

**SECTION - D (Marks - 50)**  
**(Literature)**

7. Chose any 2 of the following extracts and answer the (4x2=8) questions that follows :
- a) In reality that was her only trade. She had been the third of eleven children born to a prosperous shopkeeper in old Caldas and as soon as she learned to speak, she instituted the fine custom in her family of telling dreams before breakfast, the time when their qualities are preserved in their purest form. When she was seven she dreamed that one of her brother was carried off by a flood. Her mother, out of sheer religious superstition forbade the boy to swim in the ravine, which was his favourite pastime. But Frau Frieda already had her own system of prophecy.
- i) What was the trade of Frau Frieda ?
- ii) Where was Frau Frieda born? What was the custom in her family?
- b) In Xanadu did Kubla Khan  
A stately pleasure - dome decree  
Where Alph, the sacred river, ran  
Through caverns measureless to man  
Down to a sunless sea  
So twice miles of fertile ground  
with walls and towers were girdled round  
And there were gardens bright with sinuous rills.  
Where blossomed many an incense bearing tree,  
And here were forests ancient as the hills  
Enfolding sunny spots of greenery.
- i) What is Xanadu ?
- ii) What is twice five miles of fertile ground?
- c) One day you look up and see one of them eyeless, silent, a zig zag sky showing through the knocked-out clock work, after a riot.

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**SECTION - A**  
**(Reading Comprehension)**

1. Read the passage carefully and answer the question in (12) your own language :

This looks as if someone had been doing it himself. The sentence holds within it the key to the whole mystery of essay writing. An essay is a thing which someone does himself; and the point of the essay is not the subject, for any subject will suffice (enough), but the charm of personality. It must concern itself with something. 'Jolly' as the school boy says something smelt heard, seen perceived, invented & thought but the essential thing is that the writer shall have formed his own impression and that it shall have.

Taken shape in his own mind that has conceived and recorded the impression. It will be seen, then that the essay need not concern itself with anything definite, it need not have an intellectual or a philosophical or a religious or a humorous motif, but equally none of these subjects are ruled out. The only thing necessary is that the thing or the thought should be vividly apprehended, enjoyed felt to be beautiful and expressed with a certain gusto. It need conform to no particular rules. All literature answers to something in life, some habitual form of human expression.

The essay is the reverie, the frame of mind in which a man says in the words of the old song. 'Says I to myself says I'

- a) What is an essay ? (1)
- b) How does the charm of the essay depend upon the personality of the writer ? (2)

- c) What is important in essay writing ? (3)
- d) How does a thing totally apprehended resulting as a beautiful essay ? (3)
- e) Is essay writing totally subjective ? If yes how. (3)
2. Read the following poem and answer the questions that follows: (8)
- I am a cloud  
 Quietly  
 I fly through the transparent sky  
     And in the heavens  
     I bloom into a lotus.  
 I am a breeze  
     stealthily  
 I glide over the bed of flowers  
     And gently  
 I shake down a dream  
 I am a water  
     leisurely  
 I flow into the sleeping rainbow  
     And to in pursuit  
 of the sound of the temple gong.  
     I am a fog.  
 Shyly  
 I looks forward to the rising of the red sun  
 Questions the towering peak  
 And return to it  
 it gentle beauty.
- a) Where lies the beauty of the poem ? (2)
- b) How does the poet realise the beauty of nature by changing his roles ? (3)
- c) What is the central idea of the poem ? (3)

## SECTION - B (Writing Marks -20)

3. Write an essay on any one of the following topics in about 250-300 words : (10)
- Student Union
  - A college magazine
  - Village poverty
  - Book fair
4. You are Mohan/Asha. Write a report about 125-150 words on the Annual Day Celebration of your college to be published in your college magazine. (10)

## SECTION - C (10 Marks) (Applied Grammar)

5. The following passage has not been edited. There are errors (including punctuation errors) altogether in the passage. The old man and the sea was the story of an old man a fisherman. Santiago, who catches the big fish but lose it and then rises above his defeat to tries again. It is also the story of a touching relationship between the old man and a young boy. But it is not the story line who is of any signifinance, what matters the sub-text or the philosphical message that it carries. "Man is not make for death. A man can be destroyed but not defeat." Example : the -> The (5)
- Q.** Including punctuation errors altogether in the passage. Write of the incorrect word and of the correction as given in the example.
6. Change the following from direct to indirect narration. (5)
- He said to Leela, 'you are telling a lie'.
  - Ram said to Mohan, 'where are you going'.
  - Hari said to Mohan, 'open the door'.
  - Radha told Asha, 'will you help me ?'
  - The teacher said to students, 'The earth totates round the sun.'

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- a) What is the role of the mother in Prakriti's self reliasation? What are her hopes and fears for her daughter.
- b) Why does Milton feel it is not necessary to put up a Monument in stone for Shakespeare ?
- c) What is meant by the bell-beat of the Swan's wings that made the poets heart sore?

9) Answer any five of the follwing questions in your own (5x4=20) words.

- a) Who were the senciminers ?
- b) What kind of life Harry lived after he left home ?
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10) Answer any one of the following questions (6)

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- b) Draw a character sketch of Dr. Pal?

11) Answer any one of the following in your own words. (4)

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#### **Group B**

12) Answer any one of the following question (6)

- a) Why did Raja find the human world brutish and baffling?
- b) Narrate the journey of the tiger from Mempil hills to a circus at Malgudi.

13) Answer any one of the following Questions. (4)

- a) Do you think Raja liked working in the film? Why?
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- 6) Write an article on "Swach Bharat Abhiyan." (10)

OR

Write an article on ambition in life.

