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ENGLISH

Language English - I

(CBCS Scheme 2018-19 Repeaters)

Time : 3 Hours

Maximum Marks : 70

*Instructions to Candidates :*

- 1) Answer All the questions.
- 2) Write the correct question numbers.

## SECTION - A

(Prose and Poetry)

- I. Answer any **Five** in **One** or **Two** sentences each. (5×2=10)
- 1) What was Behrman's dream in 'The Last Leaf'?
  - 2) When did Aunt Mabel decide to pack her bags and leave in, 'All Creatures Great and Small'?
  - 3) List any two things that man will do by planting a tree with reference to the poem, 'Heart of the Tree'.
  - 4) What was the reaction of the lawyer when he first heard S. Chabria's distribution of his property in the story 'Daughter'?
  - 5) When is work considered empty according to Khalil Gibran in 'The Ploughman'?
  - 6) How old was Helen Keller when she met her teacher for the first time?
  - 7) What type of books do women normally read according to the essayist in 'Bookshop Memories'?
  - 8) Why did the man like the verses more than the book in 'A conversation with a Reader'?
- II. Answer any **Four** of the following in about **One** page each. (4×5=20)
- 1) What was bothering Johnsy as she lay on her sick bed?
  - 2) Explain the confusion created by the arrival of the Python in the grandfather's house.
  - 3) How does the tree convey the loyalty of the man who plants it?

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- 4) Why were the brothers neither surprised nor alarmed after hearing the will in 'Daughter'?
- 5) What happens if one works with love according to Gibran in 'The Ploughman'?
- 6) How did the introduction of the word 'water' awaken Helen Keller's soul in 'My Teacher'?
- 7) How do people react to the mention of 'Classics' in 'Bookshop Memories'?

III. Answer any **One** of the following in about **Two** pages. (1×10=10)

- 1) Comment on the ending of the story 'The Last Leaf'.
- 2) Bring out the humour with reference to Aunt Mabel and the Python in the story "All Creatures Great and Small".
- 3) How did Anne Sullivan instill hope in Helen for a successful future and faith that the world would recognize her and Love her?

#### SECTION - B

#### (Grammar and Composition)

IV. Read the following passage and answer the questions set on it.

Darius was the emperor of Persia. His empire was vast, his army was big and he himself was known for his courage. Alexander had set his heart on conquering Persia. He came to Persia marching at the head of his army which was much smaller than that of Darius. On the eve of the battle, the whole valley was lit by the torches of the Persian soldiers. Some of the Macedonian officers were unhappy. They wondered if they could defeat such a big army. They went to Alexander and advised him to attack the enemy at night. Alexander smiled and gave them the famous answer, "I will not steal a victory".

Sometime later Alexander received a letter from Darius in which he offered to pay a huge amount of money in exchange for Persian prisoners and give his daughter in marriage if he promised to be his friend. Alexander told his friend Parmenio about the proposals made by Darius. "If I were Alexander, I would accept them". Said Parmenio.

"So would I", said Alexander, "If I were Parmenio".

Answer the following in a word, a phrase or a sentence as required. (5×1=5)

- 1) Who was Darius?
- 2) Why were the Macedonian officers unhappy?
- 3) Parmenio was Alexander's
  - a) King
  - b) Officer
  - c) Soldier
  - d) Friend

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4) What advice did the officer give Alexander?

5) Mention one proposal/offer made by Darius to Alexander.

V. 1) Choose the correct homophone to complete the sentence. (2×1=2)

a) The \_\_\_\_\_ is very pleasant in Bengaluru.  
(Weather, Whether)

b) It is universally accepted that the sun is \_\_\_\_\_.  
(Stationery, Stationary)

2) Choose the correct Synonym for the underlined word. (2×1=2)

a) Swathi was Keen on learning French.

i) Uninterested ii) Eager

iii) Reluctant iv) Lethargic

b) The answer he gave to his son's question was remarkable.

i) Shout ii) Cry

iii) Reply iv) Ask

3) Choose the correct form of the verb given in the brackets. (1)

Nagaraju \_\_\_\_\_ to a movie last month. (had gone, went)

VI. A) Do as directed.

1) What enquiry would you make for the following situation? (1)

You are at the bus station. You want to know the arrival time of Hosadurga Bus.

2) Introduce your classmate to your dad. (1)

B) Fill in the blanks with appropriate article, preposition and verb. (3)

1) \_\_\_\_\_ dog is a faithful animal. (an, the)

2) I saw that two policemen \_\_\_\_\_ a thief.  
(are chasing, were chasing)

3) She travelled 14 miles \_\_\_\_\_ an hour.  
(in, at)

C) Fill in the blanks with appropriate **tense** forms of the verbs given in the brackets. (3)

1) The train \_\_\_\_\_ left before I reached the station. (have, had)

2) The principal \_\_\_\_\_ observing the Parade. (is/are)

3) Rashmi \_\_\_\_\_ the newspaper while having breakfast yesterday.

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(read, had read)

VII. Develop the story using the hints given below and suggest a suitable title. (4)

Chaplin's mother \_\_\_\_\_ a music hall singer \_\_\_\_\_ one day voice failed \_\_\_\_\_ crowd made a lot of noise \_\_\_\_\_ chaplin standing in the hall \_\_\_\_\_ manager \_\_\_\_\_ caught hold of him \_\_\_\_\_ took him to the stage \_\_\_\_\_ forced chaplin to sing \_\_\_\_\_ he sang \_\_\_\_\_ people happy \_\_\_\_\_ throw money \_\_\_\_\_ demanded \_\_\_\_\_ one more song.

VIII. Write an essay on any **One** of the following topics in about a page. (4)

- 1) Learning without exams
- 2) My favourite teacher

IX. Summarize the following passage in about **100** words and suggest a suitable title. (4)

There are three kinds of book owners. The first has all the standard sets and best sellers unread, untouched. (This deluded individual owns wood pulp and ink, not books). The second has a great many books \_\_\_\_\_ a few of them read through, most of them dipped into, but all of them as clean and shiny as the day they were bought.

(This person would probably like to make books his own, but is restrained by a false respect for their physical appearance). The Third has a few books or money \_\_\_\_\_ every one of them do \_\_\_\_\_ earned and dilapidated, shaken and loosened by continual use, marked and scribbled in front to back (This man owns books).

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