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Time : Three hours Maximum : 75 marks

PART A — (10 × 2 = 20 marks)

Answer any TEN questions in about 30 words each.

1. What transformation does Jean undergo as a result of the Bishop's kindness in Norman McKinnel's "The Bishop's Candlesticks"?

2. What is the central theme explored in Dorothy Deming's "Old Man River"?

3. What lesson or message does R.K. Narayan convey through the gateman's attitude towards the gift in "The Gateman's Gift"?

4. What was Vera's motive behind telling a false story to Framton Nuttel in Saki's "Open Window"?

5. What does Portia mean by "the quality of mercy" in her speech from *The Merchant of Venice* and how does she describe its effects?

6. What is the main purpose of Mark Antony's funeral speech in *Julius Caesar*?

7. How do the two little girls, Malasha and Akalya, resolve their conflict in the story "Little Girls Wiser Than Men"?

8. What are the essential features of a formal letter?

9. What is the importance of tone in written communication?

10. Paraphrase following poetic lines:

    The morning sunshine warms my face,

    A new day dawns with a happy pace.

11. What is the primary purpose of writing a summary?

12. What was the difference between Napoleon and Hitler's leadership styles as stated in Val Gielgud's The Two Corporals?

PART B — ($5 \times 5 = 25$ marks)

Answer any FIVE questions in about 200 words each.

13. Narrate the circumstances leading to the discovery of the murderer in "Five at the George".

14. Bring out the humour in "Wurzel Flummery".

15. What is the moral lesson conveyed through Somerset Maugham's story "The Ant and the Grasshopper"?

16. Narrate the story of Munro's "Open Window".

17. Describe the atmosphere and setting of the murder scene in *Macbeth*.

18. Write a Précis for the following passage.

Most of the new homes being built in the U.S. are low one-storey structures that hug the ground and blend with their natural setting, and follow contemporary architectural concepts that stress simplicity, space, comfort, efficiency, beauty and ease of care. Many are designed to reveal the intrinsic beauty of their construction

materials, such as wood and stone, and have patios of other areas for indoor-outdoor living. Although some of the new.houses have smooth lines and expanses of glass, others are more conservative, and include in their exterior design touches of older traditional architectural forms. The invention of the skyscraper in America came as an answer to crowded city space and high land costs. It was engineered and invented by a succession of architects who realized that steel framed buildings did need to have one story piled atop another for support, but that walls could be fitted onto a steel frame. The invention of structural steel made possible the skeleton steel frame, and together with the elevator, made possible the skeleton steel frame, and together with the elevator, made possible the invention of the skyscraper. The highest skyscraper in the U.S. today is the Empire State Building in New York which has 102 stories and is 1,472 feet (449 meters) high.

19. Write a report on a road accident that you witnessed in your area.

PART C — (3 × 10 = 30 marks)

Answer any THREE questions in about 500 words each.

20. Analyze the themes of human nature, empathy, and understanding in Joe Carrie's play "Hewers of Coal".

21. What were the reasons given by Vera for keeping the window open?

22. Analyze the persuasive techniques used by Mark Antony in his speech at Caesar's funeral in Shakespeare's *Julius Caesar*.

23. Write a formal letter to the Municipal Commissioner complaining about the poor sanitation facilities in your locality.

24. Paraphrase the following poem:

"The sun sets slow and paints the sky,
A fiery hue that makes me sigh.

The stars come out and twinkle bright,
A night of rest, a peaceful sight.

The world is dark, but not unkind,
The moon's soft light, a gentle find.

The shadows dance upon the wall,
A soothing calm, that quiets all.

The night's sweet peace, it wraps me tight,
A restful sleep, a peaceful night.

The darkness reigns, with silent sway,
The world is hushed, in a peaceful way.

The moon's pale beams, upon my face,
A gentle touch, a soothing pace.

The night air whispers, with a gentle tone,
A lullaby, that's all its own.

The stars up high, they twinkle fast,
A celestial show, that's meant to last.

The night's sweet peace, it fills my heart,
A sense of calm, that never departs".

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