

FIRST MIDTERM EXAMINATION 2023 - 24

Max. Marks : 40

Time : 1 1/4 Hrs

Std. X

ENGLISH

Questions 1-4. Read the following passage from 'The Snake and the Mirror' and answer the questions that follow. Each question carries one score (4x1=4)

One feels tempted to look into a mirror when it is near. I took a look [In those days] I was a great admirer of beauty and I believed in making myself look handsome. I was unmarried and was a doctor. I felt I had to make my presence felt. I picked up the comb and ran it through my hair and adjusted the parting so that it looked straight and neat. Again I heard that sound from above.

I took a close look at my face in the mirror. I made an important decision. [I would shave daily and grow a thin moustache to look more handsome.] I was, after all, a bachelor, and a doctor!.

1. 'One feels tempted to look into a mirror.' Why did the doctor say so?
2. What impression do you get about the character of the doctor?
3. What decision did the doctor take?
4. Rewrite the following sentence into an affirmative sentence.

I was not a great admirer of beauty.

Questions 5-8. Read the following lines from the poem 'Lines Written in Early Spring' and answer the questions that follow. Each question carries one score.

(4x1=4)

I heard a thousand blended notes,
While in a grove I sate reclined,
In that sweet mood when pleasant thoughts
Bring sad thoughts to the mind.

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.

5. What does the poet mean by the expression 'a thousand blended notes'?
6. Why did the pleasant thoughts bring sad thoughts to the poet's mind?
7. Pick out an example of auditory image from the given lines.
8. Identify the lines that tell us Nature is linked to the soul of human beings.

Questions 9 -12. Answer the following .

9. Prepare a profile of William Wordsworth using the hints given below.

Born : April 7, 1770 Cockermouth, England

Famous as : One among the trios of romantic revolution in poetry

Notable works : The Solitary Reaper, The Prelude, Lyrical Ballads, The World Is Too Much with Us, Ode: Intimations of Immortality,

The Excursion

Title : Poet laureate (1843 – 1850)

Movement : Romanticism

Died : April 23, 1850 Westmorland, England

10. The boy in the story 'Adventures in a Banyan Tree' was much excited after watching the fight between the mongoose and the cobra. Imagine he writes a letter to one of his friends narrating the dreadful fight. Prepare the likely letter.

11. Imagine that you happened to meet the doctor in the story 'The Snake and the Mirror'. Prepare the conversation between the doctor and you.

12. In 'Adventures in a Banyan tree' the boy was quite thrilled to get a small squirrel as his friend. He jots down his feelings in his diary. Prepare the likely diary entry.

13. **Complete the conversation between the boy and his grandpa.** (1x4=4)

Boy : Grandpa.....(a)..... ?

Grandpa : No, I can't climb the tree.

Boy : If you try(b).....

Grandpa : No, it won't be possible at this age.

Boy : Grandma usually teases you about it,(c).....?

Grandpa : Yes.

Boy : You can do some exercises.

Grandpa :(d).....

14. **Complete the following passage choosing appropriate phrasal verbs given in bracket.** (1x4=4)

(turn up, come across, give in, go for)

The cobra and the mongoose ... (a) ... each other. At first the mongoose ^{beat} ... (b) ... the cobra. Then the cobra hit back but missed its target. At that time two other spectators ^{came} ... (c) ... there to watch the fight. The cobra was not ready to ... (d) ..., instead it went on the fight until its death.