



THIRUVANANTHAPURAM EDUCATIONAL DISTRICT

ENGLISH

Standard X

Time: 90 minutes

Score: 40

Questions 1 - 5. Read the following passage from 'Adventures in a Banyan Tree' and answer the questions given below.

It was an April afternoon. And the warm breezes of approaching summer had sent everyone, including Grandfather, indoors. I was feeling drowsy myself and was wondering if I should go to the pond behind the house for a swim, when I saw a huge black cobra gliding out of a clump of cactus and making for some cooler part of the garden. At the same time a mongoose (whom I had often seen) emerged from the bushes and went straight for the cobra.

1. When did the story happen? 1
2. What would one like to do on a summer afternoon? 1
3. What was the huge black cobra searching for? 1
4. Where did the mongoose come from? 1
5. Pick out a word from the passage that means 'sleepy'. 1

Questions 6-9. Read the lines from 'Lines Written in Early Spring' and answer the questions that follow.

To her fair works did Nature link
The human soul that through me ran;
And much it grieved my heart to think
What man has made of man.

Through primrose tufts, in that green bower,
The periwinkle trailed its wreaths;
And 'tis my faith that every flower
Enjoys the air it breathes.

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| 6. How does Nature link her works to? | 1 |
| 7. 'What man has made of man.' What does this line mean? | 1 |
| 8. Write the rhyme scheme of the poem. | 1 |
| 9. What does the flower get pleasure from? | 1 |

Question 10. Answer any ONE of the following questions. 6

A. What did the boy do to spend his leisure time in the banyan tree? Write a **paragraph** in about 80 words.

(Hints: spend more time on the tree - reads variety of books - ariel view - sees the fight between cobra and mongoose - sees life on the banyan tree)

OR

B. The homeopath in the story 'The Snake and the Mirror' took so many decisions to be followed in his life. Was he able to follow all his decisions? What do you think? Write a **paragraph** in about 80 words.

Questions 11 to 13. Answer any TWO in about 60-80 words. (5 x 2 = 10)

Question 11. Imagine that the boy saw one of his friends and explained what had happened in the afternoon. What will be their likely **conversation**? Write at least six exchanges.

Question 12. The homeopath was utterly shocked when the cobra coiled around his arm. Reaching his friend's home, he wrote his feelings on his diary. What may be the likely **diary entry**?

Question 13. Imagine that the boy in the story 'Adventures in a Banyan Tree' writes a letter to his friend explaining what had happened that afternoon. What would the **letter** be?

Questions 14. Read the following lines from *Lines Written in Early Spring* and prepare an appreciation of it. 5

The budding twigs spread out their fan,
To catch the breezy air;
And I must think, do all I can,
That there was pleasure there.

If this belief from heaven be sent,
If such be Nature's holy plan,
Have I not reason to lament
What man has made of man?

Question 15. Replace the underlined words with the phrasal verbs given in brackets.

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(put out, make up, came across, put up with)

- a. The cobra met the mongoose in the garden.
- b. The firefighters tried their best to extinguish the fire.
- c. The shopkeeper could not tolerate the behaviour of his staff.

Question 16. Read the following passage. There are a few errors in it which are underlined. Correct the errors.

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The snake turned its head. It look (a) into the mirror and saw its reflexion (b). Slowly, it down slithered (c) and moved to the mirror. I do not claim that it was the first snake that had ever looked into a mirror. Was it admiring their (d) own beauty?

Question 17. Complete the following sentences suitably.

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- a. Raju cried aloud as if _____ . (see a cobra)
- b. The more you run _____ . (tired)
- c. Unless you study hard, _____ . (pass)