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FIRST TERMINAL EVALUATION 2023-24
ENGLISH

Max.Score : 80

Time : 2.30 hrs

Standard X

INSTRUCTIONS

- 15 minutes is given as cool-off time.
- This time is to be used for reading the question paper.
- Attempt the questions according to the instructions.

Questions 1-5. Read the excerpt from *The Snake and The Mirror* and answer the questions that follow. Each question carries one score. (1x5=5)

Each of us heaved a sigh of relief. All of us lit beedis. Somebody asked, 'Doctor, is your wife very fat?' 'No,' the doctor said. 'God willed otherwise. My life companion is a thin reedy person with the gift of a sprinter.' Someone else asked, 'Doctor, when you ran, did the snake follow you?'

The doctor replied, 'I ran and ran till I reached a friend's house. Immediately I smeared oil all over myself and took a bath. I changed into fresh clothes. The next morning at about eight-thirty I took my friend and one or two others to my room to move my things from there. But we found we had little to carry. Some thief had removed most of my things. The room had been cleaned out! But not really, the thief had left behind one thing as a final insult!'

'What was that?' I asked. The doctor said, 'My vest, the dirty one. The fellow had such a sense of cleanliness...!'

1. What did the homeopath do as soon as he reached his friend's house?
2. Pick out a word from the passage which means 'to apply something greasy or sticky'.
3. What did the doctor imply when he said 'God willed otherwise'?
4. Why did the homeopath say that the thief had a sense of cleanliness?
5. Complete the sentence given below suitably.

If the homeopath files a complaint,

Questions 6-10. Read the lines from *Lines Written in Early Spring* and answer the questions that follow. Each question carries one score. (1x5=5)

*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. 6

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

6. What triggered sad thoughts in the poet's mind?
7. Pick out an instance of hyperbole from the lines given above.
8. What did Nature link the human soul to?
9. Write the rhyme scheme of the first stanza.
10. Which lines in the poem personify flowers?

Question 11. Read the following lines from *Lines Written in Early Spring* and write an appreciation focusing on the theme, imagery, and other poetic devices. (5x1=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. 12-16 Read the passage given below and answer the questions that follow.
Each question carries one score. (1x5=5)

Artificial Intelligence is probably the fastest-growing development in the world of technology and innovation. It refers to the intelligence of machines. With Artificial Intelligence, machines perform functions such as learning, planning, reasoning and problem-solving. Furthermore, many experts believe AI could solve major challenges and crisis situations. AI has significant use in healthcare where companies are trying to develop technologies for quick diagnosis. Artificial Intelligence would efficiently operate on patients without human supervision.

Artificial Intelligence in business would significantly save time and effort. There is an application of robotic automation to human business tasks. Chatbots provide immediate response and service to customers. AI can certainly make education more efficient. AI technology adapts according to the needs of students and AI tutors provide appropriate help. Artificial Intelligence has applications in various other fields like military, law, entertainment, art, etc. With Artificial Intelligence, the future seems intriguing, intimidating and exciting.

12. ✓ What does AI refer to?
13. ✓ How does AI help healthcare companies?
14. ✓ Which are the various fields where AI can be applied?
15. ✓ Why is it said that AI can make education more effective?
16. ✓ What do experts say about AI?

Questions 17-18. Answer any **ONE** of the following. Each question carries seven score.

(7x1=7)

17. ✓ 'It was to be a battle of champions'. The boy in the story *Adventures in a Banyan Tree* witnessed the fight between the cobra and the mongoose. He narrates the fight scene to his friends. Write the likely **narrative**.

[Summer afternoon - banyan tree - cobra glides out - mongoose emerges from bushes - a battle of champions - two other spectators - fearful fight - bites the crow - mongoose catches by the snout - drags the cobra into the bushes]

18. *The Snake and the Mirror* by Vaikom Muhammad Basheer portrays a frightening incident in the life of a homeopath in a humorous way. Prepare a **write-up** on the use of contrasts in the story to bring out the humour.

[Hints: wishes to marry a fat lady - sprinter - admirer of beauty - sits like a stone image - bachelor and a doctor - poor, foolish and stupid]

Questions 19-21. Answer any **TWO** of the following. Each question carries five score.

(5x2 =10)

19. ✓ The English Club of your school has decided to conduct a drama festival based on the stories of Vaikom Muhammad Basheer. As the secretary of the club, prepare a **notice** to invite the students and parents to the festival.

