



Std.: X  
Date: 09/11/2015

SET II  
ENGLISH

Max. Marks: 20  
Time: 40 Min.

General Instructions:

- This paper consists of three sections:  
Section A – Reading (5 Marks)  
Section B – Writing & Grammar (8Marks)  
Section C – Literature & Long Reading Text (7Marks)  
All sections are compulsory.
- Separate instructions are given for each section and questions wherever necessary. Read the instructions carefully and follow them.

**SECTION A: READING**

**(5 Marks)**

**1. Read the following passage and answer the questions given below it:**

**(5)**

Oliver Goldsmith, a great English writer, was born at Lissoy, a pretty Irish village. His father was poor but very kind hearted. No traveller ever asked him for help and went away empty handed. An old dame taught letters of alphabet to Young Goldsmith. She said he was the dumbest pupil. Young Goldsmith's life was full of troubles. He was most unhappy in his school and college days. He was rather ugly and looked more so on account of small pox marks. His school mates treated him roughly and cruelly and made fun of him. Goldsmith joined Trinity college, Dublin before the gates of which his statue now stands. Goldsmith was admitted free to the college. But for that he had to sweep out the courts and help to carry up dishes at dinner time. He was very unhappy in college. No one was kind to him. He did not show himself clever enough to receive the kind attention of his tutors. He had little money and what he had, he usually gave to the first beggar whom he met. He studied medicine for three years, but left the college without a degree. He worked as a chemist's assistant and then practiced as a doctor without much success. He wore an old suit with a large patch. When he visited his patients he was asked to cover this sign of poverty with this hat.

- (a) Oliver Goldsmith was a native of \_\_\_\_\_.  
(i) England (ii) Scotland (iii) Holland (iv) Ireland
- (b) He wore an old suit with a large patch as \_\_\_\_\_.  
(i) he was poor and could not afford new clothes (ii) it was in fashion those days  
(iii) he was indifferent to his dress (iv) it was his favourite coat
- (c) Goldsmith was unhappy at school because \_\_\_\_\_.
- (d) The word which means the same as 'a woman' is \_\_\_\_\_.
- (e) The college put up Goldsmith's statue at the gate as \_\_\_\_\_.

**SECTION B: WRITING & GRAMMAR**

**(8Marks)**

**2. Write an article on "How Advanced Technology has Added to Man's Problems" in about 80 words. (4)**

\*less physical exercise and health problems

\*detaches from fellow beings

\*destructive weapons

\*deteriorating language

**3. Complete the passage given below by choosing the correct alternatives. (2)**

There is no doubt that fish as food (a) \_\_\_\_\_ very good for us. In white fish (b) \_\_\_\_\_ fat content can be as low as 1% or 2% and (c) \_\_\_\_\_ average serving provides at least one third of the daily recommended amount (d) \_\_\_\_\_ niacin which is vital for healthy skin.

- (a) (i) am (ii) is (iii) are (iv) was  
(b) (i) a (ii) an (iii) the (iv) there  
(c) (i) an (ii) their (iii) that (iv) this  
(d) (i) in (ii) on (iii) of (iv) at

**4. Rearrange the following words / phrases to make meaningful sentences. The first one has been done for you. (2)**

*Example: a headache/ are several/ there/ reasons for  
There are several reasons for a headache.*

- a) a signal of / can be/ an underlying/ sometimes/ headache/ disease.  
b) a comprehensive mode/ yoga is/ and the mind / of culturing the body.

**SECTION C: LITERATURE & LONG READING TEXT**

**(7Marks)**

**5. Read the extract given below and answer the questions that follow. (2)**

*“Well, I was not in a position to contradict Jenkins.”*

- a. Who was Jenkins? What had Jenkins asked the narrator to do?  
b. Why was the narrator not in a position to contradict Jenkins?

**6. Answer the following questions in about 20- 30 words each. (3)**

- a. Why is John’s wife angry? What does she decide to do?  
b. Why did Ozymandias get his statue made?

**7. Answer the following question in 30 – 40. (Long Reading Text) (2)**

- a. Describe Helen’s visit to the World Fair.

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