

Section – A Comprehension

I. Read the following Passage

I gave him the can of wine, He poured himself a mug and handed me the can. He drank all of it at one go. He then arranged the belt that was attached to the trunk carefully on his forehead. So, this was the picture. My father carrying my luggage on his back and me following him with a tiny bag in my hand. We were walking up a narrow hilly road, and neither of us uttered a word as if we were strangers who spoke different languages. I did not know what was going on in his mind. From time to time it crossed my mind that it was improper for me to let father carry the luggage. I wanted to tell him that I would like to carry the trunk myself, but my guilt and shame did not allow me to do so. This self-consciousness had probably to do with my education, the white-collar job that I had, or quite simply my pride. Somehow, I had the feeling that if I carried the luggage, my father and my people, in fact the whole world laugh at me and I would be belittled.

Now, answer the following questions,

Each question has four choices. Choose the correct answer the write the options (A), (B), (C) or (D) in your answer booklet.

4 x 1 = 4 Marks

1. "He drank all of it at one go. What does "it" indicate in thisline? ()
 (A) The wine poured in the mug
 (B) The water poured in the can
 (C) The wine in the can
 (D) The water in the can,
2. Where were the narrator and his father going? ()
 (A) They were going to have an evening walk.
 (B) They were going to shop shoes.
 (C) They were going to their fields.
 (D) They were going to the bus stop.
3. "He drank all of it at one go". What does this act indicate? ()
 (A) It indicates that he is tired
 (B) It indicates that he is weak
 (C) It indicates that he is very thirsty
 (D) It indicates that he is a drunkard
4. The narrator and his father did not utter a word during their walk. Why? ()
 (A) Because they were stressors.
 (B) Because they did not have love and affection.
 (C) Because the narrator was thinking something
 (D) Because they speak different Languages

Q. (5-7) Answer the following questions in two or three sentences each

3 x 2 = 6 Marks

5. The narrator was disturbed by some thought. What was it?
6. What was the job of the narrator?
7. What was going on his mind?

II. Read the passage given below. Five sentences in the passage are numbered (8 – 12) at the beginning. Each of these sentences has an error. Correct and rewrite underlined words in the answer booklet.

5 x 1 = 5 Marks

(8) On the afternoon is that day, a potter had arrived home after a hard day's work. (9) He was tired for thirsty. He had asked his wife for some palm-wine. (10) The more he drank, the better he feel. When he had drunk all the wine he no longer felt tired. (11) When the storm began a potter suddenly remembered that he had left his donkey tied under a tree. He rushed out of his hut to take the animal into the stable. (12) You can

imagine his anger when he discovered that the donkey was not there anymore -- the only thing left was his chain. (12)

- III. Complete the following passage choosing the right words from those give in the box. Write the answers in your answer booklet. 5 x 1 = 5 Marks

simultaneously, suddenly, gradually, luxurious, but, weary, laborious.

Father wanted to say something _____ (13) the bus started moving. I saw my father _____ (14) receding in to the distance. I saw that the road we had come by looked like a giant motionless rope. Father would use the same road to go back home _____. (15) our journeys started in two opposite directions, with me seated in the _____ (16) seat of a bus and father walking back with _____ (17) legs on the pebble-strewn road.

Section – B Vocabulary and Grammar

- IV. Some words/sentences in following passage are underlined. Rewrite them as directed in your answer booklet. 5 X 1 = 5 Marks

Everyday, I walk a half-mile from my home to the tramcar line in the Mourning (18) and from the lines to my home in the evening the walk is pleasant (19). The road on either side is flanked by red and green-roofed bungalows, green lawns and gardens. The exercise is good to (20) me, and now and then, I learn something from a little incident. One morning, about half-way among (21) my front gate and the track (22), I noticed two little boys playing in the garden of the more modest cottages.

18. Replace the underlined word with a correct one to fit in the context.
19. Write the word that is opposite in meaning of the underlined word.
20. Replace underlined word with the correct preposition.
21. Replace the underlined word with a suitable one.
22. Write the word that has the same meaning of the underlined word.

V. Read following poem.

Abandoned to the garbage bin,
With mosquitoes and insects
Eating its tiny fingers away,
Little baby crying for help
as foul smells comes into play,
irradiating from disposed bacteria
Unheard shrieks of the baby's hysteria
die in eerie silence of the night,
“An outcast of destiny”
Its labored breath
racing in quick gasps
forced lonely like crap
with cyanosed lips
sea-blue nose and fingers-tips,
Its tattered and torn dirty wrap
make it shiver in freezing grasp
A filthy black cat
edges on to the holed bin
searching for easy rats
And finds its food
tearing at the babe's hair
with their sharp teeth
gnawing at its ears
to complete their feed,
As the cat jumps in
with a screeching meow
the rats let loose
a clicking squeak
A bloody chaos ensues,
The only sin of the infant-
BEING BORN.

Answer all the Questions

Now, answer the following questions. Each question has four choices. Choose the correct answer and write

(A), (B), (C) or (D) in your answer booklet.

3 x 1 = 3 Marks

23. What type of poem is this?
A. tragic
B. nature poetry
C. love
D. devotional

24. Which of the following statements is false?
- A. The rats were eating the baby
 - B. The baby was dead by the time the cat came
 - C. The rats left the baby to the cat
 - D. The baby was in dust bin
25. 'Easy rats' here means....
- A. Easily available rats
 - B. The rats that move easily
 - C. The rats that are caught easily
 - D. lazy rats

Write answers for the given questions in one or two sentences

2 x 1 = 2 Marks

26. Why do people abandon the babies?
27. Do you feel this poem is heart-rending? Why?

Section – B Creative Writing (Discourses)

VI. Give a detailed description of any movie you liked most.

5 x 1 = 5 Marks

OR

Write the plot of 'Maya Bazar' film.

VII. Siva Subramanian Iyer invited Kalam for a meal. At first his wife was horrified, later she realised the ability of accepting everyone equally. Imagine yourself as Kalam and make a diary entry of your feeling after the incident.

5 x 1 = 5 Marks