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**INDIAN SCHOOL MUSCAT  
HALF YEARLY EXAMINATION 2023  
ENGLISH CORE (301)**



CLASS: XI  
DATE: 14.09.2023

TIME ALLOTTED : 3 HRS.  
MAXIMUM MARKS : 80 Marks

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**SECTION - A**

**Reading skills - (28 Marks)**

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2. Among the common factors, the most important is the health of human beings. For keeping good health, one should take a nutritious balanced diet. A balanced diet is that which contains carbohydrates, fat, proteins, vitamins in proportionate amount.

3. The skin saves us against many micro-organisms producing diseases, provided that it is intact. In case there are cuts or abrasions on it, the micro-organisms penetrate the body through those cuts and abrasions and can cause diseases. Therefore, a cut or an abrasion should never be left open. In case there is no bandage available, it may be covered by a clean cloth.

4. Some bacteria reside on and inside the human body. They do not cause any disease and by their presence they do not allow disease- causing organisms to settle on those places. The human body secretes a variety of fluids, which are killers for disease causing micro-organisms. For instance, gastric juice, (acidic in nature) secreted by our intestinal tract kills all organisms which enter our body through food.

5. There are a few automatic activities of our body known as 'reflex phenomenon or action', which protects the body against many infections. This reflex phenomenon includes sneezing, coughing and vomiting.

6. Fever is one of the most important constituents of the defence mechanism of our body. The organ which regulates the temperature of our body is known as Hypothalamus and is situated in the brain. When micro-organisms after entering the body release toxic products and these reach the brain through blood, the

hypothalamus starts increasing the temperature of the body and the person gets fever. This fever is very useful for the human body because due to the increase of temperature, the micro-organisms which are the root cause of the problem get killed. We are living in an environment which is full of bacteria. Many of these bacteria can produce serious diseases, but all of us do not suffer from such diseases. It is due to a special power present in our body to fight these diseases, known as Innate immunity.

7. In a nutshell, we can say that since nature has provided us with defence mechanism to fight against so many diseases, let us maintain it or rather increase it by way of immunization.

**Based on your understanding of the passage, answer the following questions given below.**

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  - c) immunization
  - d) fever
- iv) Why should a cut or abrasion never be left open?
  1. It causes pain
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a) Only 1      b) Both 1 and 2      c) Only 3      d) Only 4
- v) Reflex phenomenon includes \_\_\_\_\_
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a) 1 and 2      b) only 4      c) 2 and 3      d) 1, 2 and 3
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  4. We should never increase our defence mechanism by immunization.

a) Both 1 and 4      b) Both 2 and 3      c) Only 2      d) Only 3
- vii) Pick the option showing the CORRECT use of the word 'abrasion'.

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3. Tornadoes can appear as a traditional funnel shape or in a slender rope-like form. Some have a churning, smoky look to them, and other contain 'multiple vortices', which are small, individual tornadoes rotating around a common centre. Even others may be nearly invisible, with only swirling dust or debris at ground levels as the only indication of the tornado's presence.

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### The Fujita – Pearson Tornado Intensity Scale

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The names of the categories in the third column, labelled 'Damage,' could best be described as \_\_\_\_\_
- a) scientific      b) descriptive      c) objective      d) whimsical
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The range of damage path of tornadoes can be \_\_\_\_\_
- a) 2-3 miles      b) 1-50 miles      c) 3-7 miles      d) 10-15 miles
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- vi) A district reports, winds speed ranging about 215 mph. What damaging effect will the tornado have?
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- viii) Complete the sentence given below:  
The wind speed of F6 tornadoes is \_\_\_\_\_
- ix) Which word in paragraph 2 of the passage means 'changing'?
- x) Which of the following words is the antonym of the word 'invisible' in para 3?  
a) veering      b) swirling      c) saturated      d) Apparent

**3. Read the passage given below.**

1. Shop till you drop is no longer a problem that only women with money in their purses and time on their hands suffer from. Excessive shopping and insatiable appetite for goods are causing problems in all the countries because personal debts are mounting, creating innumerable difficulties for credit card businesses. People can become compulsive buyers of anything from household gadgets, food, clothes, to cars.

