

Time : 2 ½ Hours]

PARTS A & B

[Max. Marks : 50

Instructions :

1. Answer the questions under **Part A** on a separate answer book.
2. Write the answers to the questions under **Part B** on the question paper itself.
3. Start answering the questions as you read them.

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PART - A

[Marks : 30

[1 - 10] Answer ANY FIVE of the following questions. Each answer must be in one or two sentences. 5 × 1 = 5

1. Why did the people of Venice love and respect Antonio ?
2. Why was Bassanio always in need of money ? Who helped him out of his debts ?
3. What was the method Portia suggested to make the young German choose the wrong casket ?
4. Why was Portia unable to talk to Falcon-bridge ?
5. Why did Antonio's friends decide not to tell the bad news to him ?
6. "One of these caskets contains my portrait", said Portia. Which casket was it ?
7. Why did Portia want Bassanio to delay choosing the casket ?
8. What was the gift that Lorenzo and Jessica got ?
9. What was the appeal Portia made to Shylock at the beginning ?
10. How did Bassanio send his ring to the lawyer ?

11. Read the following passage carefully.

"As soon as you go in, shut all the doors and windows from inside. The more safely you fasten them, the better it is for you. There may be a procession tonight. If you hear the noise of the drum, don't come out. Neither should you look out of the window. Let not such foolish sounds enter my sober house. Remember, I may come back any moment."

Now answer the following questions. 5 × 1 = 5

- a) Who is the speaker ?
- b) Who does 'you' refer to ?
- c) Where is the speaker leaving for ?
- d) Why did he want all doors and windows to be shut ?
- e) What kind of a person do you think the speaker is ?

12. Write a story using the hints given below in about 200 words. Divide it into three or four paragraphs. 10

Flower seller to king's palace - soldier at the gate - 'Can't go in' - 'Give me half of what you get' - seller agrees - king likes flowers - What do you want ? - 'fifty lashes' - king surprised - man tells king - gives twenty-five lashes to the soldier - rewards to flower-seller.

OR

A giant - very selfish - children playing in his garden - giant not happy - says 'no playing in my garden' - children go away - garden very quiet - no birds sing, no flowers blossom - giant very unhappy now - asks children to come back - children happy - play - birds sing, trees filled with flowers - giant no longer selfish.

13. There have been several thefts in the houses in your locality. There was a theft in the temple and two houses were broke open, when the owners were away.

Write a letter to the Editor of the local newspaper, describing the incident and drawing the attention of the police to the need for better night patrolling. 10

OR

Your younger brother is studying in VII class. He is staying in the hostel. Last week, your father got his progress report, which showed his poor progress.

Write a letter to your brother asking him to study hard.

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PART - B

[Marks : 20

Note : Write the answers to the questions in this part on the question paper itself.

Instructions :

- Use CAPITAL LETTERS while answering the multiple choice questions.
- Marks will **not** be awarded, if there is any over-writing or rewriting.

14. **Read the following passage carefully.**

There is one thing that is yours alone, which no one else can have and that is the pattern of your finger-prints. You leave your finger-prints behind when you touch anything. The Chinese were the first people to realise this. So they used a thumb-print instead of a signature on very important documents. A signature can be copied but a thumb-print can't. In the late nineteenth century, the real importance of finger-prints became known. A man called Sir Francis Galton began to study the ridges on the finger-tips. He found that no two people had the same pattern of ridges. He also learnt that the pattern does not change as a person grows older. The police saw at once how finger-prints could help them. They began to keep records of the finger-prints of people, who were known to be criminals.

Now answer the following questions in a word or a phrase each.

5 × 1 = 5

A) What is the one thing that is yours alone ?

Ans.

B) How did the Chinese use finger-prints ?

Ans.

C) In what way, the thumb-print is superior to a signature ?

Ans.

D) What did Sir Francis Galton find ?

Ans.

E) What is the meaning of ridges ?

Ans.

