



Total Marks: 80 Marks

ENGLISH

Time: 2½ hours

SET B

Questions 1–6. Read the paragraphs from the story “The Scholarship Jacket” and answer the following questions. (4x1= 4 Marks)

The small Texas school that I went to, had a tradition carried out every year during the eighth-grade graduation: a beautiful gold and green Jacket was awarded to the class valedictorian, the student who had maintained the highest grades for eight years. The scholarship Jacket had a big gold ‘S’ on the left front side and your name written in gold letters on the pocket.

My oldest sister, Rosie, had won the Jacket a few years back, and I fully expected to also. I was fourteen and in the eighth grade. I had been a straight ‘A’ student since the first grade and this last year had looked forward very much to owning that Jacket. My father was a farm labourer who couldn't earn enough money to feed eight children. So when I was six I was given to my grandparents to raise.

1. What was the tradition followed in the Texas School?
2. How did the scholarship jacket look like?
3. What do you think the letter ‘S’ on the jacket represents?
4. Why did Martha expect to win the jacket this year?
5. Why was Martha given to her grandparents when she was six?
6. Pick out a word from the passage which means ‘a belief that has existed for a long time.’

Questions 7-10. Read the following lines from the poem “Poetry” and answer the questions that follow. (4x1=4 Marks)

And it was at that age.... Poetry arrived
in search of me. I don't know, I don't know where
it came from, from winter or a river.
I don't know how or when,
no they were not voices, they were not
words, nor silence,
but from a street I was summoned,
from the branches of night,
abruptly from the others,
among violent fires
or returning alone,
there I was without a face
and it touched me.

7. Pick out an instance of **personification** from the lines.
8. What was the condition of the poet before the arrival of the Poetry?
9. ‘It came from, winter or a river’. What does the poet mean by this?
10. Pick out the instances of **visual images** from the lines.

Questions 11-15. Read the lines from the poem “The Ballad of Father Gilligan” and answer the following questions. (3x2= 6 Marks)

The old priest Peter Gilligan
Was weary night and day
For half his flock were in their beds

Or under green sods lay.
Once, while he nodded in a nodded chair
At the moth-hour of the eve
Another poor man sent for him,
And he began to grieve.
'I have no rest, nor joy, nor peace,
For people die and die;
And after cried he,
'God forgive! My body spake not I!'

11. Who was Father Gilligan? Why was he tired?
12. Find out **two visual images** from the poem?
13. What happened during the moth hour? Why was he worried?
14. Pick out two instances of alliteration from the given lines.
15. Pick out a pair of **rhyming words**. Find out the **rhyme scheme**.

Questions 16-18. Read the following passage from the screenplay 'My Sister's Shoes' and answer the questions that follow. (2x2= 4 Marks)

A small group of men are waiting in a queue outside the bakery to buy nan. The outline of buildings in the street is seen in the distance. Ali is seen coming out from the bakery into the footpath, the parcel of nan in his right hand and the parcel of shoes in his left. He crosses the pavement and walks into a vegetable store. He places the bundle of nan on top of a pile of boxes of vegetables stacked in front of the shop and the bag of shoes in the small gap between two boxes.

16. Why were the people waiting in a queue?
17. How is the movement of Ali described in the passage?
18. What does Ali carry with him?

Answer any three questions from 19- 23. (3x4= 12 Marks)

19. **Complete the following conversation suitably.**

Doctor : Good morning sir.(a).....?
Inspector : No, we haven't got any information about the thief.
Doctor : I believe you are doing your best to find the thief,.....(b).....?
Inspector : Yes, doctor. We're doing our best.
Doctor :(c).....?
Inspector : Yes, of course, we hope we will catch him soon.
Doctor : Do you need any more information from me?
Inspector : No, thank you. If I need,.....(d).....
Doctor : Ok sir. Thank you. Bye!

20. **There are some errors in the following passage. The errors are underlined. Edit them.**
I read the passage of Adichie. It was realy (a) a touching one. She were (b) talking about the danger of a single story. What she read were mostly British and American stories. Later she when (c) began to write stories, she was influenced by this (d) stories.

21. **Supply the missing words in the following passage.**

He opened the door.....(a)..... the cage. The instant the door was opened(b).....a clang, a tiger emerged with a loud roar, and charged straight.....(c)..... the villagers gathered.....(d)..... the camera.

(with, on, behind, at, of)

22. **Rewrite the passage given below replacing the phrasal verbs given in brackets.**

Mr John decided to.....(a).....Dr. A J Cronin. He.....(b)..... a coat and(c)..... his journey. On the way he(d).....the sergeant of police.

(set out, came across, put on, call on, make out)

23. Look at the following sentences.

1. Adichie visited Fide's house and his mother showed them a beautifully patterned basket.
2. Her speech is smooth, confident and charming.
3. Her body language and gestures are excellent.
4. Martha turned to the Principal and looked at him

In the first sentence, two sentences are combined with 'and'. In the second sentence, two adjectives are combined with 'and'. In the third sentence, two nouns are combined with 'and'. In the fourth sentence, and is used to combine two verb phrases. Now, try to **frame four sentences in the similar pattern.**

Answer any one question from 24-25.

