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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

*Answer all questions from this Part.
Each bunch of four questions carries a weight of 1.*

I. Choose the correct answer from the following :

- 1 Who is the 'Governor of the governor's' referred to in the essay 'The Need for Religion' ?
 - (a) The Judge.
 - (b) The King.
 - (c) Devil.
 - (d) God.
- 2 What happens when the silt-laden river water mixes with the salt water of the sea ?
 - (a) Precipitation.
 - (b) Decolourisation.
 - (c) Augmentation.
 - (d) None of these.
- 3 What do the Indians rely upon, when their efforts are inadequate ?
 - (a) Money.
 - (b) Occult.
 - (c) Politics.
 - (d) Spirituality.

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- 4 What is a cold war ?
- (a) A war fought during cold season.
 - (b) A state of extreme unfriendliness between Countries through political pressure and threats.
 - (c) A war between two Countries with cold climates.
 - (d) A cruel war.
- II. 5 The writer in the play 'Evam Indrajit' has love and obsession with :
- (a) Manasi.
 - (b) Sugandhi.
 - (c) Ambika.
 - (d) Sarojam.
- 6 What is the meaning of the title 'Evam Indrajith' ?
- (a) Not Indrajith.
 - (b) And Indrajith.
 - (c) New Indrajith.
 - (d) None of these.
- 7 Who compares himself to 'a symphony composed of atoms' ?
- (a) Vimal.
 - (b) Kamal.
 - (c) Amal.
 - (d) The writer.
- 8 What, according to Indrajit, is tragic ?
- (a) Knowing things.
 - (b) Life being a wheel.
 - (c) Life being a spiral wheel.
 - (d) Not knowing.
- III. 9 Who answers to the queries made by the child ?
- (a) God.
 - (b) The father.
 - (c) The mother.
 - (d) The teacher.
- 10 The railway clerk in Nissim Ezekiel's poem lives at :
- (a) Pune.
 - (b) Borivli.
 - (c) Baroda.
 - (d) None of these.





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- 11 The picture of the morning presented in the poem 'An October Morning' is :
- (a) Bleak. (b) Vivid.
(c) Dramatic. (d) Compelling.
- 12 Ketu shabar in the story 'Arjun' was fantasising about :
- (a) Having a drink. (b) Collecting left-over grains.
(c) Harvesting. (d) Taking rest.
- IV. 13 'If we visit them, they are uncomfortable' who does the word 'they' refer to here ?
- (a) Neighbours. (b) Children.
(c) Friends. (d) Elders.
- 14 What was Anna's husband's profession ?
- (a) A cat tamer. (b) A cat feeder.
(c) A gymnast. (d) A servant.
- 15 The theme of the novel 'untouchable' is concerned with :
- (a) The evil of untouchability.
(b) The evil of dowry system.
(c) The evil of sati system.
(d) None of these.
- 16 Who appearance in the novel 'untouchable' adds to the sociological leanings of the novel ?
- (a) Mahatma Gandhi. (b) Subash Chandra Bose.
(c) Sardar Vallabhbhai Patel. (d) None of these.

(4 × 1 = 4)

PART B

Answer any **five** of the following questions each in a sentence **or** two.

Each question carries a weight of 1.

- 17 Why should the teachers cultivate a heart contact with their students ?
- 18 How do nuclear weapons pervade our thinking ?

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- 19 What are the various worldly sorrows according to Tagore ?
- 20 Why is the poet's soul unconquered ?
- 21 What was the lesson Anna's husband tried to teach her ?
- 22 How does Indrajit express his fears of mortality ?
- 23 What was the profession of Ram Haldar and Bishal Mahato ?
- 24 What is the peace enjoyed by the self-assured and unquestioning people compared to ?

(5 × 1 = 5)

PART C

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

Each question carries a weight of 2.

- 25 Why did Bakha develop a hatred towards his brother Rakha ?
- 26 How does the writer in 'Evam Indrajit' develop his inability to write ?
- 27 How does the child narrator visualise Anna towards the end of the story ?
- 28 Why does Gandhi grieve over the gradual disappearance of faith in the world ?
- 29 How does Arundhati Roy explain the deadly nature of nuclear weapons even when not used ?
- 30 How does Tagore mention the relationship between Nature and God in his poem ?

(4 × 2 = 8)

PART D

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

Each question carries a weight of 4.

- 31 Consider the stylistic features of Arundhati Roy's writings with reference to the essay 'The End of Imagination'.
- 32 'Kamala Das has lived and felt her way through many feminine selves'. How does Kamala Das treat the theme of dispensability of women in society in her poem 'Nani' ?
- 33 Do you think that the child-narrator's narrative in the story 'Circus Cat, Alley Cat' is often fantastic and imaginative ? Discuss.

(2 × 4 = 8)

