

ATTEMPT ALL QUESTIONS

SECTION-A [40 MARKS]

REFERENCE TO CONTEXT

Q1. 'After that, his reading seemed to come on in leaps and bounds.'

- (a) Identify the author. Name any two of his works. [2]
- (b) Who is referred to as 'his' in the above extract? By whom was he being helped? [2]
- (c) How did 'his' reading come on in leaps and bounds? What made him have tears in his eyes earlier in the lesson? [3]
- (d) Elaborate on the efforts made to read and write by the person being referred to in the extract. [3]

Q2. 'I want to write something one day that will astound everybody!'

- (a) Identify the lesson. Mention two facts about the author. [2]
- (b) What did the speaker decide to write about? [2]
- (c) What kind of response did the speaker's book receive? [3]
- (d) What had Frankenstein achieved in two years of toil? [3]

Q3. 'Never did sun more beautifully steep
In his first splendour, valley, rock, or hill'

- (a) Identify the poem. Mention one more poem written by the poet. [2]
- (b) Who is being referred to as 'his' in the above mentioned lines? What is the figure of speech used? [2]
- (c) Where is the speaker? Why does he feel that the sun had never more beautifully steeped? [3]
- (d) How does the poet describe the beauty of the city early in the morning? [3]

Q4. 'About 250 metres ahead of our vessel, I spot a floating log.'

- (a) Identify the lesson. Name one book co-authored by Bittu Sahgal. [2]
- (b) Where is the speaker at the moment? When did he visit the place? [2]
- (c) What happened to the floating log? What was it actually? [3]
- (d) What makes Sunderbans a birder's paradise? [3]

SECTION-B [22 MARKS]

Q5. Answer the following questions in detail-

- (a) What makes Sundarbans the most biodiverse mangrove forest in the world? Where is it situated and why is it significant? [5]
- (b) What reasons did Grandpa have for never having to learn to read and write? [5]

Q6. Answer the following questions-

- (a) Why were the children in the poorhouse always hungry? [2]
- (b) How was Oliver punished? [2]
- (c) How did Charlotte differentiate between the two boys? [2]
- (d) How did Noah report the matter to Mr Bumble? [3]
- (e) When and where did Oliver meet Jack? [3]

SECTION-C [8 MARKS]

Q8. Give the meaning of the following words:-

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| (a) savagery | (e) majesty |
| (b) spectacle | (f) spells |
| (c) steep | (g) benthic |
| (d) remorse | (h) exhilaration |