

2020
ENGLISH

Full marks : 90

Time : 3 hours

General instructions:

- i) *Approximately 15 minutes is allotted to read the question paper and revise the answers.*
 - ii) *The question paper consists of 14 questions. All questions are compulsory.*
 - iii) *Marks are indicated against each question.*
 - iv) *Internal choice has been provided in some questions.*
- N.B:** *Check that all pages of the question paper is complete as indicated on the top left side.*

SECTION-A (Literature)

1. Answer the following questions: **5x2=10**
 - (a) Write the appearance of the hungry soldier.
 - (b) What according to the writer, are the qualities required in today's times?
 - (c) Who was Susan's dear friend and what was its role in her life?
 - (d) Name the two other women who shared the Nobel Prize with Ellen Johnson Sirleaf? Which countries do they belong to?
 - (e) What did Sam see when he was awakened by a series of terrible screams from Bill?

2. Answer **any one** of the following questions in about 150 words:
 - a. Do you think the title 'A Piece of Bread' is justified? Give reasons to support your answer.
 - Or** **5**
 - b. According to Sirleaf, what role does the youth play in the development of a nation?

3. Read the lines from the poem and answer **any two** questions that follow:
 - I. *Ah! As the heart grows older
It will come to such sights colder
By and by, nor spare a sigh
Though worlds of wanwood leafmeal lie;
And yet you will weep and know why.
Now no matter, child, the name:
Sorrow's springs are the same.*
 - (a) What is the poet assuring the child? **1**
 - (b) Why will the child be 'colder' and 'not spare a sigh'? **1**
 - (c) What according to the poet are sorrow's springs? **1**

II. *'Forward, the light Brigade!'*
Was there a man dismay'd?
Not tho' the soldier knew
Someone had blunder'd
Theirs not to make reply,
Theirs not to reason why,
Theirs but to do and die:
Into the valley of Death
Rode the six hundred.

- (a) Which word in the above lines indicates that a mistake was made? **1**
 (b) Why did the soldier charge at their opponents despite knowing the fact that it was a mistake? **1**
 (c) How are the soldiers portrayed in the above lines? **1**

III. *Let me not to the marriage of true minds*
Admit impediments. Love is not love
Which alters when it alteration finds,....

- (a) What is meant by the 'marriage of true minds'? **1**
 (b) Why is the poet not ready to admit any kind of hindrance in love? **1**
 (c) When is love not love? **1**

4. What message does the poem 'Prayer Before Birth' convey to the readers? **4**

5. *Through this the well-beloved Brutus stabb'd;*
And, as he pluck'd his cursed steel away
Mark how the blood of Caesar follow'd it,
As rushing out of doors, to be resolv'd
If Brutus so unkindly knock'd or no;
For Brutus, as you know, was Caesar's angel:
Judge, O you gods! how dearly Caesar lov'd him
This was the most unkindest cut of all.

- (a) Who is being referred to as Caesar's angel? **1**
 (b) What happens when Brutus plucked his cursed steel away? **2**
 (c) Why does Antony refer to the stabbing of Caesar as the 'most unkindest cut of all'? **2**

6. Answer **any two** of the following questions in about 150 words: **5x2=10**
- (a) Describe in detail the careful strategy that the ghost has planned for the 17th of August to frighten the individual members of the Otis family.
 - (b) Describe the meeting of the Canterville Ghost with his new found ghost friend.
 - (c) Give a detailed character sketch of Virginia Otis, highlighting the key aspects of her personality .

SECTION –B (Reading)

7. Sportsmanship can be conceptualized as an enduring and relatively stable characteristic or disposition such that individuals differ in the way they are generally expected to behave in sports situations. In general, sportsmanship refers to virtues such as fairness, self control, courage and persistence, and has been associated with interpersonal concepts of treating others and being treated fairly, maintaining self-control in dealing with others, and respect for both authority and opponents. It is looked at as being the way one reacts to a sport, game or player.

The four elements of sportsmanship are being in good form, the will to win, equity and fairness. All four elements are critical and a balance must be found among all four for true sportsmanship to be illustrated. These elements may also cause conflict, as a person may desire to win more than play in equity and fairness and thus resulting in a clash within the aspects of sportsmanship. This will cause problems as the person believes that they are being a good sportsman, but they are defeating the purpose of this idea as they are ignoring two key components of being sportsman like. When athletes become too self-centered, the idea of sportsmanship is dismissed.

Today's sporting culture, in particular the base of elite sport, places great importance on the idea of competition and winning and thus sportsmanship takes a backseat as a result. In most, if not all sports, sportsmen at the elite level make the standards on sportsmanship and no matter whether they like it or not, they are seen as leaders and role models in society.

Since every sport is rule driven, the most common offence of bad sportsmanship is the act of cheating or breaking the rules to gain an unfair advantage. A competitor who exhibits poor sportsmanship after losing a game or contest is often called a 'sore loser', while a competitor who exhibits poor sportsmanship after winning is typically called a 'bad winner'. Sore loser behavior includes blaming others for the loss, not accepting responsibility for personal actions that contributed to the defeat, reacting to the loss in an immature or improper fashion, making excuses for the defeat, and citing unfavorable conditions or other petty issues as reasons for the defeat. A bad

winner acts in a shallow fashion after his/her victory, such as by gloating about his/ her win, rubbing the win in the face (s)of the opponent (s),and lowering the opponent(s) self esteem by constantly reminding the opponent(s) of poor performance in comparison, not showing respect to the other team is considered to being a bad sportsman and could lead to demoralizing effects.

