

SECTION - A [40 MARKS]

ANSWER ANY FIVE FROM THE EXTRACTS GIVEN BELOW:

Read the extract given below and answer the questions that follow:

- Q1. 'He would catch a wasp with his bare fingers, pull out its sting, tie a thread round it, and fly like a kite.'
- a) Who does 'He' refer to in the above extract? [1]
 - b) What would 'He' do to a butterfly? [2]
 - c) What did 'He' use to target birds with? How? [2]
 - d) What kind act did 'He' perform later in the story? Explain. [3]
- Q2. 'He had borrowed money from the moneylender and spent a lot of time choosing the cloth and having it stitched.'
- a) Identify the person referred to in the above extract? [1]
 - b) For whom had this person got the cloth stitched and why? [2]
 - c) What was the profession of the person spoken of? What else did he own? [2]
 - d) What made this person have tears in his eyes, a little later in the story? Narrate. [3]
- Q3. 'We don't calculate prices your way.'
- a) Who is the speaker and where did he live? [1]
 - b) Whose 'way' is being spoken of? Describe him. [2]
 - c) How were the prices calculated according to the speaker? [2]
 - d) What message does the author convey through this story? [3]
- Q4. 'Then he must do more than his best, that's all I know, Ma'am,' said Jakes.
- a) Who is Jakes speaking about? [1]
 - b) Why did Jakes speak the above line? [1]
 - c) Why was 'he' not able to do his best in spite of his efforts? [1]
 - d) Did Jakes take the suggestion made by the listener? Explain the theme of the story accordingly. [3]
- Q5. 'I've nothing here to show you, Miss, I did it in my head'
In that case, Jack, next time please use
The abacus instead.'
- a) Name the poem and the poet. [1]
 - b) Identify the speaker and the listener. [1]
 - c) What suggestion is given to the speaker immediately after the above line is spoken and by whom? [2]
 - d) Whom did the speaker speak to the next day and what did he tell them? [2]

Q6. Till last by Philip's farm I flow
To join the brimming river,
For men may come and men may go,
But I go on forever.

- a) Name the poem and the poet.
- b) List the various places that fall in the path of the brook.
- c) What makes the brook sparkle? Explain the phrase 'netted sunbeam'.
- d) Explain the last two lines of the stanza in your own words. Compare brook's journey with human life.

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(2)
(2)
7 1/2
(3)

ATTEMPT ANY THREE QUESTIONS IN DETAIL:

[3X4=12]

3.5 Q7. How was Bodh Raj 'utterly callous'? What were his favourite targets?

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Q8. How had Amrit bullied his parents into getting him a new shirt?

3.5 Q9. How does a friendly-looking lady convince Jakes 'to lead a good fashion than to follow a bad one' in the story 'Jakes and the Lady'?

3.5 Q10. Describe any four places that fall in the path of the brook as it flows towards the river.

SECTION - B

ATTEMPT ALL QUESTIONS

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1/3 Q11. What plan did Tom and Huck make to get the treasure?

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1/3 Q12. How did the boys escape from being caught by Joe?

(3)

1/4 Q13. How was Huck welcomed by the Welshman? How did the Welshman convince Huck?

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SECTION - C

Q14. Give the meanings of the following words:

(8)

- a) parched
- b) ecstatic
- c) earnest
- d) eddying
- e) cresses
- f) bicker
- g) fatigue
- h) foreman

8 1/8