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ENGLISH – TEST 4

(T-23)

Total Score : 20

Time : 45mnts

Read the excerpt from ‘The best Investment I Ever Made’ and answer the questions that follow. (4x1=4)

‘Excuse me, Doctor, I wonder if I might introduce myself’. He spoke almost breathlessly, offering me the visiting card he held in his hand and studying my face to see if the name meant anything to me. Then, as it plainly did not, he went on with the same awkwardness. ‘If you could spare a few minutes.... my wife and I would like to have a word with you.’

A moment later I was occupying the vacant chair beside them. Haltingly he told me that this had been their first visit to America. It was not entirely a holiday trip. They had been making a tour of the New England states, inspecting many of the summer recreational camps for young people there. Afterwards, they had visited settlement houses in New York and other cities to study the methods employed in dealing with cases of backward, maladjusted and delinquent youth.

1. Pick out from the passage the expression that shows the man was tensed.
2. Why did the man visit the New England states?
3. Find out the word from the passage that means ‘showing a tendency to commit crimes’
4. Pick out the verb phrase from the following sentence.
‘They had been making a tour of the New England states.’

5. Read the following lines from the poem 'The ballad of Father Gilligan' and prepare a note of appreciation focussing on the theme and the poetic devices used. (3)

*'I have no rest, nor joy, nor peace,
For people die and die;
And after cried he, 'God forgive!
My body spake not I!'*

*He knelt, and leaning on the chair
He prayed and fell asleep;
And the moth-hour went from the fields,
And stars began to peep.*

*They slowly into millions grew,
And leaves shook in the wind
And God covered the world with shade
And whispered to mankind.*

*Upon the time of sparrow chirp
When the moths came once more,
The old priest Peter Gilligan
Stood upright on the floor.*

*Mavrone, mavrone! The man has died
While I slept in the chair.'
He roused his horse out of its sleep
And rode with little care.*

*He rode now as he never rode,
By rocky lane and fen;
The sick man's wife opened the door,
'Father! you come again!'*

6-9. Answer any TWO

(5X2=10)

6. Prepare a **conversation** between Ali and his friend after he lost his sister's shoes.

7. The English Club of your school has decided to conduct a 'One Day Movie Fest' in your school. The short films of Majid Majidi are going to be screened. Prepare a **notice** to invite everyone to attend the movie fest.

8. Imagine that Mr. John, after meeting the narrator for the second time, writes his **diary**. What would be the possible diary entry?

9. You have read the story 'The Best Investment I Ever Made' and you are quite impressed by the attitude of the author towards the young man. Write a **letter** to your friend, describing your feelings.

10. Choose appropriate phrasal verbs.

(3)

(give-up, come across, make out, put off)

Mr. John(a) Mr. Cronin on board the ship after twenty five years. Cronin could not(b) who the man was. By then Mr. John had (c) all the habits.

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