

SECTION - A [40 MARKS]

REFERENCE TO CONTEXT:-

Question 1. 'On came the band thud, thud, thud, came the drum with a vibrating resonance and for the moment I did not notice two urchins stopping at the railings by me.'

- (i) Where was the band coming out from? What was the name of the band? *Marching band / Salvation Army* [2]
 (ii) What did 'I' think and decide to do on seeing such a crowd? [2]
 (iii) What strange things did the two urchins notice about 'I'? Why was 'I' paralysed for a moment? [3]
 (iv) Describe how 'I' escaped from the people who were following him. What happened then? [3]

Question 2. 'Dear madam you have seen this play;

I never saw it till today.

You know the details of the plot,

But, let me tell you, I do not.'

- (i) Who is the speaker? Why was he annoyed? *The Noel* [2]
 (ii) What kind of play was the speaker watching? How did the lady know the details of the plot of the play? [2]
 (iii) How was the lady spoiling the charm of the play? Give details to support your answer. [3]
 (iv) Where according to the speaker does the merit of the drama lie in? What were the two things that the speaker asked the lady to do? [3]

Question 3. 'The better you were, the more demanding Miss Smith was.'

- (i) Name the author. Name anyone novel written by the author. *Maudie Lee / Mother of Pearl* [2]
 (ii) Describe Miss Smith's appearance. *Amey's Diary* [2]
 (iii) Describe how Miss Smith taught dance to the whole school. [3]
 (iv) What did James Agori gift Miss Smith? Why? What did the gift stand for? [3]

Question 4. 'With that silent prayer, I turned to my opponent.'

- (i) Who is 'I' here? Who is 'the opponent'? *Mary Kom / Karolina Michalczyk* [2]
 (ii) Why was it a special day for 'I'? How did 'I' feel about Charles? [2]
 (iii) Describe how 'I' convinced herself that she would certainly win against her opponent. What was her magic mantra? [3]
 (iv) Describe the bout which 'I' had with her opponent? Who won the bout? *19/4* [3]

SECTION-B [22 MARKS]

Question 5. Answer the following questions in detail: -

- (i) With reference to the poem, 'The Human Seasons', describe how the different stages in the life of a human being are similar to the seasons. [5]
 (ii) Describe Mary Kom's fight with Adams. How did Mary feel about losing the fight? [5]

Question 6. Answer the following questions: -

- (i) Where did Fagin go and why? [2]
 (ii) Which deal did the doctor strike with the ladies? [2]
 (iii) What made Oliver very happy? [2]
 (iv) Who were the chasers? How did they frighten the robbers? [3]
 (v) How did Oliver deliver an important letter? [3]

SECTION-C [8 MARKS]

Question 7. Give the meanings of the following words:-

- (i) exaltation *great joy* (ii) ruminate *think seriously* (iii) immaculate *neat & tidy* (iv) leotard *a one piece garment worn by dancers*
 (v) feted *praised* (vi) infer *conclude* (vii) foretold *said what would* (viii) folly *stupidity*