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SAY / IMPROVEMENT EXAMINATION, JULY – 2022

Part – III

Time : 2½ Hours

ENGLISH LITERATURE

Cool-off time : 15 Minutes

Maximum : 80 Scores

General Instructions to Candidates :

- There is a ‘Cool-off time’ of 15 minutes in addition to the writing time of 2½ hrs.
- Use the ‘Cool-off time’ to get familiar with questions and to plan your answers.
- Read the questions carefully before answering.
- Write answer to the specific number of questions as instructed.
- Keep in mind, the score and time while answering the questions.

PART – I

(A) Answer any 4 questions from 1 to 6. Each carries 1 Score.

(4 × 1 = 4)

1. Coole is a national park near _____.
 - (a) England
 - (b) Dublin
 - (c) Africa

2. The poem ‘Ecology’ is written by _____.
 - (a) W.H. Auden
 - (b) David Diop
 - (c) A.K. Ramanujan



3. Bama's writings focuses on _____ discriminations.
- (a) colour
 - (b) caste
 - (c) religion
4. Who was the childhood friend of the narrator in the story 'My Old Home' ?
- (a) Jun-tu
 - (b) Liza
 - (c) Higgins
5. _____ is the literary form of a film.
- (a) Screen play
 - (b) Essay
 - (c) Novel
6. What is the name of the flower girl in the play 'Pygmalion' ?
- (a) Bama
 - (b) Liza Doolittle
 - (c) Maya Angelou

(B) Answer ALL questions from 7 to 10. Each carries 1 score.

(4 × 1 = 4)

7. Whom does the poet address in the poem 'Million Man March' ?
- (a) Afro-Americans
 - (b) Indians
 - (c) Egyptians

8. Name the poet who had lost his life during the air crash off Dakar in 1960.
- (a) W.H. Auden
 - (b) David Diop
 - (c) David Malouf
9. In the story 'Yzur', the narrator tries to make _____ to speak.
- (a) An ape
 - (b) Swans
 - (c) Doves
10. The essay 'Are the Rich Happy' is written by _____.
- (a) Stephen Leacock
 - (b) V. Geetha
 - (c) Franz Kafka

PART – II

(A) Answer any 3 questions from 11 to 15. Each carries 2 scores.

(3 × 2 = 6)

11. 'Was he free ? Was he happy ? The question is absurd :
Had anything been wrong, we would certainly have heard.'

Why did the question seem to be absurd ?'

12. 'Ramshackle, muddy, noisy, drab, a cheerfully
Shallow permanence, peeling concrete, litter, 'Atomic
Lotion, for hair fall-out, a filmsy department-store.
Racks and towers of neon, flashy over tiled and tilted waves'

Identify the poetic device with one example.

13. 'A cold coming we had of it,
Just the worst time of the year
for a journey, and such a long journey.'

Identify the speaker. Where are they travelling to ?

14. 'almost
as old as her, seeded,
She said, by passing bird's
Providential droppings'.

Whom is the poet referring to ? Which one is 'as old as her' ?

15. 'Some forest deity, or deity of highway
and sky, has incognito set up residence the god head
invoked in a machine'.

Identify the poem and the poet.

(B) Answer any 2 questions from 16 to 18. Each carries 2 scores.

(2 × 2 = 4)

16. 'But today, voices of old spirit sound
Speak to us in words profound,
Across the years, across the centuries,
Across the oceans, and across the seas.'

What do the old ones remind the new generation ?

17. 'I have never known you

But your blood flows in my veins

Your beautiful black blood that irrigates the fields

The blood of your sweat.'

Who is the speaker here ? Whom is the speaker addressing to ?

18. 'pensive daughter of the dusky dark

Gliding slowly like a long wail,

into this hospital,

extending her cold fingers.'

Who is the pensive daughter of the dusky dark ? What did she do ?

PART – III

(A) Answer any 3 questions from 19 to 23. Each carries 4 scores.

(3 × 4 = 12)

19. Comment on the actions of the boy in 'Doves on the wing'.

20. Why did the narrator in 'We too are Human Beings', getting late to reach home after school hours ?

21. What details do you get about the Bean curd Beauty from the story 'My Old Home' ?

22. How did the schools reinforce men and women roles ?

23. What is the significance of the title 'Pygmalion' ?

(B) Answer any 1 question from 24 to 25. Each carries 4 scores. (1 × 4 = 4)

24. What was the reaction of the family after Gregor Samsa transformed to a large monstrous insect ?
25. Comment on the theme of the poem, 'Million Man March'.

PART – IV

(A) Answer any 3 questions from 26 to 29. Each carries 6 scores. (3 × 6 = 18)

26. Make a review of the poem 'Ecology' by A.K. Ramanujan.

Hints : Reverence and affinity – mother nature – poet decides to cut Champak trees
– mother does not allow to cut – Eco poetry.

27. How did the thieves carry out their plans to plunder the passengers ?

Hints : Entry of three thieves – the first with deep scar – second leapt on the bus –
the third clung to the bar.

28. How could the writer succeed in depicting the vivid picture of the people of Azores ?

Hints : Group of islands – lazy, poor, shiftless and sleepy-the principal crop is corn
– no development in technology and infrastructure.

29. Comment on the dramatic purpose of the opening scene of the play, 'Pygmalion'.

Hints : Heavy late-night thunder storms – people gather under the portico of St.
Paul's church – quarrel with the note taker – Colonel Pickering as gentleman.

(B) Answer any 2 questions from 30 to 32. Each carries 6 scores. (2 × 6 = 12)

30. 'Night Rain' portrays the loneliness, dejection and despondency of a woman –
Elucidate.

Hints : Night rain as a young woman – weeping, laughing and whimpering –
consoles the speaker – resemblance of the poet's miseries with the night
rain'.

31. Narrate the sportsman spirit runs through the veins of the people of Dilshan and
Deewar.

Hints : Dilshan and Deewar neighbouring villages – Kabaddi as their favourite
game – Manohar Ram's political interference Lt. Aaron's bet – eats his hot.

32. English can rightly be regarded as the key to a treasure – house of knowledge – Elaborate.

Hints : English as a Global language – window to the world – language of Science
and Technology.

PART – V

Answer any 2 questions from 33 to 35. Each carries 8 scores. (2 × 8 = 16)

33. Make a critical appreciation of the poem 'The Journey of the Magi'.

Hints : Testifies the influence of religion – poet's search for solution to human
dilemma – problems faced by the Magi – usage of biblical references – an
old white horse- six hands at open door dicing for a pieces of silver – Birth
and death – duality.

34. Through the poem “No More Hiroshimas”, the poet revealed to the world the commercialized post-war faces of Japan – Explain.

Hints : An outright plea to realise the consequences of the war – relics of the war – bombed industry promotion hall – Atomic bomb explosion centre – peace tower museum.

35. The evolution of the character Eliza Doolittle from a flower girl to dutchess is an achievement of a common girl who sets her goal to change her future – Justify.

Hints : Entry of Eliza in the Act I – Street flower girl – quarrel with Freddy’s family – note takers actions – approaches Higgins to learn standard English – Many hardship had gone through – Garden party – success.
