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ENGLISH

(Old Course)

**(COMPARTMENTAL CANDIDATES WITH
INTERNAL ASSESSMENT)**

Full Marks : 80

Pass Marks : 24

**(NON-REGULAR, PRIVATE AND COMPARTMENT WITHOUT
INTERNAL ASSESSMENT)**

Full Marks : 100

Pass Marks : 30

Time : 3 hours

The figures in the margin indicate full marks for the questions

General Instructions :

- (i) The candidates are advised to attempt all questions accordingly.
- (ii) Marks allocated to every question are indicated against each.
- (iii) Question Nos. **1** to **16** are to be answered by **Compartmental candidates with Internal marks.**
- (iv) Question Nos. **1** to **20** are to be answered by **Compartmental candidates without Internal marks/Non-Regular/Private candidates.**

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SECTION—A

(Prose)

1. Choose and write the correct answer (any *three*) : 1×3=3

- (a) The black sloth bear in the sugarcane fields was shot at by
- (i) the writer
 - (ii) the villagers
 - (iii) the writer's companion
- (b) The dream that kept Maria going was
- (i) tennis as a business and a sport
 - (ii) money
 - (iii) her desire to become number one in the world
- (c) Vera, the fifteen-year-old niece of Mrs. Sappleton was a very
- (i) shy girl
 - (ii) self-possessed young lady
 - (iii) dignified young lady
- (d) The dangers that the Arnothy family would face while crossing the border would be
- (i) wild animals and hunters
 - (ii) rough and slippery earth and the police
 - (iii) fast-moving vehicular traffic
- (e) When Megan first looked down at her baby, she felt as if she
- (i) hated him
 - (ii) was ashamed of him
 - (iii) recognised him

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2. State whether the following statements are *True* or *False*
(any *three*) : 1×3=3

- (a) Bruno developed paralysis when he drank a bottle of insecticide.
- (b) Maria's mother could not accompany her daughter to the US because she did not have the money to buy a ticket.
- (c) Promodini's parents were pained by their daughter's disability.
- (d) Megan's pregnancy test came out negative.
- (e) Framton Nuttel was relieved when Mrs. Sappleton bustled into the room.

3. Fill in the blanks with the correct words from the choices given in the brackets (any *three*) : 1×3=3

- (a) All the keepers at the zoo said he was _____.
(fussing, fretting)
- (b) "Of course, _____ is a motivation."
(money, power)
- (c) "I hope Vera has been _____ you?"
(scaring, amusing)
- (d) "If they ask us anything _____!"
(Aunt Charlotte, Ovaros)

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4. Read the extracts given below and answer the questions that follow (any *two*) : 3×2=6

- (a) “We all missed him greatly; but in a sense we were all relieved.”
- (i) Whom does ‘we’ stand for? 1
 - (ii) Whom did they miss? 1
 - (iii) Why did they feel relieved? 1
- (b) “I called once more, Hello! Come here, my dear.”
- (i) Who is the speaker here? 1
 - (ii) Who was the person talking to? 1
 - (iii) What did the person spoken to do after these words were spoken? 1
- (c) “Here they are at last!”
- (i) Who spoke these words? 1
 - (ii) In whose presence were these words spoken? ½+½
 - (iii) Where had ‘they’ come from? 1

5. Answer any *two* of the following questions : 5×2=10

- (a) Who was Megan? Why was she expelled from school? How did she suffer after being expelled? 1+1+3=5
- (b) What was the story narrated by Vera to Framton Nuttel? How did he react when he saw the hunting party? 3+2=5
- (c) What were the narrator and her parents running away from? Why did they book their tickets only to the next station? Where were they planning to go from Ovaros station? Why was the narrator’s father disappointed after speaking to the guide? 2+1+1+1=5

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SECTION—B

(Poetry)

6. Choose and write the correct meaning from the options given below (any *four*) : 1×4=4

(a) “Remember they have eyes like ours”

- (i) people are not blind
- (ii) we differ from others only due to language and colour
- (iii) men all over are essentially the same

(b) ‘full of birds’ cries;’

- (i) birds are flying everywhere
- (ii) the west wind echoes with the sound of the birds’ cries
- (iii) the thrushes are in song

(c) ‘ever-widening thought and action’

- (i) dynamic thoughts
- (ii) thoughts guided by God
- (iii) extreme thoughts and views

(d) “I hear it in the deep heart’s core.”