(1x4= 4 Marks)

24. Study the following table about reading habits of students and teachers and answer the following questions.

ITEMS	GIRLS	BOYS	TEACHERS
Newspaper	220/300	480/500	60/62
Film magazines	280/300	200/500	15/62
Sports News	124/300	500/500	53/62
Science journals	200/300	380/500	40/62

- a. Which item do boys like the most?
- b. Which is the favourite item for girls?
- c. Who among the three shows more interest in science?
- d. Which is the most popular item for teachers?

25. Read the passage given below and answer the questions that follow.

When I was around four or five I was with my mother at a store buying some Christmas gifts. As we were leaving I saw beautiful little dinosaurs that fit perfectly in my hands. I grabbed two of them and hid one in each of my pockets. My pockets were so small that they made me look like I had two tumours on each of my hips. I still remember the rush of energy I got from actually leaving the store undetected.

Well, when my mother and I got to the car, she found them and called the store keeper back and made me apologise. I had the absolute worst social anxiety when I was a kid. So I was absolutely sobbing, telling this poor employee how horrible a person I was. I had a mental breakdown, when my mom cried a while afterwards and brought me a nice milkshake!

- a. Why did the narrator and his mother visit the store?
- b. What did he do when he was leaving the store?
- c. What was the reaction of the mother when she found out the mistake made by her son? How did the narrator feel?
- d. Give a suitable title for the passage. Explain the appropriateness of the title.

Answer any three questions from 26- 29.

(3x6= 18 Marks)

26. Mr John is a remarkable character in the story, "The Best Investment I Ever Made". We get a clear picture about him from the vivid description given by the narrator. Attempt the **character sketch** of Mr. John.

27. Read the following lines from the poem 'Lines Written in Early Spring' and prepare a note of **appreciation** focusing on its theme, images and other poetic devices.

I heard a thousand blended notes
While in a grove I sate reclined,
In that sweet mood when pleasant thoughts
Bring sad thoughts to the mind.

To her fair works did Nature link
The human soul that through me ran;
And much it grieved my heart to think
What man has made of man.

28. Before announcing the winner of the scholarship jacket, the media person interviewed Martha and asked about her expectations of winning it. **Prepare six possible questions for the interview.**

29. Satyajit Ray was disappointed when he realized that his first shooting attempt went in vain. He expressed his feelings in his diary. Prepare the likely **diary entry**.

Answer any two questions from 30- 32.

(2x6= 12 Marks)

30. Prepare a short **profile** of Majid Majidi using the details given below.

Birth: April 17, 1959

Place of birth: Tehran, Iran

Occupation: Film director, producer, screenplay writer

Famous films: Children of Heaven (1997), The Colour of Paradise(1999), Baran (2001), Willow Tree (2005)

Awards: Grand Prix Award (1999)

Nomination: Children of Heaven for the Academy Award for the best foreign language film.

31. Aunt Jane criticised Jack and Jill for their habit of buying luxury items on instalments. Prepare the likely **conversation** between Aunt Jane and Jill.

32. The English Club of your school has decided to organise a two-day Satyajit Ray Film Festival. Ray's films like 'Pather Panchali', 'Aparajito', 'Apur Sansar', and 'Charulata' will be screened in the festival. The renowned film maker Adoor Gopalakrishnan has consented to inaugurate the festival. Draft a **notice** showing the details of the festival.

Answer any two questions from 33- 35.

(2x8= 16 Marks)

33. The homeopath had a strange experience of coming face to face with a full blooded cobra. Imagine he narrates his experience to his friend. Write the likely **narrative**.

(Hints: hot summer night – small rented room – no ceiling – regular traffic of rats – table – mirror – great admirer of beauty – important decisions – dull thud – landed on the shoulder – simultaneous – hood spread out – turned to stone – presence of God - death four inches away – snake looked into the mirror – admiring – unwound – man of flesh and blood – ran – thief – final insult)

34. "Nature is not a place to visit. It's home". The lesson 'Adventures in a Banyan Tree' emphasizes the importance of coexistence in nature. Prepare a **write-up** highlighting the necessity of protecting nature and to live in harmony with it..

(Hints – banyan tree – home to animals and birds – harmony – nature's beauty – wonder – the Strange Case of the Grey Squirrel and the White Rat – baby squirrels – plant trees - protect nature - conserve –take care – live close to nature)

35. The Youth Welfare Organisation has decided to honour Mr John for his valuable contribution towards uplifting the maladjusted and the delinquent youths of the society. Being the secretary of the organisation, you are asked to deliver a speech. Prepare a **speech**.

(Hints – John – visit to New York – early life – friendless –victim to loose society – lost savings – stole sum of money – office safe – suicide attempt –transformation in his life – solicitor – youth welfare – charitable organisation – cases of maladjusted and delinquent youth)