gale, 40 percent of these cancers are apparently caused by diabetes and obesity. "Diabetes and obesity lead to insulin resistance in the body that cause Cancer. The best way to reduce insulin resistance is weight loss, he explained.

Insulin resistance is a psychological condition where the hormone becomes less effective at lowering blood sugar. This might increase blood glucose levels above the normal range. Fat and muscle cells need insulin to absorb glucose. But in an insulin resistant person these cells fail to adequately respond to circulating insulin in the blood glucose level rise, said a doctor at the conference. Gale said that an obese person had a 30 percent increased risk of suffering from cancer than a person of normal weight.

"An obese person with diabetes is more susceptible to cancer than one who is not. Although the exact cause is not clear, the common belief is that insulin resistance is the underlying factor, said Subhankar Chowdhury head of endocrinology" SSKM Hospital.

- a) Say whether the following statements are True or False with supporting statement.

1 x 4

- i) Edwin Gale attended a conference in Calcutta.
 - ii) An obese person is prone to cancer
 - iii) Insulin is resisted from outside
- Subhankar Chowdhury is associated with SSKM Hospital

b) Answer the following questions:-

- i) What did Gale say on increased risk of cancer ?
- ii) What is the best way to counter diabetes and obesity ?
- iii) What is responsible for rise of blood glucose ?

6. A) Recently your school organised a cleaning drive in the immediate vicinity of the school. The students and all staffs of the school participated in the programme. Write a report on the event in about 150 words. 2+8=10

or

b)The librarian of Shree Jain Vidyalaya, Kolkata placed an order on behalf of the school to your company for a bulk of books. There has been a delay in supply. You, being the sales manager, regret and promise immediate delivery through a letter in not more than 150 words.

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