



Total Marks: 80 Marks

ENGLISH

Time: 2<sup>1</sup>/<sub>2</sub> hours

SET A

Questions 1–6. Read the paragraphs from the story “The Scholarship Jacket” and answer the following questions. (4x1= 4 Marks)

I was almost back at my classroom door when I heard voices raised in anger as if in some sort of argument. I stopped. I didn't mean to eavesdrop, I just hesitated, not knowing what to do. I needed those shorts and I was going to be late, but I didn't want to interrupt an argument between my teachers. I recognised the voices: Mr. Schmidt, my History teacher and Mr. Boone, my Maths teacher. They seemed to be arguing about me. I couldn't believe it. I still remember the feeling of shock that rooted me flat against the wall as if I were trying to blend in with the graffiti written there.

I refuse to do it! I don't care who her father is, her grades don't even begin to compare to Martha's. I won't lie or falsify records. Martha has a straight A-plus average and you know it.' That was Mr. Schmidt and he sounded very angry. Mr. Boone's voice sounded calm and quiet. 'Look. Joann's father is not only on the Board, he owns the only store in town. We could say it was a close tie and-'

1. Who were the teachers engaged in the argument?
2. Why did Martha hesitate to enter the classroom?
3. What were Martha's teachers arguing about?
4. Why was Mr. Boone arguing in Joann's favour?
5. What do you know about Joann's father?
6. Pick out the word which means “to listen secretly to a private conversation”.

Questions 7-10. Read the following lines from the poem “Poetry” and answer the questions that follow. (4x1=4 Marks)

I did not know what to say, my mouth  
had no way  
with names,  
my eyes were blind,  
and something started in my soul,  
fever or forgotten wings,  
and I made my own way,  
deciphering  
that fire

7. Why couldn't the poet say anything?
8. Poetic intuition is like seeing without eyes. Which line says so?
9. What does ‘fever or forgotten wings’ indicate?
10. Pick out an instance of alliteration.

**Questions 11-15. Read the lines from the poem “Lines written in Early Spring” and answer the following questions. (3x2= 6 Marks)**

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.

11. Pick out any two lines that are the examples for **personification**.
12. a) Which are the flowers mentioned here?  
b) What do they teach us?
13. Identify any two instances for **alliteration** from the poem.
14. a) Who is the poet?  
b) What is his faith about the flowers?
15. Write an example for **rhyming words**. Identify the **rhyme scheme**.

**Questions 16-18. Read the following passage from the screenplay 'My Sister's Shoes' and answer the questions that follow. (2x2= 4 Marks)**

He goes to the pile of boxes in front of the shop and picks the bundle of nan and then looks for the bag of shoes. Unable to find it, he places the bag of nan atop the vegetable boxes and begins to search underneath. First he puts his hand and then his head in the gap between the boxes of vegetables, which upsets them all. The vegetable boxes tumble and vegetables scatter on the ground. On hearing the sound, Akbar comes running from inside the shop and sees the vegetables strewn on the ground.

16. Who is ‘**he**’ in this passage?
17. What happens when he puts his hand in between the boxes?
18. What does Akbar see when he comes out of the shop?

**Answer any three questions from 19- 23. (3x4= 12 Marks)**

**19. Complete the following conversation suitably.**

Grandfather: .....(a).....?  
Boy: Grandpa, I’ve seen something very exciting.  
Grandfather: What have you seen?  
Boy: I’ve seen a mongoose and a cobra fighting with each other in the garden.  
Grandfather: .....(b).....?  
Boy: I was in the banyan tree.  
Grandfather: I think you were not frightened, .....(c).....?  
Boy: No, I wasn’t frightened.  
Grandfather: Who won the battle?  
Boy: The mongoose won the battle.  
Grandfather: The mongoose is a useful animal. If we allow the mongoose to live in the garden,.....(d).....  
Boy: Of course.

**20. There are some errors in the following passage. The errors are underlined. Edit them.**  
I realised how reverently these animal actors was treated (a) when I happened to saw (b) the shooting on (c) Disney studio. The main character in this film was an (d) large dog.

**21. Supply the missing words in the following passage.**

I went back .....(a)..... the room and sat down.....(b).....the chair. I opened the box .....(c)..... the table..... (d).....took out a book, The Materia Medica.

**(beneath, on, into, and, but)**

**22. Rewrite the passage given below replacing the phrasal verbs given in brackets.**

It was the time for my P E class. I had to **remove (a)** my uniform and **wear (b)** my PE shorts to go to the playground. I **started (c)** towards my class room to take the shorts. I met one of my friends and she told me that nobody was in the classroom. When I reached the class, I heard my teachers talking about the Scholarship Jacket. They **continued (d)** arguing with each other for a long time.

