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[For Private Registration Candidates]

Time : Three Hours

Maximum Weight : 25

Instructions : *This question paper contains two sections. Answer Section I questions in the answer book provided. Section II Internal Examination questions must be answered in the question paper itself. Follow the detailed instructions given under Section II.*

Section I

Part A (Objective Types Questions)

Answer all questions.

Each bunch of four questions carries a weight of 1.

- I. 1 Which word is the poem 'Exciting Views' refers to the poor quality of the water people use ?
- (a) Nose Down. (b) Dilapi dated.
(c) Half-sub merged. (d) Murky.
- 2 Brother Abdul Rahman saved the innocent man from being beaten to death by :
- (a) Threatening the Seth.
(b) Convincing the Seth of the Victim's innocence.
(c) Referring to the Seth's reluctance in finding a husband for his sister.
(d) Praying for the victim.
- 3 What do you think of the attitude of the poet towards his master ?
- (a) Love. (b) Admiration.
(c) Respect. (d) All of these.

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4 Which of the following is true ?

- (a) The end of Gandhiji's struggles was to become a true ascetic.
- (b) The end of Gandhiji's struggles was to achieve freedom for the nation.
- (c) The end of Gandhiji's struggles was the creation of India and Pakistan.
- (d) The end of Gandhiji's struggles was to develop the Indian into a free man, and the freedom of the country was a means.

II. 5 Which of the following is not true about the Master ?

- (a) He was happy with the workmen who were carrying weapons to fight against the Government.
- (b) He was desperate over this show of violence and sat in meditation.
- (c) He was an ardent follower of the Mahatma in the village.
- (d) He was firm, but wanted this flight against the Government to be non-violent.

6 Gandhiji tells the Cabinet that he wants to become a partner with Great Britain. What does Gandhiji imply ?

- (a) He wants to be a partner in the Empire.
- (b) He wants India to have its share of the profits of British colonial ventures.
- (c) He wants to co-operate with Britain if the people of India are allowed to enjoy liberty.
- (d) He envisages a Government which consists of elected representatives of both India and Britain.

7 The poet speaks about being able to do something although he is unable to 'tell the religion of a mother's tears'. What is it that he is able to do ?

- (a) He can give her money.
- (b) He can apply balm to the wounds of the wounded.
- (c) He can get her vote by feigning sympathy.
- (d) He can find out her religion.





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- 8 What does the snake want ?
- (a) To be fed properly.
 - (b) To be worshipped as a God.
 - (c) To be treated as a pet in the house.
 - (d) To be treated as a friend.
- III. 9 Why did the boy who Bhatt met on the way to Rudranath break off a plant with his mouth ?
- (a) Because he wanted to know the taste of the plant.
 - (b) Because his hands were disabled.
 - (c) Because if he broke it off like this the deity wouldn't be offended.
 - (d) Because the boy was mad with hunger.
- 10 Which of the following is not true about old Koskoosh's view of a maiden ?
- (a) She is good to look at in her youth.
 - (b) Her task is to become a mother and give birth to children.
 - (c) After giving birth to children she loses her beauty and withers away.
 - (d) She helps her husband in hunting.
- 11 What does the poet mean by 'the five-haired beard of wisdom' ?
- (a) The hair growing from the lower jaw of the fish.
 - (b) The poet is referring to the hair on his chin.
 - (c) The poet is referring to the five pieces of fish-line with the hooks which indicate the hard times the fish has been through and hence are signs of wisdom.
 - (d) The five pieces of fish line refer to the poet's determined struggle to catch the fish.
- 12 '..... the place was maiden, nothing but the elements/rock, wind and sea.....' What does this feature of the place imply ?
- (a) It was a disadvantage.
 - (b) It was the reason why he chose it.
 - (c) It gave promise of complete freedom.
 - (d) It was particularly conducive to writing.

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- IV. 13 Which of the following is not true about Brother Abdul Rahman ?
- (a) He talked with himself about almost everything.
 - (b) He ate sparingly.
 - (c) He was an imposter.
 - (d) He visited places of worship irrespective of religion.
- 14 What does the poet mean by the 'invisible snake' ?
- (a) The snake she encounters at home.
 - (b) The snake which may be lying hidden in the mango grove.
 - (c) The wind left on her legs.
 - (d) The green snakes seen in the lake.
- 15 Why did the followers of DGSS hug the trees ?
- (a) Merely because of love for the trees.
 - (b) It was an act of resistance against the commercial exploitation of forests.
 - (c) It was a massive demand for permission to fell the trees.
 - (d) It was a demand for more land for the plantation of trees.
- 16 How did old Koskoosh view nature ?
- (a) Nature was kind to the individual.
 - (b) Nature didn't care for the individual.
 - (c) Nature didn't mind if a whole species was wiped out.
 - (d) Nature didn't bother about life.

(4 × 1 = 4)

Part B

Answer any **five** of the following each in a sentence **or** two.
Each question carries a weight of 1.

17. Why was the part of the constitution of 1935 dealing with the provision for the federation abrogated ?
18. What was the innocent man accused of ?





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- 19 Why did the workmen lay down their arms ?
- 20 What does the poet say about the snake and the poet's kinship with the snake ?
- 21 What does Sir Abdul Qaiyum want Gandhiji to say on his behalf at the conference.
- 22 Why is Gandhiji able to lose or gain weight without altering his diet ?
- 23 What happened to Sadiq while doing his business after the riots ?
- 24 What is Kumar Vikal's attitude to religion and caste ?

(5 × 1 = 5)

Part C

Answer any **four** of the following each in about 100 words.

Each question carries a weight of 2.

25. Give an account of the implications of the shift from self assertion to integration.
26. What is Chipko Movement ?
27. Describe the preparation of Koskoosh's family for the journey to the new place.
28. How do Seattle and his men treat nature ?
29. What is the preamble to the constitution of India ?
30. Which aspect of Abdul Rahman's personality appeals to you ? Why ?

(4 × 2 = 8)

Part D

Answer any **two** of the following in about 300 words.

Each question carries a weight of 4.

31. What were the difficulties faced by the farmers of the Constitution of India ? How did they overcome them ?
32. Which aspects of the Mahatma's personality does RajaRao highlight through the image of the divine cow ?
33. Explain, in the light of the poem, "The Last Conservative, why Robinson Jeffers is critical of the Urban mode of life.

(2 × 4 = 8)

