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Common Test Exam

Session 2025-26

Semester 5

Subject: English

Total Marks: 80

Time: 3 Hours

1. (A) Answer any THREE out of the following questions in 2-3 sentences each:- 06

- i) Why did Gandhi begin to experiment with a vegetarian diet?
- ii) How did Loisel convince his wife to go to the party?
- iii) Why did the Prince invite Bertha and where?
- iv) What happened when the King visited the hermit?

(B) Answer any ONE out of the following questions in 150-200 words each:- 06

- i) Describe the hardships the couple went through to repay all the debts they had incurred.
- ii) Describe the garden Bertha visited.
- iii) What answer does the hermit give to the king's three questions?

2. (A) Answer any THREE out of the following questions in 2-3 sentences each:- 06

- i) Why does the black boy say that he is 'bereav'd of light'?
- ii) What is our 'vast collective madness'?
- iii) How can friends keep you alive even after death?
- iv) What happened after 'school let out'?

(B) Answer any ONE out of the following questions in 150-200 words each:- 06

- i) What is the central theme of the poem, "The Little Black Boy"?
- ii) What, according to the poet, D.H. Lawrence, should be made free? Do you agree with the poet?
- iii) The theme of death is central to the poem. Analyse.

3. (A) You are Perin Kumar, secretary of the Young Writer's Club, Mangalore. The well-known writer Amitava Ghosh has agreed to visit the club and interact with its members on 16 July 2024. Write a notice informing the members of the club about the date, time and venue of the function being organized to honour the writer.

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(B) You are the secretary of the Bharat Sports Club in your town. The meeting of the office-bearers of the club scheduled for the 15th of the next month. Prepare an agenda for the meeting. 04

(C) You are the secretary of the Bharat Sports Club in your town. The meeting of the office-bearers of the club scheduled for the 15th of the next month. Draft the minutes of the meeting. 04

4. (A) You are interested in enrolling in a foreign language course offered by the Pune Language Academy. Write a letter to the course coordinator enquiring about the course. 06

(B) Imagine you work as an HR manager in a firm. Your company wants to introduce biometric attendance for all employees. Write an order letter vendor to place an order for biometric machines. Remember to include all details (product specifications, cost, timeline of delivery, after sales support, etc.). 06

5. (A) Imagine you are the president of the Residents' Association of a housing complex. A resident complained that the association does not take adequate measures to keep the common premises clean. Write a response to the letter of complaint. Remember to include how you plan to address the complaint.

(B) The Daily Times, a local newspaper, has invited readers to send letters to the editor at the email address letters@dailytimes.com. Write an email saying that a series of articles on child labour that appeared in the

newspaper was well researched and informative and hoping that the newspaper would continue to publish similar series on issues that people need to know and think about.

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6. Answer the following questions, choosing from the option below:-

1. _____ was not suggested as the most important occupation.

- i. Religious worship ii. Scientific study iii. Magic iv. Skills in war

2. Who had injured the bearded man?

- i. The king ii. The hermit iii. The king's guards iv. The king's enemy

3. Which of the following lessons did Gandhi not take when trying to be a gentleman?

1. Piano ii. Elocution iii. Dance iv. Violin

4. What is the conversation between the children and their aunt compared to?

- i. An insistent bee ii. A persistent housefly iii. A field of bleating sheep iv. A chattering bird

5. Where did Mathilde meet Jeanne after ten years?

- i. At the Ministry ball ii. At Champs-Elysee
iii. At the Palais Royal iv. At the bank

6. Where did the little boy receive his first teaching?

- i. In a school ii. In a nursery iii. Under a tree iv. In the wild

7. Where does God live according to the boy's mother?

- i. In the sky ii. In the sun iii. In the southern wild iv. In nature

8. Which of the following best captures the central themes of the poem?

- i. money, madness, delight ii. money, power, glory
iii. power, obsession, servitude iv. freedom, choice, charity

9. The poet has no appetite for:

- i. friendship ii. Food iii. Fame iv. power

10. The narrow room refers to the:

- i. house ii. Grave iii. Table iv. earth