

English Paper - II

Time : 2 ½ Hours.

Marks : 50

SECTION - I

(1-5) Read the passage given below and then answer the questions that follow it. Write the answers in your answer-book. 5x1= 5

Before breakfast on the morning following my adventure, I went and examined the room in which Barrymore had been. I noticed one peculiarity in the window through which Barrymore had stared out. One can get the best view of the moor through this window. There is an opening between two trees. And it is through this window that one can look right down on to it; from the other windows it is just a distant glimpse. So it seems that Barrymore was looking out for someone or something on the moor. The same morning after breakfast I talked to Sir Henry and told him all I had seen. He was less surprised than I had expected.

(Arthur Conan Doyle : *The Hound of the Baskervilles*)

1. Who is the narrator ?
2. What is the adventure that is referred to ?
3. What was special about the window in that particular room ?
4. Why did Barrymore visit that room ?
5. Why was Sir Henry not surprised when told about the adventure of the night before ?

(6-10) Read the passage given below and then answer the questions that follow it. Write the answers in your answer-book. 5 x 1 = 5

We are like a set of idiot children, let loose with poison, saw, sickle, shotgun and rifle, in a complex and beautiful garden that we are slowly but surely turning into a barren and infertile desert ... The world is as delicate and as complicated as a spider's web, and like a spider's web, if you touch one thread, you send shudders running through all the other threads that make up the web. But we're not just touching the web, we're tearing great holes in it; we're waging a sort of biological war on the world around us.

(Gerald Durrell: *Animals Forever*)

6. Why does Durrell compare humanity to idiot children ?

7. What are the ways in which humans are trying to turn the earth into a desert ?
8. In what ways is the world like a spider's web?
9. What sort of actions can cause the web of the world to shudder ?
10. What is the biological war that Durrell is referring to ?

SECTION - II

(11-19) Answer FIVE questions, choosing at least TWO from each set. 5 x 2 = 10

SET - A

11. Why did Dr. Mortimer think it unsuitable for Sir Henry to stay at Baskerville Hall ?
12. Why did Miss Stapleton order Dr. Watson to return to London as soon as she met him?
13. Why was Stapleton so angry to find Miss Stapleton and Sir Henry together on the moor ?
14. Why did Barrymore refuse to tell Sir Henry the truth about the candle at the window ?
15. Why did Laura Lyons write the note to Sir Charles ?

SET - B

16. Why did Laurie create the character of Charles ?
(Charles)
17. What is the human substitute for social grooming ? What is its function in our society?
(Grooming)
18. It was said to Thoreau that : "His acts, his opinions, and his writings are one". What does this mean ?
(Henry David Thoreau)
19. Why was the school staff so nervous about the Viceroy's visit ?
(The Day the Viceroy Came)

SECTION - III

(20, 21) Rearrange the scrambled sentences in each set (A & B) to form meaningful paragraphs- Do not copy the actual sentences in your answer-book. Write only the letters corresponding to the sentences in the proper order.

2 x 2½ = 5

SET - A

20. (a) This, it was believed, would give him good health and strength for many long years.
(b) Some people even used onion bulbs in their marriage ceremonies.
(c) Centuries were to pass before man stopped believing in the magical powers of the onion.
(d) For instance, a Thracian, among other gifts, received a barrellful of onions on his wedding day.
(e) By the 12th century the onion was growing in just about every country of Europe, and today it is grown all over the world.

SET - B

21. (a) Close behind her was a man, who appeared to be gaining at every step.
(b) "The last one to get home has to wash the supper dishes".
(c) "Oh, no, thanks", she said. "My husband and I always race each other home from the cinema theatre".
(d) Driving through a sleepy village one evening, a motorist saw a woman running for dear life.
(e) Screeching to a halt, the motorist leaped out and asked the woman if she needed help.

22. Read the following advertisement which appeared in a newspaper. 5

WANTED

A supermarket in a smart locality requires Sales Assistants
Candidates should be proficient in English, Hindi and Telugu.
Must have a pleasing personality, patience, and willingness to help.
Must be physically fit as the job requires long hours on your feet.
Will be required to work at weekends,
Salary : 1600 p.m. + performance bonus
P.O. Box 4679, The Daily Courier, Maitri Vihar,
S.P. Road, Hyderabad - 500 027.

Write a letter to the address above applying for the job. State your qualifications and any other details that you consider necessary.

23. Read the following dialogue. Then write a paragraph expressing your views on the topic discussed in the dialogue. 5

Raghu : Diwali is next week. I'm so excited, I can't wait. All those delicious sweets. And Dad's promised to buy us lots of crackers and other

fireworks. What about you?

Sushma : Diwali is my favourite festival, too. But not because of the fireworks. We've decided not to burn crackers and other stuff this year. It's so noisy, and it upsets old people, children and animals.

Raghu : What's wrong with crackers? It's only once a year. And how can you celebrate without some noise and colour?

Sushma : Have you thought of the hundreds of children who work in the factories to make these crackers?

(24, 25) Read the newspaper report given below:

Aim for Greener Guntur : CM

Guntur, July 17 : The Chief Minister, N. Chandrababu Naidu, yesterday awarded certificates to participating schools at a function held at L K R Memorial School to mark the end of "Green Guntur Week". Speaking on the occasion, the Chief Minister expressed satisfaction that the children had taken up projects like "Neighbourhood Tree-Planting" and "Think Green Campaign". The Chief Minister praised the efforts of the children who went from house to house in their neighbourhood asking people to 'think green' by planting trees, avoiding use of plastic bags, conserving water and adopting rainwater harvesting methods. Asked how the campaign had affected her, Pramila Devi, a housewife, said, "I was very impressed by the students. They had a lot of information. They showed me how I was wasting water during household activities". Gopal Rao, a kirana shop owner said, "They asked me to give things in paper bags and not plastic bags. I will try". S. V. Rithika, a Class IX student who participated in the programme said, "I made charts and posters and we took them around. People found it easier to understand and were very co-operative".

24. Imagine that you are one of the students participating in the programme. Write to your cousin in the U.S. describing the programme and giving details of your plans. **10**

25. Imagine that you are a reader of the newspaper in which this news item appeared. Write a letter to the editor of the newspaper giving your views about the work undertaken by the students. **5**