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ENGLISH

Time: 2½ hours

Maximum Score : 80

Class: 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 - 6. Read the excerpt from 'The Best Investment I Ever Made' and answer the questions that follow. Each question carries one score. (6x1=6)

I was a young doctor at the time and had just set up a practice in a working-class district of London. On a foggy November night, towards one o'clock, I was awakened by a loud banging on the door. Hurriedly, I threw on some clothes and went downstairs. It was a sergeant of police, in dripping helmet and cape, mistily outlined on the doorstep. A suicide case, he told me abruptly, in the lodgings around the corner-I had better come at once.

We walked the short distance in silence, even our footsteps muffled by the fog, and turned into the narrow entrance of an old building. As we mounted the creaking staircase, my nostrils were stung by the sick-sweet odour of illuminating gas. On the upper storey the agitated landlady showed us to a bare little attic where, stretched on a narrow bed, lay the body of a young man.

1. What awakened the doctor on a foggy November night?
2. Why did the sergeant seek the doctor's help?
3. What was the landlady's reaction to the incident?
4. What did the sergeant and the doctor see in the attic?
5. Pick out the word from the passage which means 'to climb.'
6. Identify the noun phrase in the subject position from the sentence given below.

The agitated landlady showed us to a bare little attic.

Questions 7-10. Read the lines from 'The Ballad of Father Gilligan' and answer the questions that follow. Each question carries one score. (4x1=4)

He rode now as he never rode,
By rocky lane and fen;
The sick man's wife opened the door:
'Father! you come again!'

'And is the poor man dead?' he cried.
'He died an hour ago.'
The old priest Peter Gilligan
In grief swayed to and fro.

7. The priest 'rode now as he never rode.' Why?
8. What happened to the sick man?
9. Why did the old priest sway in grief?
10. Pick out a visual image from the given lines.
11. Read the following lines from '**Poetry**' and write an **appreciation** focusing on the theme, imagery, and other poetic devices. (1x5=5)

I did not know what to say, my mouth
had no way
with names,
my eyes were blind.
And something started in my soul,
fever or forgotten wings,
and I made my own way,
deciphering
that fire,
and I wrote the first faint line,
faint, without substance, pure
nonsense,
pure wisdom
of someone who knows nothing,

Questions 12 – 16. Read the passage given below and answer the questions that follow. Each question carries one score. (5x1=5)

Books are the best companions in life. New knowledge gathered by reading good books makes us better people. Reading is a pleasant experience when we are alone. While reading books, we chat with the great minds. It is indeed a wonderful experience to come into contact with such great writers as Shakespeare, Kalidasa, etc. Books are the windows to the world of knowledge. A good reader can experience everything from the books that he reads. A man who has developed proper reading habit may enjoy life in the full sense. There are many people who became great because of their wide reading. Readers derive immense pleasure from reading. Students have to develop reading habit for their success in life.

12. Why should students develop reading habit?
13. What, according to the passage, are the best companions in life?
14. According to the passage, who may enjoy life in the full sense?
15. What message do you get from the passage ?
16. Find out a word from the passage which means 'engage in an activity with great interest.'

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

(1x7=7)

17. 'A timely help can bring wonders in one's life.' In the light of your reading of the anecdote 'The Best Investment I Ever Made,' prepare a **write up** on the topic 'Kindness Brings Sunshine in the Life of Others.'

[Hints: John falls victim to the loose society – steals from the office safe – attempts to commit suicide – given a fresh start by the trio – becomes solicitor – works for the welfare of the youth]

18. 'If you pay for it, it won't be a scholarship jacket.' The words of grandfather made the principal revisit his earlier decision and Martha was awarded the scholarship jacket. Martha narrated the incidents to her sister Rosie. Prepare the likely **narration**.

