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Sl. No. :

**006(E)**

(March, 2020)

*Time : 3 Hours]*

*[Maximum Marks : 100*

**Instructions :**

- 1) There are 5 sections in this question paper.
- 2) Figures to the right indicate full marks.
- 3) Read the instructions carefully.
- 4) Number the answers correctly.
- 5) Write in legible handwriting.

**SECTION - A**

- Read the following passage and select the appropriate answers. [3]

The great prose-writers of the world may not admit it, but my conviction grows stronger day after day that prose writing is not and cannot be the true pursuit of a genius. It is for the patient, persistent, persevering drudge with a heart so shrunken that nothing can break it; rejection slips don't mean a thing to him; he at once sets about making a fresh copy of the long prose piece and sends it on to another editor enclosing postage for the return of the manuscript. It was for such people that The Hindu had published a tiny announcement in an insignificant corner of an unimportant page – a short story contest organised by a British periodical by the name The Encounter.

- 1) The writer believes that \_\_\_\_\_
  - (a) rejection hurts the writer
  - (b) participating in contest is good
  - (c) prose is not the pursuit of a genius
  - (d) prose writing is a difficult task
  
- 2) The man with 'shrunk heart' is \_\_\_\_\_.
  - (a) a poet
  - (b) a prose writer
  - (c) a film maker
  - (d) the writer himself
  
- 3) The organiser of the short story contest was \_\_\_\_\_.
  - (a) The Hindu
  - (b) Gemini Studios
  - (c) The English Poet
  - (d) The Encounter
  
- 4) 'An insignificant corner' means \_\_\_\_\_.
  - (a) an unimportant corner
  - (b) a meaningless corner
  - (c) an inimportant corner
  - (d) a meaningful corner

■ **Fill in the blanks with appropriate options in the brackets and write the answers only.**

**[4]**

(diminishes, portrait, feel, celebrities, soul, primitive, unwarranted, despise)

Usually \_\_\_\_\_ 5 \_\_\_\_\_ who see themselves as its victims, might \_\_\_\_\_ 6 \_\_\_\_\_ the interview as an \_\_\_\_\_ 7 \_\_\_\_\_ intrusion into their lives, or \_\_\_\_\_ 8 \_\_\_\_\_ that it somehow \_\_\_\_\_ 9 \_\_\_\_\_ them, just as in some \_\_\_\_\_ 10 \_\_\_\_\_ cultures it is believed that if one takes a photographic \_\_\_\_\_ 11 \_\_\_\_\_ of somebody the one is stealing that person's \_\_\_\_\_ 12 \_\_\_\_\_.

■ **Answer the following questions in 6-7 sentences each :** [12]

- 13) How does the metaphor of the rattrap serve to highlight the human predicament?
- 14) What changes were noticed by Franz when he entered the school?
- 15) Firozabad is a city of two distinct worlds. Explain the statement with reference to the chapter 'Lost Spring' by Anees Jung.
- 16) How did Gandhiji tried to overcome the cultural and social backwardness in Champaran?

**OR**

How did Douglas overcome his fear of water?

### **SECTION - B**

■ **Read the following verse and answer the questions.** [8]

Aunt Jennifer's tigers prance across a screen  
Bright topaz denizens of a world of green.  
They do not fear the men beneath the tree;

**Questions :**

- 17) How are Aunt Jennifer's tigers different from the real one?
- 18) What is the effect of Aunt Jennifer's tigers on the men beneath the tree?

■ **Choose the correct figure of speech from the given options. [3]**

19) 'Our sour cream walls'

- (a) Epigram
- (b) Antithesis
- (c) Transferred Epithet
- (d) Oxymoron

20) Fishermen in the cold sea would not harm whales

- (a) Litotes
- (b) Metaphor
- (c) Climax
- (d) Pun

21) They couldn't (this crossly); they had none, didn't it see?

- (a) Tautology
- (b) Interrogation
- (c) Simile
- (d) Personification

■ **Answer the following questions in about four to five sentences each. [6]**

22) Which are the things of beauty mentioned by John Keats in the poem?

23) What does Stephen Spender want for the children of the slums?

24) What is the kind of pain and ache that Kamala Das feels?

**OR**

What is the 'childish longing' that Robert Frost refers to?  
Why is it 'vain'?

■ **Answer the following questions in about six to seven sentences each.** [6]

25) What were the predictions made by astrologers about the Tiger King?

26) Write a note on the programme : Students on Ice.

27) What were the two endings of the story of Roger Skunk?  
By whom were the ends given and what do they symbolise?

