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(SLM Scheme)
ENGLISH LANGUAGE
Poetry, Prose, Fiction and Grammar

Time : 3 Hours **Max. Marks : 80**

Instruction : All Sections are compulsory.

SECTION - A

Annotate any four of the following : **[4 × 5 = 20]**

Q1) When wasteful war shall statues overturn,
And broils root out the work of masonry.

Q2) Love's not time's fool, though rosy lips and cheeks
Within his bending sickle's compass come.

Q3) The plowman homeward plods his weary way.
And leaves the world to darkness and to me.

Q4) The waves beside them danced; but they
Out-did the sparkling waves in glee:

Q5) Dear God! the very houses seem asleep;
And all that mighty heart is lying still!

Q6) Most blameless is he, centred in the sphere
Of common duties, decent not to fail

SECTION - B

Answer any three questions without omitting Poetry or Novel : [3 × 10 = 30]

Q7) Discuss the theme of friendship in "Not marble, nor the gilded monuments".

Q8) "Composed upon Westminster Bridge" is a testament to Wordworth's love of the city and its unequalled beauty. Elucidate.

Q9) Delineate the character of Rosie in *The Guide.*

Q10) Comment on the theme of greed and materialism in *The Guide.*

Q11) Discuss how *The Guide* explores the intricacies of human interactions in the face of changing circumstances.

SECTION - C

Answer any three questions. Question 12 is compulsory. [3 × 10 = 30]

Q12) Describe the major arguments of Bacon in "Of Studies"

OR

Explain Swift's description of Houyhnhnms and Yahoos in *Gulliver's Travels.*

Q13) Read the following passage carefully and answer the questions given below:

[5 × 2 = 10]

Thomas Alva Edison lit up the world with his invention of the electric light. Without him, the world might still be a dark place. However, the electric light was not his only invention. He also invented the photograph, the motion picture camera and over 1200 other things. About every two weeks he created something new. Edison was totally deaf in one ear and hard of hearing in the other, but he thought of deafness as a blessing in many ways. It kept conversation short, so that he could have more time for work. He called himself a "two-shift man" because he worked every sixteen out of every twenty four hours. Sometimes he worked so intensely that his wife had to remind him to sleep and eat. Edison died at the age of 84 on October 18,1931. He left numerous inventions that improved the quality of life all over the world.

a) What would have happened if Thomas Alva Edison hadn't invented the electric light?
b) How many inventions are there to the credit of Edison? Name any two of them.
c) What made Edison to consider his deafness a blessing?
d) Why did Edison call himself a "two-shift man"?
e) Provide an appropriate title for the passage.

Q14) Expand **two** of the following in not more than a page each: **[2 × 5 = 10]**

a) Time spares none.
b) United we stand, divided we fall.
c) As you sow, so you reap.
d) Cut your coat according to your cloth.

Q15) a) Use **four** of the following idioms in sentences of your own: **[4 × 2 = 8]**

i) Bed of Roses
ii) Heart and soul
iii) Ups and downs
iv) At the eleventh hour
v) White Elephant
vi) Nook and corner

b) Change the **voice** of the following: **[2 × 1 = 2]**

i) Mohan killed the snake.
ii) The newspaper is being read by him

Q16) a) Provide **Synonyms** for the following: **[4 × 1 = 4]**

i) Delight
ii) Answer
iii) Glitter
iv) Compassion

b) Provide **Antonyms** for the following: **[4 × 1 = 4]**

i) Superior
ii) Optimist
iii) Sane
iv) Polite

c) Provide **One-word substitutes** for two of the following: **[2 × 1 = 2]**

i) A person who walks in sleep
ii) One who cannot read and write
iii) A period of ten years
iv) Journey to a holy place

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