

ENGLISH, Paper - II

(Third Language)

Time : 2½ Hours]

[Maximum Marks : 50

SECTION - I

(1-5) Read the passage given below. Then answer the questions that follow it. Write the answers in your answer book. 5×1=5

"Can you see that great plain there, with queer-looking hills on it? That is the Grimpen Mire. A false step on it means death to man or beast. Just yesterday I saw a pony sinking into it. Even in summer it's a dangerous place but after the rains it's just awful. Yet I know it very well. I can go into it and come out alive....."

(Arthur Conan Doyle : *The Hound of the Baskervilles*)

1. Who is the speaker ?
2. What reason does he give Dr. Watson for going to Grimpen Mire ?
3. What is the actual reason why he goes to Grimpen Mire ?
4. "A false step on it means death to man or beast." How does this line become true in the case of the speaker ?
5. What does Dr. Watson hear soon after this conversation ?

(6-10) Read the passage given below. Then answer the questions that follow it. Write the answers in your answer book. 5×1=5

Enquiry confirmed that we were being hauled up the inclines by the self-same wire ropes as thirteen years earlier, which knowledge made the journey feel distinctly more adventurous. We reached Parambikulam just as it was getting dark. In the verandah of the forest bungalow by the side of the tramway station I found a large squatted congregation of the local adivasis (Kadar), and in their midst, sprawled in one of those standard dak bungalow Victorian armchairs with legs splayed out on the extended arm rests, a bare-footed 'topless' European male of sorts in crumpled Khaki shorts.

(Salim Ali : *the Thrills of Bird Watching*)

6. What can we gather about the territory from the phrase '*hauled up the inclines*' ?
7. How and why would old ropes make the journey more adventurous ?
8. What does '*a large squatted congregation*' mean ?
9. What do the writer's descriptions of people and places reveal about him as a person ?
10. Who is the 'European male' and what does his attire tell us about how he felt ?

SECTION - II

(11-19) Answer FIVE questions choosing at least TWO from each Set.

5×2=10

SET - A

11. Why did Holmes decide to live on the Moor and not at Baskerville Hall ?
12. What did Dr. Mortimer observe near Sir Charles' dead body ?
13. How did Stapleton die ?
14. How did Hugo's portrait help Holmes ? What conclusion did Holmes draw from the portrait ?
15. In what way did Barrymore help Dr. Watson in solving the murder of Sir Charles ?

SET - B

16. Why did Gopal get interested in the ant ? *(The Day the Viceroy Came)*
17. Why is it important to keep body surface of animals and birds clean ?
(Desmond Morris : Grooming)
18. Why does O' Henry describe Harvey Maxwell as "*a New York broker, moved by buzzing wheels and uncoiling springs*" ?
(The Romance of a Busy Broker)
19. Why did the writer, M N Srinivas, prevent the village people from visiting him in Mysore? How did he feel afterwards ?
(The Villagers' Curiosity)

SECTION - III

(20-21) Rearrange the scrambled sentences in each set (A & B) to form meaningful paragraphs. Do not copy the actual sentences in your answer-book. Write only the letters corresponding to the sentences in the proper order.

2×2½=5

SET - A

20. (a) Sumo wrestlers credit chanko-nabe - a stew of vegetables, broth, noodles and meat or sea-food - for their girth.
 (b) The junior wrestlers cook the dish daily for the champs who get to eat it first.
 (c) One famous wrestler is said to have consumed 65 bowls of it - that is about 13 kilos of meat in one sitting.
 (d) They down it as a late breakfast after training for several hours.
 (e) Lucky for him the next scheduled activity after *chanko-nabe* is a nap.

SET - B

21. (a) Then the barber asked him what kind of cut he wanted.
 (b) He was thrilled to settle down into the chair where admirals had previously sat.
 (c) Then he added, 'But without the bald spot.'
 (d) I took my six-year-old son to the barber at our naval base.
 (e) Sonu proudly pointed to my crew cut and said, 'A haircut just like my Dad's !'

22. Read the following advertisement which appeared in a newspaper. 5

**Required English, Drawing, Art, Craft & Music Teaching staff
for CBSE affiliated school**

Required candidate should be M.A./B.A./B.Ed./Atd, GDA, MA, BEd with 0 to 2 years of experience of teaching in an English medium school, with computer skills Good salary.

Posts vacant :

English (2 posts), Drawing & Arts, Music (1 post each) for our CBSE affiliated school Smt. Tulsibai Ranglalji Zambad Vidyaniketan.
Std. 1st to 10 and Nursery, LKG, UKG (2-2 posts)

Interested candidates send your details along with expected salary as early as possible to the following address :

Mr. Prem Zambad
Anand Nagar, Buldana Road,
Amravati, 443404, Maharashtra

Write a letter to the address above, applying for the job. State your qualifications, alongwith other details, which you consider, would be in your favour.

23. Read the following dialogue. Then write a paragraph expressing your views on the topic discussed in the dialogue. 5
- Mukesh : Dad next year I'm going to college. I want you to get me a new car. It can be a Nano, I don't mind.
- Mukesh's Dad : No I won't buy a car for you till you are 20. Though 18 years olds are licensed to drive in our country, I think that's too early. I don't think youngsters are mature enough to handle cars before they are 20 years.
- Mukesh : No Dad! That's too late! I'll miss out on all the fun. I won't be able to take out my friends for movies and long drives.
- Mukesh's Dad : I know. For young people like you the idea of driving a car is appealing only because it's fashionable and fun. But car is an important mode of transportation and should be used that way. You can get one when you get your first job. Next year when you join college you can take the college bus. It's safe.
- Mukesh : After I get a job? Oh no Dad that'll be too late to get a car!

(24-25) Read the newspaper report given below.

A couple rewarded by local villagers

(The Hindu)

Karimnagar : A couple from Nellore found a baby boy lying in front of their guest house. They took the boy and handed him over to the local police. The boy's parents were identified, who said that the boy had gone missing for a week. They were relieved to get their son back. The local villagers were so happy at the incident that they rewarded the couple by giving them a year's stock of rice that the couple could take back with them.

In the meanwhile investigations are being carried out by the local police to find out the reasons for stealing the baby and who could have been involved in such an activity.

24. Imagine that you were present at the site where the local villagers rewarded the couple for saving the boy. Write a letter to your friend in Hyderabad describing how you felt about the incident. 10
25. Write a letter to the Editor of the Newspaper in which the report appeared requesting him to publish more such reports so that more people can get inspired by such good deeds. 5