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ENGLISH ELECTIVE / LITERATURE SSC-II

SECTION – A (Marks 15)

Time allowed: 20 Minutes

NOTE: Section-A is compulsory. All parts of this section are to be answered on the question paper itself. It should be completed in the first 20 minutes and handed over to the Centre Superintendent. Deleting/overwriting is not allowed. Do not use lead pencil.

Q. 1 Circle the correct option i.e. A / B / C / D. Each part carries one mark.

- (i) _____ is said to be the greatest poet in English literature of the last hundred years.
A. A. E. Housman B. Lawrence Binyon
C. William Cowper D. William Butler Yeats
- (ii) A. E. Housman rose to fame as a poet with the publication of:
A. A Shropshire Lad B. For the Fallen
C. The Task D. The War Song of the Saracens
- (iii) Cowper composed his longest poem "The Task" at the request of:
A. Lady Augusta B. Lady Austen
C. Queen Elizabeth D. Queen Victoria
- (iv) _____ shines upon the tears of those who mourn.
A. A glory B. Darkness C. Desolation D. Sorrow
- (v) The metre of the poem "Reveille" is:
A. Anapestic B. Dactylic C. Iambic D. Trochaic
- (vi) Some of the best coal in the world, anthracite, is mined in:
A. Denmark B. England C. Scotland D. Wales
- (vii) The safety-valve of the locomotive is usually at the _____ of the boiler.
A. Bottom B. Left C. Right D. Top
- (viii) _____ is the sincerest form of flattery.
A. Admiration B. Criticism C. Imitation D. Perfection
- (ix) _____ proved the existence of wireless waves in 1864.
A. Guglielmo Marconi B. Heinrich Hertz
C. J. Ambrose Fleming D. James Clerk Maxwell
- (x) A normal heart beats _____ times a minute.
A. 62 B. 72 C. 82 D. 92
- (xi) Nothing is of greater importance to Professor Henry than:
A. His country B. His sister
C. His scientific work D. The mankind
- (xii) The play "Progress" takes place in the year:
A. 1918 B. 1919 C. 1920 D. 1921
- (xiii) Mrs. Meldon's son, Eddie, was killed in a/an:
A. Epidemic breakout B. Road Accident
C. Train Wreck D. War
- (xiv) According to Professor Henry, the war lasted a ridiculously long period of:
A. 3 years B. 5 years C. 10 years D. 15 years
- (xv) When Eddie made ten runs in his first cricket match, Tom gave him a:
A. Ball B. Bat C. Pound D. Sovereign

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Total Marks:

15

Marks Obtained:



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Time allowed: 2:40 Hours

Total Marks Sections B and C: 60

NOTE: Answer any nine parts from Section 'B' and any three questions from Section 'C' on the separately provided answer book. Use supplementary answer sheet i.e. Sheet-B if required. Write your answers neatly and legibly.

SECTION – B (Marks 36)

Q. 2 Attempt any NINE parts. The answer to each part should not exceed 40 to 50 words. (9 x 4 = 36)

- (i) State the theme of the poem "The Brook".
- (ii) The joy of life is in finding music amidst hardships of life. Explain with reference to the poem "The Little Dancers".
- (iii) How can we tell that Cowper, when attacking the way of life of the city dwellers, has the rich in mind rather than the poor?
- (iv) State the qualities of the Saracens J. Flecker has glorified in the poem "The War Song of the Saracens".
- (v) Why is Hippocrates called "The Father of Medicine"?
- (vi) What are sedimentary rocks? Where are they found?
- (vii) State the ancient custom of sending the news of victory.
- (viii) Compare and contrast the old and the new theory regarding the formation of the nine planets.
- (ix) Discuss James Watt's contribution to the development of the steam-engine.
- (x) What, according to Professor Henry, is the secret to a successful invention?
- (xi) Give a brief description of Mrs. Meldon's looks.
- (xii) How will Henry Corrie's invention 'revolutionize' warfare?
- (xiii) Why does Mrs. Meldon suggest thirty pieces of silver to Henry as his reward?

SECTION – C (Marks 24)

Note: Attempt any THREE questions. All questions carry equal marks. (3 x 8 = 24)

Q. 3 Explain with reference to the context any ONE of the following stanzas in 70 – 100 words:

- a. I have looked upon those brilliant creatures,
And now my heart is sore.
All's changed since I, hearing at twilight,
The first time on this shore,
The bell-beat of their wings above my head,
Trode with a lighter tread.
- b. The voice of my education said to me
He must be killed.
For in Sicily the black, black snakes are
innocent, the gold are venomous.
And voices in me said, if you were a man
You would take a stick and break him now,
and finish him off.

Q. 4 In what kind of world will our descendants live? Discuss with reference to the article "The Future".

Q. 5 Professor Henry Corrie believes that he is performing a 'highly patriotic act' in offering his bomb formula to his country. Do you agree with him?

Q. 6 Why did Binyon write "For the Fallen"? Discuss its relevance in the world of today.