BEN-02

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(SLM Scheme)

ENGLISH LANGUAGE

Poetry, Prose, Drama and Grammar

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

Instruction : ***All sections are compulsory.***

Section - A

Annotate Four of the following without omitting Poetry or Drama:

[4 × 5 = 20]

1) This casket India's glowing gems unlocks,

   And all Arabia breathes from yonder box.

2) Come to the window, sweet is the night-air.

   Only, from the long line of spray

   Where the sea meets the moon-blanched land

3) Heard melodies are sweet, but those unheard

   Are sweeter; therefore, ye soft pipes, play on;

4) 'Et tu, Brute?—Then fall, Caesar!'

5) This was the noblest Roman of them all.

6) Friends, Romans, countrymen, lend me your ears;

   I come to bury Caesar, not to praise him.

Section - B

Answer Three questions without omitting poetry or Drama :

[3 × 10 = 30]

7) Critically examine the poem, "Ode on a Grecian Urn".

8) Examine Arnold's treatment of love in "Dover Beach".

9) Discuss the theme of ambition in *Julius Caesar*.

10) Analyze the role of friendship and betrayal in *Julius it Caesar.*

11) Examine Cassius's role in the conspiracy against Caesar.

Section - C

Answer Three questions choosing one from prose and two from grammar:

[3 × 10 = 30]

12) In what ways is "On the Ignorance of the Learned" as a social commentary? Describe.

OR

What are the different kinds of lamps Stevenson discusses in "A Plea for Gas Lamps"?

13) What is the significance of Hunt's reflections on the universality of sleep?

OR

Analyze the contrast between silence and sound in "Getting up on cold mornings".

14) Write an essay on one of the following : **[1 × 10 = 10]**

a) Climate Change

b) The role of youth in Nation-Building

c) Cybersecurity in the Digital age.

15) a) Write a Precis of the following and suggest a suitable title: **[1 × 6 = 6]**

Reading is one of the most effective and enriching ways to gain knowledge, and it plays a vital role in the intellectual and personal development of individuals. Books open doors to new ideas, cultures and ways of thinking, allowing readers to explore perspectives beyond their immediate surroundings. Unlike the quick and often superficial information provided by digital scrolling, reading requires patience, focus and deep thinking, which helps to sharpen the mind and improve concentration. Regular reading not only enhances vocabulary but also strengthens memory and stimulates imagination, enabling readers to visualize, analyze and understand complex concepts. Children who develop a reading habit early in life often grow into thoughtful and creative adults with strong communication and problem-solving skills. Reading also nurtures empathy, as stories allow us to step into the lives of others, understand different experiences, and appreciate diverse viewpoints. In today's fast-paced technological world, books continue to hold timeless value because they offer depth, insight, and a form of knowledge that cannot be replaced by screens alone. Moreover, reading provides both intellectual stimulation and emotional satisfaction. It is a source of relaxation, inspiration and entertainment, offering an escape from stress and daily worries. People of all ages can benefit from reading, whether it is for learning, self-improvement, or leisure. By cultivating the habit of reading, individuals not only expand their minds but also enrich their lives, gaining wisdom, awareness and a lifelong love for learning. Truly, reading is a treasure that enlightens the mind, nurtures the spirit and empowers people to think critically, creatively and compassionately in all aspects of life.

b) Change the speech of the following sentences. **[2 × 2 = 4]**

i) Mother said, "Don't waste your time on games."

ii) The stranger asked me where I lived.

16) a) Read the following passage and answer the questions that follow: **[3 × 2 = 6]**

Technology has become an integral part of modern life. From communication to transportation, education to healthcare, it has transformed the way people live, work and interact. Smartphones, computers, and the internet allow people to connect instantly across the globe, access vast amounts of information and perform tasks more efficiently. In education, technology enables online learning, digital libraries, and interactive classrooms, making knowledge more accessible than ever. In healthcare, medical devices, diagnostic tools, and telemedicine have improved patient care and saved countless lives. However, technology also has some drawbacks. Excessive use of digital devices can lead to health problems, social isolation and reduced attention spans. Privacy concerns, cybercrime, and dependency on gadgets are other challenges. To benefit fully from technology, individuals must use it responsibly and balance screen time with real-world activities. Governments and organizations also play a role by regulating technology, promoting digital literacy and ensuring safe access for everyone. When used wisely, technology has the power to improve quality of life, foster innovation and create opportunities for growth and development.

i) How has technology transformed modern life?

ii) Name two benefits of technology in education?

iii) How does technology improve healthcare?

b) Fi1l in the blanks with appropriate Prepositions: **[2 × 1 = 2]**

i) I travel to mumbai ____ train.

ii) The children are playing _____ the park.

c) Fill in the blanks with appropriate forms of the Verb: **[2 × 1 = 2]**

i) The sun _____ (rise) in the east.

ii) She _____ (write) a letter to her friend last week.