[Hints: desires to win the scholarship jacket – overhears conversation between teachers – asks to pay fifteen dollars – refuses to pay – principal reviews the decision]

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

(2x5=10)

19. The American roommate was really surprised after the meeting with Adichie. She jots down her feelings in the diary. Prepare the likely **diary entry**.
20. The English Club of your school has decided to stage the one act play 'The Never Never Nest'. Being the convener of the club, you are asked to prepare a notice. Draft the **notice**.
21. Martha's joy knew no bounds when she received the scholarship jacket. She wrote a letter to her friend describing the events. Write the likely **letter**.

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

(3x6=18)

22. Adichie's experiences reveal the truth that 'single stories make stereotypes.' Prepare a **paragraph** on the danger of single stories in the light of her experiences.
23. The ups and downs in the life of Mr. John, in the anecdote 'The Best Investment I Ever Made,' instilled in him a desire to work for the delinquent youth. Prepare the **character sketch** of John.
24. Prepare a **questionnaire** to interview the renowned story teller and writer Chimamanda Ngozi Adichie for the school magazine (minimum six questions).

25. Prepare a **profile** of William Butler Yeats using the hints given below.

- Birth : 13 June 1865, Sandymount, Ireland
Alma Mater : Metropolitan School of Art, Dublin
Famous as : Poet, Dramatist and Writer
Achievements : Nobel Prize in Literature, 1923
Major works : *The Tower, The Winding Stair and Other Poems*
Death : 28 January 1939

26. The news of Martha receiving the scholarship jacket appeared in the newspapers the next day. Prepare the likely **news report**.

Questions 27-31. Read the news headlines given below and answer the questions that follow. (5x1 = 5)

Russian war planes rip through Ukraine

Unity against terrorism, urgent need of the hour

SC orders Rs. 25 lakh each as interim relief to flat owners

45 killed in rain related incidents in Kerala

A tribal school comes into world's spotlight

Terrorists shot down migrant labourers in Poonch district

27. Which headline gives us hints about the hostility that exists between two countries?

28. Identify the headline that speaks about a natural calamity.

29. The headline that urges us to be united against extremism is

30. The headline that may bring cheer to tribal villages is

31. Which headline refers to a verdict given by Supreme Court?

32. **Read the following conversation and answer the questions that follow. (2x1=2)**

Mr. John : Could I go and talk to him tomorrow?

Mrs. John : No, you should talk to him today itself.

a) What did Mr. John ask?

b) What was Mrs. John's reply?

33. There are a few errors in the passage given below. Edit them. (4x1=4)

Adichie had never being (a) outside Nigeria. She started writing at the age of seven. Her mother was oblegatid (b) to read most of her stories where (c) contained characters that was (d) similar to the characters in the British and American books she read.

34. Complete the following passage using the appropriate forms of the phrasal verbs given in brackets. (5x1=5)

The landlady was(a) when she saw a young man unconscious on a narrow bed. Then, she(b) to call the sergeant of police who(c) quickly at her lodgings. Seeing the dying young man, he immediately(d) to the clinic which was recently (e) by A. J. Cronin and requested him to come at once.

[turn up, set aside, make up one's mind, taken aback, set up, set out]

35. Fill in the blanks using the words given in brackets. (4x1=4)

Adichie is a story teller(a) comes(b) a conventional middle class family. Her father being a professor, she grew up on(c) university campus(d) Eastern Nigeria.

[a, an, who, in, from]

36. Complete the conversation between Grandma and Martha suitably. (5x1=5)

Grandma : You look tensed,(a).....?
Martha : Yes Grandma, there is a serious issue.
Grandma :(b).....?
Martha : This year the principal said the scholarship jacket is going to cost fifteen dollars and I have to take the money tomorrow.
Grandma : Dear, I don't have any money with me. You had better
.....(c)
Martha : If I ask grandpa,(d)..... ?
Grandma : I don't know.
Martha : Would you mind(e)..... ?
Grandma : Yes I do. You go and meet him alone.
Martha : Ok Grandma.

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