

Mid -Term Evaluation

Std: X

ENGLISH

Marks-40

Read the passage and answer the questions:

Years later, I thought about this when I left Nigeria to go to university in the United States. I was 19. My American room-mate was shocked by me. She asked where I had learned to speak English so well, and was confused when I said that Nigeria happened to have English as its official language. She asked if she could listen to what she called my 'tribal music' and was consequently very disappointed when I produced my tape of Maria Carey.

1. At what age did Adichie leave Nigeria? (1)
2. Why did she leave Nigeria? (1)
3. Why was her roommate shocked and confused? (1)
4. Which tape did Adichie produce when the roommate asked for tribal music? (1)
5. Find out a word from the passage which means 'as a result' (1)

Read the lines from the ballad and answer the following:

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

6. Who is the 'he' mentioned in the poem? (1)
7. Pick out the lines to show that the time is late evening (1)
8. What did God cover the world with? (1)
9. Write the rhyme scheme of the stanza (1)
10. What did grow into millions? (1)
11. Prepare a critical appreciation of the poem "The Ballad of Father Gilligan" (6)
12. Prepare a brief description on the character of Mr. John (7)

There are some errors in the following passage. Edit the errors.

13. On the second day, out from *new york* (a), while making the round of the promenade deck, I suddenly became aware that one of the passengers *were* (b) watching me *close* (c), following me with his gaze every time I passed. I wanted to *resting* (d), to avoid the tedium of casual and importunate ship-board contacts. I gave no sign of having *notice* (e) the man. (5)

14. Adichie introduced herself to her American room mate when she went to U S for higher studies. Write the likely conversation between the two. (Atleast six exchanges). (6)

15. Prepare a profile of Archibald Joseph Cronin using the hints.

Birth : 1896

Nationality : Scotland

Career : Novelist and physician, Medical Inspector of Mines

Best known work : The novel 'The Citadel'.

Famous novel : Country Doctor

Death : 1981 (6)