**SECTION - C (Marks 45)**

**Literature**

- 7) Read the following extract carefully and answer the questions that follow (4)

Aunt Jennifer's finger fluttering through her wool find even the ivory needle hard to pull the massive weight of uncle's wedding band sits heavily upon Aunt Jennifer's hand.

- a) Why and where are the fingers fluttering ? (1)  
b) Why can the needle not be pulled ? (1)  
c) Why is the wedding band a weight ? (2)

OR

A thing of beauty is a joy forever  
Its loveliness increases its will never  
Pass into nothingness; but will keep  
A bower quite for us.

- a) A thing of beauty is a joy for ever - Explain (1)  
b) Why does a beautiful thing "Pass into nothingness"? (1)  
c) What does the poet mean by a bower quite for us? (2)
- 8) Answer any three of the following questions in about 35 words. (2x3=6)
- a) Why does the poetess feel her old familiar ache and what is her childhood fear ?  
b) What did the roadside stand plead too pathetically? Did it get it ?  
c) What will counting upto twelve and keeping still help us achieves?  
d) Why was the mother compared to the 'Late winter's moon' ?

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**SECTION - A (Marks 12)**

**(Reading Comprehension and Note making)**

Read the passage carefully and answer the questions that follows :

- 1) One beautiful spring day a red rose blossomed in a forest. Many kinds of trees and plants grow there. As the rose looked around, a palm tree nearby said, "What a beautiful floral! I wish I was that lovely."

The rose felt very pleased. It turned its head and remarked. "It seems that I am the most beautiful flower in this forest." A sunflower raised its yellow head and asked, "Why do you say that? There are many beautiful plants in this forest. You are just one of them." The red rose proudly replied. "I see everyone looking at me and admiring me. The rose then looked at the cactus and said. "Look at that ugly plant. It is full of thorns." The palm tree said, "Red rose! What kind of talk is this? How can you say what beauty is? You have thorns too."

The proud red rose looked angrily at the tree and said. "I thought you had good taste! You don't know what beauty is at all. You cannot compare my thorns to that of the cactus." The rose tried to move its roots away from the cactus, but it could not. As the days passed the red rose would look at the cactus and say insulting things like "This plant is useless. "How sorry I am to be his neighbour". "and it does not have a pleasant colour." The cactus never got angry or upset. It even tried to advise the rose by saying. "God created all of us for a purpose." Spring passed and the weather became very hot. Life became difficult in the forest. There was no rain for a long time. The plants and animals needed water. The red rose plant began to wilt. The leaves on the trees began to dry up and fall one by one.

One day the red rose saw some beautiful small birds flying the cactus. They sat on its thorny branches and sang happily. The birds stuck their beaks in to the stem and then flew away refreshed. This was puzzling and the red rose asked the palm trees what the birds were doing. The palm trees explained that the birds got water from the cactus. "Does it not hurt when they make holes." Asked the rose. "Yes, but the cactus does not like to see any birds suffer." replied the palm. The rose opened its eyes in wonder and asked if the cactus had water. "yes and you can also drink from it. The sparrow can bring water to you if you ask the cactus for help. The red rose felt too ashamed for its past behaviour to ask the cactus for water and finally asked the cactus for help. The cactus agreed at once and the birds filled their beaks with water and watered the rose's roots. Thus the rose learned a lesson and never judged anyone by their appearance again.

- a) What did the palm tree say about the red rose ? (2)
  - b) How did the red rose insult the cactus ? (2)
  - c) How did life become difficult in the forest ? (2)
  - d) How did the cactus help the birds (2)
  - e) What lesson did the red rose learn ? (2)
  - f) Find words in the passage which mean the same as the following. (2)
    - i) Good looking (1)
    - ii) to be of no use (1)
- 2) Read the following passage carefully and answer the questions that follow : (8)
- The human being is the most unique of all the creatures with the power of reasoning and logic. But at the same time he is the most helpless at the start because he develops as a parasite on the parental plant and behaves as a slave to the senior members around. Later appears the school and other points of growth. He lives as a silent slave to his own desires and wishes. There is the confusion

and dilemma to rise out of the same. There is the feeling of novelty in life but nothing new is there. As an elderly character he soon enters the web of the family, the children, the duties and responsibilities. Time takes long strides and there is the time when the mirror announces the stamp on the face with the lines and the wrinkles here and there. The old age arrives as the bundle of diseases. The struggle continues and there is a moment when the story closes and the episode is taken to be a thing of the past. So is life.

- a) Write some of the important points as been stated in the passage (5)
- b) Write the summary in about 50 words. (3)

### SECTION - B (Marks 35) (Advanced Writing Skills)

- 3) You have lost your mobile phone in the college campus. Write a notice for the notice board. (5)

OR

You have organised a cultural programme in your college. Write a notice inviting the names of the participants.

- 4) You are Roshan / Anisha, a newspaper reporter. Write a report in about 125 words on the traffic conditions prevailing in your locality to be published in your area. (10)

OR

You did not go home for Diwali. You stayed back in the hostel/ Lodge because you had to study for the exam. Describe how much you missed Diwali with your family members (125 words)

- 5) You are Neel / Moni Head boy / girl of K.B. Memorial High College Bokaro. Write an application to the principal asking for permission to organise a class picnic (125 words) (10)

OR

Write a letter to your principal requesting him to grant you books from the library for a period of 6 months.

9) Answer the following questions in about (2x5=10)  
35 words each.

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- b) Why was Douglas determined to get over his fear of water?
- c) Who was Sophie? What was her dreams?
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OR

What is the moral issue that has been raised in the story "Should Wizard Hit Mommy."

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Discuss Animal Farm as a satire.

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- 3) Write essay on any one of the following topics. (20)
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