**(came across, went on, take off, set out, put on)**

**23. Look at the following sentences.**

1. He was sitting in front of the mirror and a big cobra fell down from the roof.
2. The homeopath would like to marry a fat and rich doctor.
3. The snake looked into the mirror and saw its reflection.
4. Rats and I shared the same room

In the first sentence the linker 'and' is used to combine two sentences.

In the second 'and' is used to combine two adjectives.

In the third 'and' is used to combine two verb phrases.

In the fourth 'and' is used to combine two nouns.

**Frame four sentences in the same pattern.**

**Answer any one question from 24-25.**

**(1x4= 4 Marks)**

**24. Given below is the list of recipients of Bharat Ratna. Study the table and answer the questions that follow.**

Year	Recipients	Field
1990	Nelson Mandela	International Politics
1997	Dr.A.P.J Abdul Kalam	Science and Technology
1999	Dr.Amartya Sen	Economics
2001	Lata Mangeshkar	Music
2014	Sachin Tendulkar	Sports

- a. Dr. Amartya Sen was given Bharath Ratna for his contribution in.....
- b. The play back singer who was awarded Bharat Ratna in 2001 is.....
- c. Who has been awarded Bharath Ratna for his contributions to International Politics?
- d. The sports person who was given Bharath Ratna is.....

**25. Read the passage given below and answer the questions that follow.**

Choice of profession and career is of great importance. Success depends on the right and timely choice of a career. There are a great variety of careers and professions. The lack of proper counselling worsens the situation. It also results in unemployment and frustration, which means a lot of waste of money, time and energy. The students should take the help of elders, teachers, professionals and career guidance agencies in deciding their careers. They should choose their career according to their aptitude and resources.

- a. What is important for success?
- b. What worsens the choice of profession?
- c. What are the results of it?
- d. Who can help the students to take proper decision in choosing their career?

**Answer any three questions from 26- 29.**

**(3x6= 18 Marks)**

26. Prepare a **character sketch** of the Grandfather in the story 'Adventures in a Banyan Tree'.

27. Read the following lines from the poem 'The Ballad of Father Gilligan' and prepare a **note of appreciation** focusing on its theme, images and other poetic devices.

'When you were gone, he turned and died,

As merry as a bird.'

The old priest Peter Gilligan

He knelt him at that word.

'He Who hath made the night of stars

For souls who tire and bleed,

Sent one of this great angels down,

To help me in my need.

'He Who is wrapped in purple robes,

With planets in His care

Had pity on the least of the things

Asleep upon a chair

28. Mr John was given the award for the best social worker. You got an opportunity to interview him. **Prepare six possible questions for the interview.**

29. The Homeopath managed to reach his friend's house after the terrible incident. He was unable to sleep that night. He wrote down his feelings in his diary. Write the likely **diary entry**.

**Answer any two questions from 30- 32**

**(2x6= 12 Marks)**

30. Prepare a short profile of **Bob Dylan** using the hints given below.

Born: May 24, 1941

Known as: American singer, song writer, artist and writer

Notable works: Blowin' the Wind and The Times They Are a-Changing (Anthem for the American Civil Rights and anti-war movements)

Awards/Honours: Grammy, Academy and Golden Globe awards, as well as the Presidential Medal of Freedom and the Nobel Prize for Literature.

31. Ali lost the shoes and he started searching for it everywhere. Zahra became very sad when she heard about it. Prepare the likely **conversation** between Ali and Zahra.

32. The English Club of your school decided to organise a seminar on the influence of instalment scheme in our society. Draft a **notice** showing the details of the seminar.

**Answer any two questions from 33- 35**

**(2x8= 16 Marks)**

33. The boy in the story 'Adventures in a Banyan Tree' witnessed a fierce fight between a cobra and a mongoose. Imagine that he narrated the fight scene to his grandfather. Prepare the likely **narrative**.

(Hints:-the boy sits on top of banyan tree-an April afternoon-a huge black cobra glides out- a mongoose emerges from the bushes- a battle of champions- a myna and a jungle crow arrive- intervene in the fight- the crow dies- the final result of the fight)

34. A single story creates stereotypes. The problem with stereotypes is not that they are untrue, but that they are incomplete. Do you agree to these statements? Prepare a **write up** justifying your views in the light of your reading of the speech 'The Danger of the Single Story'.

35. After receiving the Scholarship Jacket, Martha delivered a speech. In it, she mentioned the challenges she had to overcome in order to achieve the award. Prepare the **speech**.