

Why does the poet tell the people to honour the Light Brigade?

OR

"I am the memory of a moment of happiness" .

Explain the given line.

- (c) "The showers beat on broken blinds and chimney pots"

What do the given lines suggest?

OR

Why do bobolinks begin to sing?

18. Answer the following question in about 120 words : (5)

Write the circumstances that led Macbeth to kill Duncan, the king of Scotland.

OR

Bring out the moral of the story "The Imp And The Peasant's Bread".

19. How did the Bishop transform the convict at the end of the play, "The Bishop's candlesticks". (5)

OR

Do you think that the punishment given to the convict is justified?

Give reasons for your answer.

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ENGLISH

Full Marks - 80

Time : Three hours

Attempt all questions.

The figures in the right hand margin indicate full marks for the questions.

Answer the questions in your own words as far as possible

### Section-A (Reading)

1. Read the following passage and answer the questions that follow:

Silence is unnatural to man. He begins life with a cry and ends it in stillness.

In the intervals he does all he can make a noise in the world, and there are a few things of which he stands in more fear than of the absence of noise. Even his conversation is a great measure a desperate attempt to prevent a dreadful silence. If he is introduced to a fellow mortal and a number of pauses occur in the conversation he regards himself as a failure, a worthless person and is full of envy of the emptiest headed chatter-box. He knows that ninety-nine percent of human conversation means no more than the buzzing of a fly. But he longs to join in the buzz, and to prove that he is a man and not a wax-work figure. The object of conversation is not, for the most part, to communicate ideas, it is to keep up the buzzing sound. There are, it must be admitted, different qualities of buzz. Most buzzing fortunately is pleasing to the ear, and some of it is agreeable even to the mind. Very few human beings join in a conversation in the hope of learning any thing new. Some of them are content if they are merely allowed to go on making a noise into other people's ears, though they have nothing to tell them except that they have seen two or three new plays or that they had bad food in Swiss hotel.

- A. Complete the following statements:

- (i) In this passage, the writer says that absence of noise is \_\_\_\_\_ (1)

- (ii) If a man is compelled to stop a number of times in conversation

\_\_\_\_\_.

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(1)

- B. *Answer the following questions in a phrase or sentence each:*
- (i) What does man utter a cry? (1)
  - (ii) What does the writer say about human conversation? (1)
  - (iii) What is the real object of conversation? (1)
- C. *Answer the following question in about 50 words:* (3)  
How does the author prove that silence is unnatural to man?
- D. *From the passage, find out the words that have the same meaning as:*
- (i) to make a humming sound
  - (ii) satisfied with what a person has (1+1=2)

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2. *Answer the following questions in one phrase / sentence each.* (1x3=3)
- (a) What is the most important cause of global warming?
  - (b) Who standardised the number of polo palyers to seven in a team?
  - (c) What, according to M.K. Gandhi, should be regarded as a sign of imperfect education?
3. *Answer the following questions in about 30 words each:* (2x3=6)
- (a) Why did Mary Kom want to play with the boys in her childhood ?
  - (b) What did the Sanskrit teacher say when he saw Gandhiji sitting in the Persian Class?
  - (c) Why is Shwedagon pagoda famous for?
4. *Answer the following questions in about 50 words each :* (3x2=6)
- (a) Why is Sunita William regarded as a woman of many parts?
  - (b) Why is the expedition to Mount Everest declared unconquerable?

14. *Rewrite the following sentence using the correct form of the verb within the bracket.* (1)  
He acts as if he \_\_\_\_\_(be) a boss.
15. *Transform the following sentences as directed.* (1+1=2)
- (a) The thief saw the policeman and ran away.  
(Change into a simple sentence)
  - (b) Hari is taller than Kiran.  
(Change into positive degree of taller)

**Section-D (Literature)**

16. *Answer the following questions in about 30 words each.* (2x2=4)
- (a) "Have you any proof"  
Why did Anukul ask this question?
- OR
- How did Madame Loisel look like after she had paid for the necklace?
- (b) Why did the Bishop tell a lie about the convict?
17. *Answer any three of the following questions in about 30 words each.* (2x3=6)
- (a) 'And often is his golden complexion dimmed' What is the meaning of this line.  

OR

"She died, and left to me  
This health, this calm, and quiet scene"  
Why does the poet say so?
  - (b) "Honour the Light Brigade"

horizon of the place in which we live; the seasons are more or less regular, water always flows downhill, fire always burns, plants grow up from seeds, from which like plants grow up again; animals are born, grow, reach maturity, and die, age after age in the same way. Thus the motion of an order of nature and of a fixity in relation of cause and effect between such things gradually entered the minds of man.

9. You are Rajesh /Meena. You have lost your leather wallet containing your addhar card and pass-book at Keishampat Junction, Imphal by 11am yesterday. Write a notice to be published in the Khollao. (3)

### **Section-C (Grammar)**

10. Rewrite the following sentences inserting appropriate determiners wherever necessary: (1+1=2)
- (a) All boys were present in the class.  
(b) Learning is very dangerous.
11. Fill in the blank with the correct modal verb in the following : (1)
- (a) We eat food that we \_\_\_\_\_ live in this world.
12. Change the voice of the following sentences: (1+1=2)
- (a) The wise villagers elected my father Pradhan.  
(b) You are to make this arrangement.
13. Change the narration of the following sentences : (1+1=2)
- (a) He said, "Thank you, my friends".  
(b) Rani said, "What a nice bag is!"

### **Section-B (Writing)**

5. Write an essay on any one of the following topics in about 200 words using the given outlines: (7)
- (a) Mobile Phone \_\_\_\_\_  
[ Introduction – its utility – its harmful effects - conclusion]
- (b) The importance of Newspaper  
[ Introduction\_\_ its uses\_\_ its probable consequences \_\_ conclusion]
- (c) Rome was not built in a day.  
[ Introduction \_\_ the lesson of the story of Rome\_\_ importance of forbearance in human life \_\_ conclusion]
6. (a) You are a librarian, Meera High School, Imphal. Write a letter to M/S Tarun Bhatnagar and Bross, Book Sellers, Agra, placing an order for books (mention at least 4 titles) to be supplied immediately . (5)
- OR
- (b) You are Sunita of Yairipok, Manipur. Write a letter to the Health officer, Municipal corporation of Yairipok Manipur, requesting to organise a keep your village clean campaign in your village. (5)
7. You are Purna / Ranjana a reporter to the Poknapham Imphal. You have been sent to collect information regarding a road accident near G.M. Hall, Imphal. You have to write a newspaper report. (4)
8. Make notes of the important points of the following passage and write a summary using the notes. (3+3=6)

But the first thing that men learned, as soon as they began to study nature carefully was that some events take place in a regular order and that some causes always give rise to same effects. The sun always rises on one side and sets on the other side of the sky, the changes of the moon, follow one another in the same order and with similar intervals, some stars never sink below the