

**2022**  
**ENGLISH**

Full marks : 80

Time : 3 hours

**General instructions:**

- i) *Approximately 15 minutes is allotted to read the question paper and revise the answers.*
- ii) *The question paper consists of 15 questions. All questions are compulsory.*
- iii) *Marks are indicated against each question.*
- iv) *Internal & general choice have been provided in some questions.*

**N.B:** *Check to ensure that all pages of the question paper is complete as indicated on the top left side.*

**SECTION-A (Literature)**

1. Answer the following questions: **5x2=10**
  - (a) Why did the woman stop watching the boy once she was inside the room?
  - (b) Of what use were the nuts to the peasants in Klimov? Did they know what might have happened if the nuts are taken?
  - (c) What were the difficulties the diamond maker had to undergo in following his ambition?
  - (d) What happened to Albert Edward in the course of ten years?
  - (e) Write any two evidences that Lessing found about the hunger of books in Zimbabwe.
  
2. Answer **any one** of the following questions in about 150 words:
  - (a) How is Mrs Luella Bates Washington Jones' remarks very different from her actions? How do these reflect upon her character?  

**Or**
  - (b) Describe the character and appearance of Denis Grigoryev. Was he really a Malefactor? Justify. **5**
  
3. Read the lines from the poem and answer **any two** questions that follow:
  - I. *And stoop and build 'em up with worn –out tools;*
    - (a) Why does one need to stoop and build 'em? **1**
    - (b) Why are the tools 'worn-out'? **1**
    - (c) What is the poetic device used here? **1**

II. *And there were some in foreign lands  
Who still spoke of Kelhoukevira  
While her fields lay barren and desecrated  
Her songs sacrificed to the wind.*

- (a) Who still talk about 'Kelhoukevira'? **1**  
(b) Why were the fields barren and desecrated? **1**  
(c) What does 'her song' refer to? **1**

III. *One man in a million may shout a bit  
Now and then, there's one with slight defects  
One perhaps whose truthfulness you doubt a bit,  
But by and large we are a marvelous sex!*

- (a) Who is the speaker? **1**  
(b) How honest is the first line? **1**  
(c) Explain the phrase ... 'we are a marvelous sex !' **1**

4. 'Remember ,no men are foreign, and no countries strange'.  
Do you agree with this statement? Give reasons. **4**

5. 'As far as the piano is concerned, sentiment is my forte. I keep science for life'.

- (a) Who is the speaker? **1**  
(b) What does the speaker mean,when he says 'I keep science for life'. **2**  
(c) Explain , 'sentiment is my forte'. **2**

**Or**

'The Importance of Being Earnest' is a comedy of manners, whereby Oscar Wilde used satire to ridicule marriage, love and the mentality of the Victorian society. Justify this statement **5**

6. Answer **any two** of the following questions in about 150 words: **5x2=10**

- (a) Write the character sketch of Rajam.  
(b) How far can it be said that the novel 'Swami and Friends' throws light on child psychology?  
(c) Discuss on the use of Humour and Comedy in R.K Narayan's 'Swami and Friends'.

**SECTION –B (Reading)**

7. ***The Road Not Taken***

*Two roads diverged in a yellow wood,  
And sorry I could not travel both  
And be one traveler, long I stood  
And looked down one as far as I could  
To where it bent in the undergrowth;*

*Then took the other, as just as fair,  
And having perhaps the better claim,  
Because it was grassy and wanted wear;  
Though as for that the passing there  
Had worn them really about the same,*

*And both that morning equally lay  
In leaves no step had trodden black.  
Oh, I kept the first for another day!  
Yet knowing how way leads on to way,  
I doubted if I should ever come back.*

*I shall be telling with this a sigh  
Somewhere ages and ages hence:  
Two roads diverged in a wood, and I—  
I took the one less travelled by,  
And that has made all the difference.*

- (i) Based on your reading of the poem, complete the following in the space Provided. 4x½=2

The speaker stood for \_\_\_\_ looking at the two diverged roads. He then took the one which was \_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_. He had a doubt whether he should ever come back. Finally, the speaker made a \_\_\_\_\_ by taking the less travelled road.

- (ii) Find words in the poem that mean the same as: 2x1=2
- (a) Impartial
  - (b) Divided

8. **Read the following passage and answer the questions that follow:**

“Rule”, I said, are necessary things, but there are rules and rules. Some are hard and fast rules like the rule of the road, which cannot be broken without danger to life and limb. But some are only rules for your guidance, which you can apply or wink at, as common sense dictates. Like that rule about dogs. They are meant to be observed in the spirit, not in the letter-for the comfort and not for the discomfort of the passenger. You have kept the rule and broken the spirit. You want to mix your rules with a little goodwill and good temper.

**Based on your reading of the passage answer the following questions:**

- I. (a) What are hard and fast rules? 1  
(b) How should the other rules be observed? 2
- II. Find words from the passage which mean the same as: 2x1=2  
(a) essential (b) order

9. **Read the passage and answer the questions that follow:**

In my opinion, the beauty and efficacy of Satyagraha are so great, and the doctrine so simple, that it can be preached even to children. It was preached by me to thousands of men, women and children with excellent results.

The spirit of non-violence necessarily leads to humility. Non-violence means reliance on God, ‘the Rock of Ages’. If we seek His aid, we must approach him with a humble and contrite heart. Even as the mango tree, which droops as it bears fruits. Its grandeur lies in its majestic lowliness.

Non-cooperation is not a movement to brag, bluster or bluff. It is a test to our sincerity. It requires solid and silent self-sacrifice. It challenges our honesty and our capacity for national work. It is a movement that aims at translating ideas into action. And the more we do, the more we find that much more must be done. And this thought of our imperfection must make us humble.

- a. What is non- violence? What can it lead us to? 1+1=2  
b. According to the writer, what is the beauty of Satyagraha? 2  
c. Give words from the passage which means the opposite as: 2x1=2  
(i) plainness (ii) arrogance

**SECTION-C (Writing)**

10. St. Xavier’s School, Kolkata is going to celebrate its Annual Prize Distribution Day in June 2022. Draft a formal invitation on behalf of the Principal, staff and the students in not more than 50 words, to be sent to the guests and parents.

**Or**

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Draft a poster for ‘ Save Trees, Save Earth’ campaign .

11. Write a report on ‘Empowerment of Women’ organized in your locality to spread awareness on the equal participation of women in every walks of life.

**Or**

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Write an essay in about 150-200 words on the topic, ‘Contribution of technology in Education’.

12. Your parents have gone on a vacation outside the State. Write a letter to your parents describing how you celebrated/spent your birthday with your siblings in their absence.

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**SECTION-D (Grammar)**

13. You have just completed your final examination and is preparing to enter college. Your father is worried about the carrier path you have in mind, whereas, you are certain about what you want to do. The two of you debate the pros and cons of your decision. Write a dialogue in Direct Speech.

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14. Complete the following sentences by giving two reasons for each of them:

- a) men and boys must know how to cook because:
- b) she was screaming with joy as:
- c) I could not understand him because:

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15. Write three effective ways of conserving water. (Remember to use passive voice)

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