(Based on your reading of the passage, answer the following questions).

- I. (a) When does the spirit of sportsmanship die? **1**
 (b) What are the four elements of sportsmanship? **2**
 (c) Who are a sore loser and a bad winner? **2**
 (d) How does a bad winner act after winning a game? **2**
 (e) Why has sportsmanship taken a backseat today? **2**
- II. Give the antonyms of the words from the passage: **3x1=3**
 (a) meekness
 (b) harmony
 (c) ally
8. Read the following passage and prepare notes on the contents of the passage and summarize in about 80 words using the notes that you have made: **5+3=8**

Marie Curie was one of the most accomplished scientists in history. Together with her husband, Pierre, she discovered radium, an element widely used for treating cancer, and studied uranium and other radioactive substances. Pierre and Marie's amicable collaboration later helped to unlock the secrets of the atom.

Marie was born in 1867 in Warsaw, Poland, where her father was a professor of Physics. At an early age, she displayed a brilliant mind and a blithe personality. Her great exuberance for learning prompted her to continue with her studies after high school. She became disgruntled, however, when she learned that the university in Warsaw was closed to women. Determined to receive a higher education, she defiantly left Poland and in 1891 entered the Sorbonne, a French University, where she earned her master's degree and doctorate in physics.

Marie was fortunate to have studied at the Sorbonne with some of the greatest scientists of her day, one of whom was Pierre Curie. Marie and Pierre were married in 1895 and spent many productive years working together in the Physics laboratory. A short time after they discovered radium, Pierre was killed by a horse-drawn wagon in 1906. Marie was stunned by this horrible misfortune and endured heart-breaking anguish. Despondently, she recalled their close relationship and the joy that they had shared in scientific research. The fact that she had two young daughters to raise by herself greatly increased her distress.

Curie's feeling of desolation finally began to fade when she was asked to succeed her husband as a physics professor at the Sorbonne. She was the first woman to be given a professorship at the world famous University. In 1911, she received the

Nobel prize in chemistry for isolating radium. Although Marie Curie eventually suffered a fatal illness from her long exposure to radium, she never became disillusioned about her work. Regardless of the consequences, she had dedicated herself to science and to revealing the mysteries of the physical world.

SECTION-C (Writing)

9. Read the conversation between Nancy and Mrs. Renu. Mrs Renu had to go to the grocery store and so she left a message for her daughter. Write the message in about 50 words.

Nancy: Hello. May I speak to Andrea?

Mrs Renu: Hello, I'm sorry but Andrea is not at home. May I know who is calling?

Nancy: I am Nancy, Andrea's classmate. I want to give her a message for Monday's presentation since she didn't come to class today?

Mrs. Renu: Ok; you can tell me about it and I shall pass the information to Andrea.

Nancy: Well, our class teacher has ask us to prepare a presentation on the topic ' Global Warming is real' she has also said that the presentation should be under 10 minutes.

Mrs. Renu: All right. I shall inform Andrea about it. Thank you.

Nancy: You are most welcome. Mrs. Renu. Good day to you.

Or

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You are Robert Smith and you are organizing a dinner party for your brother's graduation at Oakwood Resort for your family members, relatives and close friends on 5th March 2020. Fill in the following form to book the banquet hall for the event.

- a. Type of event you are planning (tick appropriate option)
* Wedding * personal *anniversary * other (specify)
- b. Food service (tick appropriate option)
*Breakfast * lunch *dinner * cocktails
- c. Date of the event _____
- d. Time and duration of the event _____
- e. No. of people attending _____
- f. Decoration and sitting arrangement _____
- g. Name of the person booking the event _____
- h. Address for communication _____
- i. Contact details:
Email: _____ Mobile: _____
- j. Any other requirements for the event (eg, bouquets, valet parking, microphones, podium etc.)

10. You are John/Mary, a staff reporter for a National daily. You have been asked to visit the flooded areas of Assam and write a brief report to be published in the newspapers.

Or

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Peak Higher Secondary School, Mon is organizing a speech competition for the students of XI and XII on the topic, 'Money can't buy love or happiness'. Write the speech you have prepared for the competition in about 200 words

- 11 . You saw an advertisement in your local daily and wish to apply for the post advertised. Write a job application, with a covering letter. Give your essential details in a CV. Sign your name as Grace/Stephen. **8**

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SECTION-D (Grammar)

12. Rewrite the following as directed: **3x1=3**
- a. I was sleeping on the couch. The telephone rang. (Use past perfect continuous tense to join the sentences)
 - b. My aunt _____(arrive) in the evening (Present continuous tense)
 - c. Mr. Das had completed twenty years in this school in May. (Future perfect tense)
13. Use the following idioms and phrases in sentences of your own. **3x1=3**
- a. Eat one's words
 - b. Old head on young shoulders
 - c. Through thick and thin
14. Fill in the blanks with correct modals: **4x1=4**
- a. My grandmother is eighty, but she_____ still read and write without her glasses.
 - b. _____you mind if I borrow your car?
 - c. I think we are lost. The man _____has given us wrong directions.
 - d. You _____be exhausted after that long drive.