**OR**

What do you infer from Sam's letter to Charley?

**SECTION - C**

■ **Rectify the errors.** [4]

	<u>Errors</u>	<u>Corrections</u>
Seeing me sitting on my desk	(28)	_____
Tore up newspapers	(29)	_____
Most people think	(30)	_____
I was done next to nothing	(31)	_____

- **Rewrite the sentences using the correct meaning of the given phrases / idioms.** [3]

32) They were looking for a house on rent.

[helping, searching, discussing]

33) His dream looms like a mirage.

[appears, looks, seems]

34) The vagabond plodded along the road.

[walked fast, walked steadily, walked unsteadily]

- **Punctate the following passage.** [2]

During the proceedings \_\_\_\_\_ 35 \_\_\_\_\_ Gandhi  
recounted \_\_\_\_\_ 36 \_\_\_\_\_ a peasant came upto him  
and said, \_\_\_\_\_ 37 \_\_\_\_\_ I am Rajkumar Shukla  
\_\_\_\_\_ 38 \_\_\_\_\_.

- **Convert the following into indirect speech.** [2]

39) "Promise you will tell no one?" Sophie said.

"Nothing to tell is there?"

"Promise, Geoff – Dad'd murder me."

"Only if he thought it was true."

"Please, Geoff."

"Christ, Sophie, you're still at school. Casey must have strings of girls."

- **Do as directed :** [7]

40) My brothers will be very sorry.

[Add a question tag]

- 41) But I am not sure it is effective now.  
[Make it affirmative]
- 42) He had read our minds correctly.  
[Change the voice]
- 43) When the Christmas tree was lighted, they woke him up again.  
[Use No sooner]
- 44) That was the darkest day in my life.  
[Use 'any']
- 45) The canister belongs to the man who owns the tea-shop.  
[Make it simple]
- 46) What a thunderclap these words were to me!  
[Make it assertive]

#### SECTION - D

- **Read the following passage and answer the questions given below it :**

[5]

Tradition. In Miss Ralston's class the boys have always carried the water bucket. Until one day, the girls decide its time to challenge the rule.

The last hour of school on Friday afternoons was for junior Red Cross. The little kids would get out their Junior Red Cross pins and put them on and we big kids would start elbowing down the aisles to the book cupboard at the back to see who would get the interesting magazines. There was a big pile of them and they were of two kinds : The National

Geographic and the Junior Red Cross News. Apart from the magazines for the big kids and may be the teacher reading a story to the little kids, about the only other thing that happened regularly during Red Cross was picking the two boys who would carry water the next week.

**Questions :**

- 47) What is the tradition in Miss Ralston's class?
- 48) What did the big kids do on last Friday?
- 49) Which were the two kinds of books available?
- 50) What was the other thing that happened on Fridays?
- 51) Suggest a title to the paragraph.

**52) Paraphrase the following poem :**

[5]

We quickened our pace more and more as the time sped by.

The Sun rose to the mid sky and doves cooed in the shade.

Withered leaves danced and whirled in the hot air of noon.

The shepherd boy drowsed and dreamed in the shadow of the banyan tree.

and I laid myself down by the water

and stretched my tired limbs on the grass.

My companions laughed at me in scorn ;

they held their heads high and hurried on ;

they never looked back nor rested;

they vanished in the distant blue haze.



Without these qualities, life will be violent and all will be lost. The aeroplane and the radio have brought us closer together. The very nature of these inventions cries out for the goodness in man ; cries out for universal brotherhood; for the unity of us all.

- 54) Write an email to your parents requesting them to talk unhesitatingly about 'Taboo Topics'. [5]

**OR**

You own a garment shop in the city. Draft an advertisement to be published in the newspaper about the arrival of winter clothes.

**SECTION - E**

- 55) 'Eco club' of your school organized a tree plantation program in the last week. The city mayor inaugurated the program. Being the secretary of the club, you said vote of thanks. Write a detailed report of the program to be submitted to the principal. [5]

**OR**

Write a newspaper article on 'The changing status of women in Indian society'.

- 56) You are Sudha / Ramesh. Draft an application for the job of a clerk cum librarian in a reputed public library in your locality. [7]

57) Write an essay in about 250 words on any one of the following topics.

[8]

a) 'To me democracy means .....

(Points : what is democracy — importance — relevance today — need of democracy — your views)

b) 'Prevention is better than cure'

(Points : proverb — meaning — importance — significance — effect on society — your views)

**OR**

Mr. Gopalji, a public figure, was called on to speak on the occasion of sports day in your school. Prepare a speech in not less than 250 words for him.

