

2017

ENGLISH

[FIRST LANGUAGE]

[BIFURCATED SYLLABUS]

Time—3 hours 15 minutes

Full marks—90 (For Regular candidates) Full marks—100 (For External candidates)

SECTION—A [PROSE]

1. Choose the correct answer from the given alternatives:

1x8=8

(i) The age of Miss Caroline Fischer was not more than——

(a) twenty-two (b) twenty-one (c) twenty-nine (d) twenty

(ii) Miss Fischer had read out a story to the students about——

(a) birds (b) dogs (c) elephants (d) cats

(iii) Leacock remarked that the brakesman and the conductor were ‘in collusion’ to——

(a) fight with the passengers (b) help the passengers (c) deceive the passengers (d) guard the passengers

(iv) The author noticed that the conductors would stick bits of paper to the ——

(a) coats of the passengers (b) hats of the passengers (c) seats of the passengers (d) luggages of the passengers

(v) The name of the pet-dog of Mamzelle Aurlie was——

(a) Ruby (b) Odile (c) Ponto (d) Lodie

(vi) The author Graham Greene loved to read ‘Sophy of Kravonia’ written by——

(a) R. M. Ballantyne (b) Anthony Hope (c) Rider Haggard (d) Marjorie Bowen

(vii) In the story ‘Drought’ Vela Mudaliar did not allow the villagers to water their——

(a) lands (b) cattle (c) children (iv) garden

(viii) The person who poisoned the water-tank of Mudaliar was——

(a) Rasu (b) Suriar (c) Kathar (d) Achi

2. Answer the following questions in about fifteen words: 1x3=3

(i) How should a passenger draw the attention of the conductor in the aisle of the train?

Model answer for MCQ :

1. i) (b) twenty-one

1. ii) (d) cats

(ii) Which book did Graham Greene read when he was fourteen year old?

(iii) “We are at our human finest...”

When are the humans finest?

3. Answer any two of the following questions in about one-fifty words: 7x2 = 14

(i) “Miss Caroline, he’s a Cunningham.”

Who is ‘he’ referred to here? What type of person is a ‘Cunningham’? How does the narrator know it?

(ii) “She cried with sobs that seemed to tear her very soul.”

Why did Mamzelle Aurlie cry?

(iii) “He had avenged the crime.”

What was the crime? How did Suriar avenge it?

(iv) “The computer, at its best, is infallible.”

How does the author show that the computer is ‘infallible’?

SECTION—B (POETRY)

4. Choose the correct answer from the given alternatives: 1x7=7

(i) In the wheat field the total number of reapers was—

(a) five (b) ten (c) seven (d) six

(ii) The colour of the cows standing in the dank rushes was—

(a) black (b) chestnut (c) white (d) brown

(iii) Far in the western Brookland, the trees that stood and trembled were—

(a) birch (b) cherry (c) pine (d) poplar

(iv) Charging aloud is bravery, but the man who charges within the bosom is a—

(a) noble man (b) patriot (c) gallanter (d) warrior

(v) Edwin Muir says that the shallow water could be seen clear in—

(a) bright sunshine (b) misty morning (c) his imagination (d) tranquil air

(vi) The only joy of the poet Nathaniel Hawthorne was—

(a) to recall past heroics (b) war’s alarms (c) to fight for the nation (d) to return home

(vii) The poet imagined of a world where there would be no—

(a) people (b) rivers (c) countries (d) hatred

5. Answer following questions in about fifteen words:

1x2=2

(i) What, according to the poet Housman, is the reason for the wanderer to halt on the bridge in the windless night-time?

(ii) “Where’er I trod...”

What did the poet, Nathaniel Hawthorne, see as he trod on?

6. Answer any two of the following questions in about twenty-five words:2x2=4

(i) “Nature takes rest”

What images of nature prove that it is taking rest?

(ii) “The grasses threw straight shadows far away”

How does the poet describe the setting in of darkness?

(iii) Where did the poet go leaving his “low and humble home”?

(iv) “You may say I’m a dreamer”

Why does Lennon say so?

7. Answer any one of the following questions in about one-fifty words:7x1=7

(i) “Busy life is still, sunk in brooding leisure”—How was life busy yet “sunk in brooding leisure”?

(ii) “He saw each separate height, each vaguer hue”—What did the little boy see as he stood on the hill top?

(iii) “Too late I found that Glory’s ray”—Why does the poet say so? Discuss in reference to the poem ‘I left my low and humble home’.

