

H.S. 1st Year Unit Test, 2022

SUB : ENGLISH

Full Marks : 50

Time : 2 Hours

The figures in the margin indicate full marks for the questions

SECTION : A

(Reading skills " 5 Marks)

1. Read the following passage carefully and answer the questions given below.

At 4:30PM, Abha brought in the last meal he was ever to eat; it consisted of goat's milk, cooked and raw vegetables, oranges and a concoction of ginger, sour lemons and strained butter with juice of aloe. Sitting on the floor of his room in the rear of Birla House in New Delhi, Gandhi ate and talked with Sardar Vallabhabhai Patel, Deputy Prime Minister of the new government of independent India. Maiben, Patel's daughter and secretary, was also present. The conversation was important. There had been rumors of differences between Patel and Prime Minister Jawaharlal Nehru. This problem, like so many others, had been dropped into the Mahatma's lap.

Abha, alone with Gandhi and the Patels, hesitated to interrupt. But she knew Gandhi's attachment to punctuality. Finally, therefore, she picked up the Mahatma's nickel-plated watch and showed it to him. 'I must tear myself away', Gandhi remarked, and so saying he rose, went to the adjoining bathroom and then started the prayer ground in the large park to the left of house. Abha, the young wife of Kanu Gandhi, grandson of the Mahatma's cousin, and Manu, the granddaughter of another cousin, accompanied him; he leaned his forearms on their shoulders. 'My walking sticks', he called them.

- (a) What did Gandhi eat in his last meal? 2
- (b) Who were the persons present when Gandhi ate his last meal? 2
- (c) What did Gandhi mean by 'my walking sticks'? 1

SECTION : B

(Writing)

2. Your school has recently celebrated "Tree Plantation Week" organizing a number of inter school competitions highlighting the ecological balance. As the Secretary of the Eco-Club of your school, prepare a report in 100-125 words, suitable to be published in your school magazine. You are Nilim/Nilima. 5

OR

Your District Administration has celebrated Silpi Divas at the District Library auditorium recently. Prepare a report on it in 100-125 words to be published in "The Assam Tribune". 5

3. You are Ranjan/Ragini. You have seen an advertisement in The Assam Tribune for the post of Assistant Teacher in an L.P. School in Goalpara. Write an application to the Headmaster of the school in response to the advertisement. Mention all relevant details. 5

OR

Write a letter to the Editor of a local English Daily drawing attention of the authorities concerned to the nuisance of loudspeakers in your area. 5

SECTION : C

(Grammar)

4. Re-write any four of the sentences as directed. $2 \times 1 = 2$
(a) Your hair is very lovely. (Make it an exclamatory sentence)
(b) I tried every plan. (Make it negative without changing the meaning)
5. Re-write any four of the following sentences filling in the blanks with appropriate prepositions from the brackets. $2 \times 1 = 2$
(a) What is the time _____ (by /of) your watch now?
(b) You should take proper care _____ (for /of) your books.
6. Re-write any two of the following sentences using the verbs given in brackets in their correct tense form. $2 \times 1 = 2$
(a) I met him while (go) to his office.
(b) he (make) a doll now.
7. Fill in the blanks with suitable determiners. $2 \times 1 = 2$
(a) We have very _____ information. (few/little)
(b) Do you have _____ question? (some/any)

8. Re-arrange the words in the following to form meaningful sentences.

2×1 =2

- (a) Talking please stop you will?
- (b) Slowly and we near silently the target moved.

SECTION : D

(Textual questions)

9. Read any one of the following stanzas given below and answer the question that follow.

- (a) And who art thou? said I to the soft-falling shower,
Which, strange to tell, gave me an answer, as here translated:
I am the Poem of Earth, said the voice of the rain,
Eternal I rise impalpable out of the land and the bottomless sea,

- (i) Where do these lines occur? 1
- (ii) How does the shower fall? 1
- (iii) What does the poet ask the rain? 1
- (iv) Fine a word in the passage that means "that cannot be touched". 1

- (b) When did my childhood go?
Was it the day I ceased to be eleven,
Was it the time I realized that Hell and Heaven,
Could not be found in Geography,
And therefore could not be, Was that the day!

- (i) Name the poet and the poem from which the lines are taken? 2
- (ii) What is the question asked by the speaker? 1
- (iii) What is the realisation of the speaker? 1

10. Answer any one of the following question. 3×1 = 3

- (a) How is the cyclic movement of rain brought out in the poem "The Voice of The Rain"?
- (b) What did the poet in "Childhood" understand about the adults or grownups.

11. Answer any five of the following questions. 2×5 =10

- (a) Describe the odd way in which the author's grandmother behaved just before she died.
- (b) What does the notice "The World's most dangerous animal" at a cage in the zoo at Lusaka, Zambia signify?

- (c) The author's grandmother was a religious person. What are the different ways in which we come to know this?
 - (d) Point out the earth's principal biological systems according to Mr. Lester R. Brown?
 - (e) "You have a great treasure there". - What treasure is Verrier Elwin referring to?
 - (f) Describe the way in which the sparrows expressed their sorrow when the authors' grandmother died.
 - (g) What difference does Verrier Elwin draw between the Game Sanctuaries of Kenya and Kaziranga?
12. Answer any one of the following question. 5×1 =5
- (a) Who is Yuri? What part does he play in Albert's plan?
 - (b) Why were the people of the village curious to see Ranga?
