



CLASS: XII

MAX. MARKS: 20

DATE: 19.5.2022

DURATION: 45min

General Instructions:

- This Paper comprises TWO sections having a total of 20 marks
Section A-ADVANCED WRITING SKILLS : 3 Marks
Section B-LITERATURE : 17 Marks
- Attempt questions based on specific instructions for each part.

SECTION A: ADVANCED WRITING SKILLS

(3 Marks)

I. Answer the following in 50 words:

(3 Marks)

- 1) As Sports Secretary of Santiniketan Public School, Pune, draft a notice in not more than 50 words for your school notice board informing the students about the sale of old sports goods of your school. You are Rohini/Rohit.

SECTION C: LITERATURE

(17 Marks)

II. Read the extract and answer the questions choosing the most appropriate option from those given below them:

(5 Marks)

2) looked but soon
put that thought away, and
looked out at young
trees sprinting, the merry children spilling
out of their homes

- a. What thought did she put away?
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| i. the mother is dozing open-mouthed | iii. she has to leave her mother |
| ii. the mother may die soon | iv. mother looked very tired |
- b. What did she do then?
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| i. Smiled | iii. looked outside |
| ii. waved at the children | iv. started to sleep |
- c. What are contrasted in the stanza?
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| i. the poet with her mother | iii. the trees and children with her mother |
| ii. the children with her mother | iv. merry children with sprinting trees |
- d. What is the poetic device used in the last two lines?
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| i. personification | iii. refrain |
| ii. repetition | iv. both ii & iii |
- e. Find a word from the passage which means 'running fast'?
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| i. spilling | iii. merry |
| ii. sprinting | iv. both i & ii |

III. Answer any four of the following questions in 30-40 words each: (8 Marks)

- 3) How did Saheb manage to embarrass the author?
- 4) What do bangles symbolize? What is ironic in the making of bangles by Savita and the wearing of bangles by an elderly woman who has no light in her eyes?
- 5) Franz thinks, "Will they make them sing in German, even the pigeons?" What does this tell us about the attitude of the Frenchmen?
- 6) Why does Charley the narrator compare the Grand Central Station to a tree?
- 7) Describe Galesburg Illinois in 1894. Why did the narrator want two tickets to Galesburg, Illinois?

IV. Answer either one of the following questions in 120 words each: (4 Marks)

- 8) **'He said I was unhappy. He meant the modern world is full of insecurity, fear, war, worry and all the rest of it and that I just want to escape...'** Many of us have a similar mindset to escape from reality. Do you think escapism can resolve problems?
- 9) **"It was their way of thanking their master for his 40 years of faithful service and of showing respect for the country that was theirs no more."** Do you think we acknowledge the service of good teachers/educationists? What values should students develop towards their elders especially teachers?

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