- (i) only a part of him is sensitive to the beauty
- (ii) his heart is heavy with the sound he hears
- (iii) the delight is infused in his being

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- (e) “list to this refrain”
 (i) listen to the mother
 (ii) dream as it rains
 (iii) listen to the music of the rain
- (f) “Weave their bright hues into woof”
 (i) the poet was spinning yarn
 (ii) a series of beautiful memories
 (iii) the coloured bedspread

7. Supply the missing lines in the following extracts (any *two*) : 1×2=2

- (a) “Like ours : the land our brothers walk upon
_____”
- (b) “And a small cabin built there,
_____”
- (c) “And the melancholy darkness
_____”

8. Read the extracts given below and answer the questions that follow (any *one*) : 3

- (a) “Remember, we who take arms against each other
It is the human earth that we defile.”
- (i) Name the poem from which the given lines have been taken. 1
- (ii) What is the name of the poet? 1
- (iii) What is the meaning of the word ‘defile’ as mentioned in this line? 1

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- (b) "Will ye not come home brother? Ye have been long away."
(i) Who is the speaker of this line? 1
(ii) What does it seem to be telling him? 1
(iii) Where is 'home'? 1

9. Answer any *one* of the following questions : 6

(a) Why does Coates Kinney enjoy the gentle falling rain on his cottage roof? Whom does he recall as it rains? What does the poet mean by 'naught in Art's bravuras'? 2+2+2=6

(b) What kind of dwelling place does the poet imagine for himself on the Lake Isle? Describe the sights and sounds that attracted the poet in *The Lake Isle of Innisfree*. 3+3=6

(c) What message does James Kirkup give in the opening line of the poem, *No Men are Foreign*? What is 'uniform' suggestive of? How does he describe men of different countries as alike? 2+2+2=6

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SECTION—C

(**Rapid Reader**)

Answer *either* from Group—A *or* from Group—B

Group—A

(**The Strange Case of Dr. Jekyll and Mr. Hyde**)

10. Answer, in brief, any *four* of the following questions : 1×4=4

- (a) Who was Mr. Guest?
- (b) Who murdered Danvers Carew?
- (c) Mention any one article found at the crime scene.
- (d) Who was Mr. Newcomen?
- (e) What impression did Mr. Utterson have of Edward Hyde?
- (f) Why did Dr. Jekyll bring a mirror in his study?

11. Who was Poole? Why did he go to Mr. Utterson's house? What did Poole and Utterson find when they broke open the door to Jekyll's study? 1+2+3=6

Or

What is the transcendental drug? Describe one of the crimes committed by Hyde after consuming the drug. 2+4=6

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Group—B

(**The Count of Monte Cristo**)

10. Answer, in brief, any *four* of the following questions : 1×4=4

(a) Who was the last member of the Spada family?

(b) Why was Abbe Faria placed among the mad prisoners?

(c) What was the Chateau d'If ?

(d) Why was Dantes arrested?

(e) Why did Mercedes not wish to marry Fernand Mondego?

(f) Who was Andrea Cavalcanti?

11. Who was Haydee? How did she become a slave? 2+4=6

Or

How did the death of Faria help Dantes to escape from the Chateau d'If ? How did he manage to escape to safety when he was flung into the sea?

4+2=6

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SECTION—D

(Grammar and Composition)

12. Rewrite the following as directed : 1×8=8

- (a) We started early. We arrived at noon.
(Join the two sentences beginning with : Having)
- (b) Lata sings a beautiful song.
(Begin : A beautiful)
- (c) I asked him if he would be at home the next day.
(Begin : “Will you”)
- (d) He saw a huge lion.
(Change into passive voice)
- (e) I speak the truth. I am not afraid of it.
(Combine the two sentences using an infinitive)
- (f) She loves to eat mangoes.
(Use the ‘ing’ form of the verb)
- (g) “Have you finished your work?” Mr. Brown asked Sam.
(Begin : Mr. Brown)
- (h) Tom broke the pencil.
(Change into active voice)

13. Fill in the blanks with appropriate prepositions (any *four*) : $\frac{1}{2} \times 4 = 2$

- (a) Please look _____ the blackboard.
- (b) The cow feeds _____ grass.

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- (c) I parted _____ him with a heavy heart.
- (d) The property was divided _____ the two brothers.
- (e) Everyone longs _____ peace.
- (f) Take care _____ your books.

