

" VIJAYASREE " - PALAKKAD

' Second Midterm Assesment November 2018 '

Std X

ENGLISH

Time 1Hr / Score: 20

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

A long bar of silence throbbed in the little attic when he concluded this halting confession. Then, gruffly, the sergeant asked how much he had stolen. Seven pounds ten shillings - the answer sounded pitiful. For this paltry sum, he had almost thrown away his life. There was a pause. The three of us, the sergeant, the landlady and me, as the sole witnesses of the near tragedy, had the same unspoken thought in our minds. We decided to give the young man a fresh start. The sergeant, at considerable risk to his job, resolved to make no report upon the case, so that no court proceedings would result. The landlady offered a month's free board until he should get upon his feet again. While I, making perhaps the least contribution, came forward with seven pounds ten shillings for him to put back in the office safe.

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2. How did the sergeant help the young man? 1
3. What was the best investment made by the narrator? 1
4. Pick out a word from the passage that means 'too small to be considered as important or useful.' 1
5. 'We three decided to give the young man a fresh start.' Do you think it was a wise decision? Why? 2

II. Write a critical appreciation of the poem 'The Ballad of Father Gilligan'. (1X4=4)

III. You are impressed by the speech of Adichie. How do you accept her explanation about the danger of a single story. You decide to write a letter to her. **Prepare the letter.** (1X5=5)

IV. Complete the conversation suitably. (5X1=5)

- John : Sir, You are a doctor, _____ a _____ ?
- Doctor : Yes. _____ b _____ ?
- John : I am John. You saved me from a suicide attempt.

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Doctor : Oh! Now I remember you.

John : If you had not come on time that day _____ c _____

Doctor : _____ d _____ ?

John : I went to New York to visit the juvenile homes there.

Doctor : _____ e _____ ?

John : Yes, I stay in London.

Doctor : I'm very happy to meet you

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