20. Satyajit Ray met Mr. Thorat, the ringmaster of Bharat Circus and had a discussion with him related to the shooting of scenes with a tiger in his film. Prepare the likely **conversation** between Ray and Thorat. (minimum five exchanges)

21. ✓ The boy in the story *Adventures in a Banyan Tree* finds three white baby squirrels amongst the wool in the hole in the banyan tree. He puts down his feelings in his diary. Prepare the likely **diary entry** of the boy.

Questions 22-26. Answer any **THREE** of the following. Each question carries six score.

(6x3 =18)

22. ✓ The boy in the story *Adventures in a Banyan Tree* loves nature. He eagerly observes everything that happens around him. Attempt a **character sketch** of the boy.

23. The shooting at Notun Gram and the events that unfolded were widely reported in the newspapers the next day. Prepare the likely **news report**.
24. Satyajit Ray wanted to shoot a film with a tiger as one of the characters. He writes a letter to the Chairman of The Animal Welfare Board asking permission to use a tiger in his film. Draft the likely **letter**.
25. The story of Ali and his sister portrayed in the screenplay *My Sister's Shoes* is very touching. Write a short **paragraph** on the life of Ali and his family.
26. Prepare a **profile** of *William Wordsworth* using the hints given below.

Born : 7 April 1770, Cockermouth, England
 Alma mater : St. John's College, Cambridge
 Occupation : Poet
 Major Works : Lyrical Ballads, The Tables Turned, The Solitary Reaper
 Honour : Poet Laureate in 1843
 Death : 23 April 1850, Westmorland, England

Questions 27-31. Study the table given below and answer the questions that follow.

(1x5 =5)

Train No	Train Name	Route	Operates on	Class of Travel
12224	Duronto Express	Ernakulam-Kozhikode-Mangalore-Madgaon(Goa)-Mumbai LTT	Sunday, Wednesday	First AC, Second AC, Third AC, Sleeper Class
12759	Charminar Express	Chennai-Vijayawada-Warangal-Secunderabad-Hyderabad	All days	First AC, Second AC, Third AC, Sleeper Class
20901	Vande Bharat Express	Mumbai-Surat-Vadodara-Ahmedabad	All days except Wednesday	Chair Car Executive Chair Car
12302	Rajdhani Express	New Delhi-Kanpur-Gaya-Dhanbad-Howrah	All days except Friday	First AC Second AC Third AC
19027	Jat Vivek Express	Mumbai-Surat-Jodhpur-Ludhiana-Jammu Tawi	Saturday	First AC, Second AC, Third AC, Sleeper Class

27. Which train operates on all days?

28. Where does the train with the number 12224 end its journey?

29. Which route does Jat Vivek Express operate on?

30. Which train does not run on Friday?

31. Executive Chair Car is available in Express.

32. Read the following conversation and answer the questions given below.

(1x2 =2)

Akbar : Why did you upset my boxes of vegetables?

Ali : I couldn't find my sister's shoes.

a) What did Akbar ask?

b) What was Ali's reply?

33. There are a few errors in the passage given below. **Edit** them.

(1x4 =4)

In the intense encounter, the brave mongoose **fearless** (a) approached the weakening cobra, raised himself on his short legs, **but** (b) with lightning snap **have** (c) the big snake by the snout, despite the snake's **dasperete** (d) attempts to fight back. When the cobra stopped struggling, the mongoose dragged it into the bushes.

34. Complete the following passage using the appropriate forms of the **phrasal verbs** given in bracket.

(1x5 =5)

Ray _____ (a) _____ to meet the manager hoping that he would get a tiger for shooting. He did not have another plan if the circus manager _____ (b) _____ his request. So he managed to _____ (c) _____ his needs as effectively as he could in order to convince him. The manager immediately _____ (d) _____ Mr Thorat who _____ (e) _____ to be the ring master of Bharat Circus.

(put across, set out, turn out, turn down, set up, send for)

35. Identify the **noun phrase** in subject position from the sentences given below.

(1x2=2)

a) The mongoose killed the cobra.

b) A few local people took our permission to watch the shooting.

36. Identify the **verb phrase** from the sentences given below.

(1x2=2)

a) The crowd in Boral which consisted of about a hundred and fifty people

melted away as if by magic.

b) Ali's mother had a slipped disc.

37. Complete the following **conversation** between Ray and the Manager suitably.

(1x5=5)

Ray : Good morning

Manager : Good morning, Mr. Ray.(a).....?

Ray : I need a trained tiger. You have got one here, ... (b).....?

Manager : Yes, we have.(c).....?

Ray : 'We need a tiger to shoot a scene in our film Goopy Gyne Bagha Byne. Would you mind (d).....?

Manager : No, I don't mind. We have a ring master here.
You had better(e).....

Ray : OK, Thank you. I'll talk to the ringmaster. Bye.

Manager : Bye, sir.