15. **Read the following passage carefully.**

Once, there lived a king. He was extremely fond of hunting. His ministers, very often, advised him not to kill innocent animals. The king did not pay heed. One day, a lion attacked him. He struck the lion with his sharp arrows. The lion was seriously wounded. Before falling dead to the ground, he struck the king's right arm with a great force. Half of the flesh of the arm was peeled off. The royal surgeons amputated the arm to save the king's life. The king grumbled against fate. He cursed God.

After two years, the king went out hunting. He lost his way in the thick forest. Some wild people caught hold of him. They were in search of a man to offer him as a sacrifice to the Forest God. The head priest saw the king. He said to his people, "The man is not worthy enough to be given as a sacrifice. He is not, complete in body. He has no right arm. Leave him". The people left the king. Then the king realised that the loss of his right arm had saved his life. He thanked God. He did not hunt again in his life.

Now answer the following questions.

a) **Each of the following questions has four choices. Tick (✓) the right answer.** 4 × 1 = 4

1. **The Minister advised the king**

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| A) to go ahead with hunting. | () | B) not to go to the forest. | () |
| C) not to hunt animals. | () | D) not to hunt many animals. | () |

2. The king decided

- A) to stop killing the animals. ()
- B) not to go on hunting again. ()
- C) to follow the advice of his ministers. ()
- D) to reject the advice of his ministers. ()

3. The lion attacked

- A) the king. ()
- B) the wild people. ()
- C) the head priest. ()
- D) none. ()

4. The king was left off

- A) as he was kind to the animals. ()
- B) as he had no right arm. ()
- C) as he pleased the head priest. ()
- D) as he thanked God. ()

b) Given below are SIX statements. Three of them are TRUE according to the passage. Find the TRUE statements and write (T) against them in the brackets. 3 x 1 = 3

- 1) The king was not generous towards animals. ()
- 2) The ministers did not advise the king. ()
- 3) The king shot dead the lion with his gun. ()
- 4) The wild people took the king to the head priest. ()
- 5) The king had no right arm. ()
- 6) Finally, the king set free the head priest. ()

16. Read the following passage carefully.

Hibernation is more than sleep. It is a very deep sleep.

In warm countries, where the winters are not very long or very cold, hibernation is not necessary. And in very cold parts of the world, like the far north of Russia, not many animals hibernate; the ground is so hard that they cannot make a deep hole to spend the winter in. But animals in large part of the northern hemisphere spend every winter fast asleep.

They go to sleep in all kinds of places. Red squirrels disappear inside trees, bears used caves, frogs go deep under the mud and very many other animals dig tunnels in the earth. Some animals sleep under the snow. There is a lot of air in loose snow, and this helps to keep the cold out.

Some warm-blooded animals like the cat, the dog or the wolf, do not need to hibernate. They lead an active life which keeps up their usual body temperature even in very cold winter weather. But for a cold-blooded creature such as a frog or a snake, it is a different matter. When the air temperature is below freezing, the creature's blood temperature drops too; it cannot move about in the usual way. And then it has no choice. It must simply lie down and sleep.

Now answer the following questions. 2 x 1 = 2

a) Name two warm-blooded animals

- i)
- ii)

b) There are FIVE words in List A. The meanings of four of them are given in List B. Choose the right word from List A to match the meaning in List B and write it in the space provided against each meaning. 4 x 1/2 = 2

List A : *necessary, hibernate, active, spend, weather.*

- List B :**
- i) climate
 - ii) spend the winter in deep sleep
 - iii) need to be done
 - iv) pass time

c) Complete the following sentences using a word or a phrase each. 2 x 1/2 = 1

- i) Bears sleep in
- ii) Hibernation is not necessary for animals in

d) Mention two places where animals sleep. 2 x 1 = 2

- i)
- ii)

e) Answer the following in a word or a phrase each. 2 x 1/2 = 1

- i) Why did many animals not hibernate in far north of Russia ?
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- ii) Where do frogs sleep ?
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