

## General instructions:

- i. This paper is divided into three sections: A, B, and C. All sections are compulsory.
- ii. Separate instructions are given with each section and questions, wherever necessary. Read these instructions very carefully and follow them faithfully.
- iii. Do not exceed the prescribed word limit while answering the questions.

## SECTION - A [Reading]

1. Read the poem given below and answer the questions that follow:

I heard a thousand blended notes,  
While in a grove I sat reclined,  
In that sweet mood when pleasant thoughts  
Bring sad thoughts to the mind.

To her fair works did the Nature link  
The human soul that through me ran;  
And much it grieved my heart to think  
What man has made of man?

Through primrose tufts in that green bower,  
The periwinkle trailed its wreaths;  
And it is my fate that every flower  
Enjoys the air it breathes.

The birds around me hopped and played,  
Their thoughts I cannot measure:-  
But the least motion which they made  
It seemed a thrill of pleasure.

The budding twigs spread out their fan,  
To catch the breezy air  
And I must think, do all I can,  
That there was pleasure there.

If this belief from heaven be sent,  
If such be natures holy plan,  
Have I not reason to lament  
What man has made of man?

- 1.1 Where was the poet sitting and what did he hear? (1)
- 1.2 What filled the poet's heart with sadness? (1)
- 1.3 What is the faith of the poet? (1)
- 1.4 Find words in the poem which mean the same as the following. (1)
  - a) Movement
  - b) Branches

## SECTION - B [Writing &amp; Grammar]

2. The following is a telephonic conversation between Venket and his sister. As Venket's sister has to leave for her swimming class, she leaves a message for their mother. Write the message in 50 words. (3)

Venket : Can I speak to Mom?

Veena: I am sorry! She has gone out to buy vegetables.

- Venket : I have to leave for Durgapur tomorrow at 4 a.m. for the Inter School Football Match. Could you please ask her to get my bag packed? Since I will be returning home late in the evening due to the ongoing practice session I won't get time to do so.
- Veena : Yes, I will! But don't expect her to do this always!
- Venket : Sure! Thank you!

3. The following passage has not been edited. There is one error in each line. Write the incorrect word and the correction against the correct blank number. (2)

On the fourth day of the voyage we can see through  
 the chinks at the side of the ship that we were passing  
 along near the woody shores of the Andamans. A little  
 later we had come very near but going on the deck we  
 saw an hill on the island on the top of which  
 was a great fort-like structure.

a) \_\_\_\_\_  
 b) \_\_\_\_\_  
 c) \_\_\_\_\_  
 d) \_\_\_\_\_

4. Look at the following words and phrases and rearrange them to form meaningful sentences. (2)

- a) last day / the morning / in London / and I / that night / of my /  
 was to leave / dawned /
- b) there was / breakfasting with / the family / at the door / a knock / as I was /

#### SECTION - C [Literature]

5. Read the extract given below and answer the questions that follow: (3)

*I am not cruel, only truthful-  
 The eye of the little god, four cornered.*

- a) What cruel action does the mirror commit?  
 b) What is the figure of speech used in the second line?  
 c) What does the mirror mean by saying 'it is four cornered'?
6. Answer the following questions in 30 to 40 words:  
 a) In the story *the Two Gentlemen Of Verona*, why are the boys considered to be "gentlemen"? (1)  
 b) How did the villagers support Mrs. Packletide to succeed in her mission? Do you think they were really sincere? Give reasons. (1)  
 c) Do you think the nightingale was truly 'brainless' to take training from the frog? Give reasons. (1)
7. Describe briefly the theme of *The Diary of a Young Girl* in about 80 words. (3)

**Marking Scheme:**

1.
  - a. The poet was sitting in a grove. He could hear the musical sound of Nature. He was quietly savouring in the sights and sounds of Nature.
  - b. The poet started thinking about how has man destroyed Nature and thus harmed man himself. Such thoughts filled the poet's heart with sadness.
  - c. The poet's faith is that Nature is not lifeless. There is a soul in it which is linked to man's soul.
  - d.
    - i. Motion
    - ii. twigs
  
3.
  - a. can..... could
  - b. at.....in
  - c. but.....and
  - d. an.....a
  
4.
  - i. The morning of my last day in London dawned and I was to leave that night.
  - ii. As I was breakfasting with the family there was a knock at the door.
  
5.
  - a. the cruel action the mirror commits is reflecting the face of the woman truthfully. It is cruel because she has lost her beauty and charm and it is repulsive to watch it.
  - b. The figure of speech used in the second line is metaphor
  - c. By saying it is four cornered the mirror means that it is as objective as gods. It observes things from different angles and it is never biased.
  
6.
  - c. Yes, the nightingale was truly brainless as she trusted and obeyed a false master. She should have realized that the frog was not trainer in music and it was his real intention to do away with her.