SECTION—C (RAPID READER)

8. Choose the correct answer from the given alternatives:

1x5=5

(i) “Penang Lawyer” refers to a—

(a) lawyer (b) solicitor (c) walking-stick (d) hearth-rug

(ii) Holmes saw Watson by his reflection on the—

(a) mirror (b) coffee-pot (c) window-pane (d) well polished table

(iii) The old manuscript was read out by—

(a) Holmes (b) Dr. Watson (c) Dr. Mortimer (d) Sir Henry Baskerville

(iv) Mr. Stapleton was a—

(a) chemist (b) naturalist (c) historian (d) steward

(v) Rodger Baskerville, the black sheep of the family fled to—

(a) India (b) South Africa (c) Central America (d) Australia

9. Answer the following questions in about ten words:

1x5 =5

(i) Give a brief description of Dr. Mortimer.

(ii) Who was Barrymore?

(iii) How did Rodger Baskerville die?

(iv) How many people saw the apparition before Sir Charles's death?

(v) What profit did Barrymore and his wife get by Sir Charles's will?

10. Answer any one of the following questions in about one hundred words: 5x1 =5

(i) "Well Watson, what do you make of it".

What is 'it' referred to here? What inference did Dr. Watson make of it? How far was it correct?

(ii) "He never returned."

Describe the events that led to the death of Sir Charles Baskerville.

(iii) Describe the first experience of Holmes and Watson on their way to Baskerville?

SECTION—D (GRAMMAR AND RHETORIC)

11. Do as directed:

1x6=6

(i) Shylock was so adamant that he would take nothing but a pound of flesh. (Change into a simple sentence)

(ii) It is not wise to criticize others. (Rewrite the sentence using the adjective form of 'criticize')

(iii) Hardly had I finished reading the book than the bell rang. (Begin: No sooner. . . .)

(iv) The news of his mother's death came as a bolt from the blue. (Identify the idiomatic expression in the sentence and write its meaning)

(v) They spoke in a low voice. Nobody in the room could hear them. (Join into a complex sentence)

(vi) If you do not stop eating junk food, you will fall ill. (Use 'unless')

12. Identify the figure of speech in the following sentences:

1x4=4

(i) A horse is a very stable animal.

(ii) Man proposes, God disposes.

(iii) He looked at the roaring sky.

(iv) If we don't end war, war will end us.

SECTION—E (WRITING)

13. Report the following conversation in about fifty words: 3

Helen: Hello Thomas! How are you?

Thomas: Oh! Hi Helen! I've got a new job now and it's going great. How about you?

Helen: Not too bad.

Thomas: Do you often eat at this café?

Helen: No. This is my first time. My friends kept telling me of the awesome food served here. So tonight I decided to try it. What about you?

Thomas: I've been too busy with my new job. But otherwise I'm fine.

Helen: Hope you have a lovely meal!

Thomas: Yes, you too.

14. Paraphrase the following poem in about one-fifty words: 7

How beautiful is the rain

H.W.Longfellow

How beautiful is the rain!

After the dust and heat,

In the broad and fiery street,

In the narrow lane,

How beautiful is the rain!

How it clatters along the roofs,

Like the tramp of hoofs!

How it gushes and struggles out

From the throat of the overflowing spout!

Across the window-pane
It pours and pours;
And swift and wide,
With a muddy tide,
Like a river down the gutter roars
The rain, the welcome rain!

15. Write an essay on any one of the following topics in about two-fifty words: 10

- (i) Hazards of pollution
- (ii) Mobile phone : blessing or curse
- (iii) Pleasure of reading

SECTION —F

[FOR EXTERNAL CANDIDATES ONLY]

16. Answer any four of the following questions in about fifteen words: 1x4=4

- (i) What book did Miss Caroline ask the narrator to read?
- (ii) Which station was Leacock supposed to get down?
- (iii) What was the colour of the cows mentioned in the poem ‘Reapers’?
- (iv) Where did the little boy for a long time?
- (v) What was the only joy of the poet in ‘I left my low and humble home’?

17. Answer any three of the following question in about twenty-five words: 2x3=6

- (i) “Why don’t you give him some water then...”

Who is ‘him’ referred to here? Why were the people not giving him water?

- (ii) “I left my low and humble home”

Why did Hawthorne leave his low and humble home?

- (iii) Give a brief description of the walking stick of Dr. Mortimer.

- (iv) When are we at our ‘human finest’?