

ST. JOSEPH'S ACADEMY, DEHRADUN

FIRST TERM EXAMINATION SEPTEMBER, 2022-23

SUBJECT: ENGLISH LITERATURE

CLASS: VII

M.M.70 TIME 2 HOURS

NAME OF THE STUDENT.....CLASS/SECTION.....ROLL NO.....

SECTION – A [40 MARKS]

Reference to context:

[40]

Q1. 'I can't read,' he mumbled. 'And I can't write either.' There were tears in his eyes. 'You got to teach me, lad. You got to.'

- a) Identify the speaker and the listener. *Grandpa grandson* [2]
- b) Why did the speaker use newspapers to learn reading? *larger print* [2]
- c) Mention the unexpected treasures acquired by the speaker in a jumble sale at Iddesleigh Village Hall. [3]
- d) What did the listener find in the rucksack when it tumbled over? Describe. *white envelope* [3]

Q2. Pulling on a windcheater against the cold, I marvel at the magic of nature that gifts such fragile creatures with their amazing flying capabilities.

- a) From which book is the lesson taken? Who is referred to as 'I' here? *SAS* [2]
- b) Name the fragile creatures mentioned by the speaker. [2]
- c) What was the speaker's childhood dream? How did it come true? [3]
- d) According to the speaker, why do people go to the Sundarbans? [3]

Q3. A sight so touching in its majesty:

This City now doth, like a garment, wear

The beauty of the morning; silent, bare

- a) Name the poet. Mention any one of the famous poems written by him or her. [2]
- b) Which city is being talked about here? Where is the speaker 'at the moment'? [2]
- c) Identify any two literary terms used in the above given lines.
Explain – 'This City now doth, like the morning;' [3]

Q4. Why is the beauty referred to as 'silent, bare'?

'Oh, what do I write about? I have thought and thought, but my mind is blank! It has to be sinister and something never heard or thought of before, something that would shock them.'

- a) Who said these words, and to whom? [2]
- b) Why was the speaker determined to write about something 'sinister'? [2]
- c) Who is referred to as 'them' here? [3]
- d) Write a few lines about the speaker. [3]

SECTION – B

Answer the following questions:

- Q1. Describe the narrator's encounter with the cobra on his way from Dar es Salaam to Nairobi. [20]
[5]
- Q2. Where did Grandpa take the narrator at midnight on the Christmas Eve? What did he do there? [5]
- Q3. Narrate the short meeting of Oliver and Dick. [3]
- Q4. How did the landlady, a farmer and a shopkeeper treat Oliver? [3]
- Q5. What awakened Oliver? Whom did Oliver see after opening the door? [2]
- Q6. Why were the children in the poorhouse always hungry? [2]

SECTION – C

Give the meanings of:

- (i) *prow* ~~pointed boat~~ *ship* (ii) *brackish* *salty* (iii) *dogged* *determined*
(iv) *venture* *go* (v) *hazardous* *dangerous* (vi) *affable* *friendly*
(vii) *doth* *does* (viii) *serenity* *peace* (ix) *morose* *bad mood*
(x) *void* *emphasis*