14. Make sentences with any *four* of the following idioms : 1×4=4

- (a) by hook or by crook
- (b) to bear in mind
- (c) a bone of contention
- (d) nip in the bud
- (e) a golden opportunity
- (f) bag and baggage

15. Read the passage given below carefully and answer the questions that follow :

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When people are too old to work, they enter the stage of life called retirement. Even if you live a healthy, accident-free and illness-free life, you will still get to an age when you cannot work in a job the same way that someone younger can. When you stop working, you stop earning money. So how does a retired person buy the things that they need, in order to live, when they stop earning money? In order to live comfortably when they are old, a person needs to save some of the money that they earn while they are still working.

Most people would like to retire by the time they reach their late 60s. The average life expectancy in the world, according to

UNO is expected to rise from 65 years old to 75 years old by 2050. If people live longer, they will need to be able to pay for their cost of living for a longer time, after they have stopped earning money. A retirement plan is, therefore, essential, but many leave it too late before they think about one.

If you get your first properly paid job when you are 20 years old, and retire when you are 65, you will have worked for 45 years. A person who retires at the age of 65 and lives to the age of 75 will need to have enough money to last them for 10 years. Everybody needs to plan for their retirement so that they can be financially independent in their old age.

Questions :

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| (a) What is retirement? | 1 |
| (b) What does a person need to do in order to live comfortably when they are old? | 2 |
| (c) What would be the average life expectancy according to UNO by 2050? | 1 |
| (d) Why is a retirement plan essential? | 1 |
| (e) What will a person who retires at 65 but lives up to 75 need? | 1 |

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Or

- (a) Your school is organising a picnic. As captain of your school, write a notice for the students of your school to join the picnic. Include the necessary details in your notice such as place, date, timing and amount to be contributed. 3
- (b) Write an advertisement inviting people to your newly opened restaurant. 3

16. Attempt *either (a) or (b)* : 10

(a) Write an essay (in about 200 words) on any *one* of the following topics :

(i) My favourite film

Points : Introduction—story of the film—significance—why I liked the film—what the film has taught me—conclusion.

(ii) Mobile Phones—A boon or a curse.

Points : Introduction—advantages—disadvantages—personal viewpoints—conclusion

(iii) Punctuality

Points : Significance of punctuality in life—punctuality in the school, library, social functions—punctuality vital for national growth—conclusion

(b) (i) Write a letter to your younger brother advising him not to mix with bad company.

Or

(ii) Write a letter to your friend inviting him/her to spend a week with you and your family.

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(Only for Candidates without Internal Assessment)

(Marks : 20)

17. Answer the following in 1 sentence or 2 sentences each
(any five) : 2×5=10

- (a) Why did Framton Nuttel go for a rural retreat?
- (b) What was the dream that kept Maria going?
- (c) Why did Promodini not go to a normal school?
- (d) How did Bruno develop paralysis while at the author's house?
- (e) What did the doctor say about Megan's condition?
- (f) Why was there complete silence in the train compartment?

18. Match the columns given below : 1×5=5

(a) Veils of morning	(i) there is freedom of thought and belief and views
(b) Naught in Art's bravuras	(ii) The Lake Isle of Innisfree
(c) Knowledge is free	(iii) Coates Kinney
(d) A single body breathes	(iv) And white is the May
(e) Its April, and blossom time	(v) men all over are essentially the same

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19. Fill in the blanks with the correct words from the choices given in the brackets : $\frac{1}{2} \times 4 = 2$

(a) Apple orchards _____ there, and the air's like wine.
(bloom/blossom)

(b) Where tireless striving _____ its arms towards perfection.
(reaches/stretches)

(c) And evening full of linnets' _____.
(rings/wings)

(d) And a _____ dreamy fancies.
(thousand/hundred)

20. Answer *either* Group—A or Group—B :

Group—A

(**The Strange Case of Dr. Jekyll and Mr. Hyde**)

Answer the following in 1 sentence or 2 sentences each (any *three*) :
 $1 \times 3 = 3$

(a) Who was Mr. Richard Enfield?

(b) What did Dr. Lanyon witness at his consulting room?

(c) "If I am the chief of sinners, I am the chief of sufferers also." Who wrote the statement in a letter and to whom?

(d) What happened to Dr. Jekyll at Regents Park?

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Group—B

(**The Count of Monte Cristo**)

Answer the following in 1 sentence or 2 sentences each (any *three*) :

1×3=3

- (a) What was the name of Dantes' fellow prisoner?
- (b) Who was Noirtier?
- (c) What was the mode of burial in the Chateau d'If?
- (d) What papers did Haydee produce to prove her identity?