2. Compulsive buying has now been diagnosed as a disease and is the result of the growing advertising campaigns. The addiction to shopping is spreading all over the world. With rising incomes, millions of Indians could join the league of 'shopaholics'. It is called 'oniomania' or CBD (Compulsive Buying Disorder) that drives people to buy in a repetitive and uncontrolled manner regardless of consequences.

3. Women are more vulnerable than men to this addiction because they tend to believe that to be valued by society they have to look good. They are more insecure about their image and while they are shopping, they get a boost to their self-image from the attention they get from shop assistants. They come back feeling beautiful and successful. Men too are now joining the ranks of keen shoppers.

4. The results can be devastating and debts can be huge. Compulsive shoppers keep borrowing on their credit cards. Psychologists are now saying that people have to face compulsive shopping as a disorder. It is like the eating disorder or work or exercise addiction. To break the habit various tips are now being offered and one of the important tips is not to look at glossy magazines. Other tips include taking regular stock of one's clothes and accessories and piling them up in heaps to convince oneself that one doesn't need more.

5. Advertising that encourages consumers to borrow and buy instantly are also encouraging shopaholics. Easy credit to the young is one way of encouraging them to shop without guilt and thus more careful screening of potential card holders is necessary to ward off future bad debts. But unfortunately, these deterrents may not work because like the children of alcoholics and drug addicts turn to these substances, children of shoppers also indulge in compulsive shopping.

i) On the basis of your understanding of the above passage, make notes on it using headings and sub-headings. Use recognizable abbreviations wherever necessary (minimum - 4). Supply an appropriate title to it. (5)

ii) Write a summary of the above passage in up to 50 words. (3)

## SECTION – B

### (Grammar and Creative Writing Skills) – 24 Marks

#### GRAMMAR – 8 Marks

#### 4. Choose the correct option.

5×1=5

i) Since I took part in my first debating contest, I \_\_\_\_\_ a member of the debating club, which I attend most weekends.

- a) have been    b) had been    c) been    d) has been

ii) The origins of domestic poultry are uncertain, but experts believe that some breeds have descended from the Indian jungle-fowl, which still \_\_\_\_\_ in India today.

- a) existed    b) exists    c) will exist    d) has existed

iii) By 7 pm, Sameera \_\_\_\_\_ her homework.

- a) will have finished    b) will finish    c) will be finishing    d) has finished

**Fill in the blanks with correct connecting words / sub-ordinating conjunctions to complete the sentences with clauses.**

iv) Let's cross the bridge \_\_\_\_\_ we come to it.

v) We'll keep on driving \_\_\_\_\_ there's still daylight.

5. Transform the following sentence without changing its meaning into future continuous tense. Choose the correct answer from the options given below. 3×1=3

- i) The famous tennis star will inaugurate the sports day events.
- a) The famous tennis star will be inaugurating the sports day events.  
b) The famous tennis star will inaugurate the sports day events.  
c) The famous tennis star will be inaugurating the sports day events.  
d) The famous tennis star is going to be inaugurating the sports day events.

Identify the type of the underlined clause in the following sentence. Choose the correct answer from the options given below.

- ii) This is the boy who painted the picture.  
a) Adverb clause   b) Adjective clause   c) Noun clause   d) Independent clause

Rearrange the following words/phrases to form meaningful sentences.

- iii) exorbitant/farmers/taxes/poor/pay/were/to/forced/the

### Creative Writing Skills (16 Marks)

6. Arun Gupta of M-3 Kamal Apartments, Shimla, has a very good knowledge of tourist places in Shimla. He wants to work as a tourist guide. Draft a suitable advertisement in 50 words for publication in the Tours and Travels section of a local newspaper. 3

(OR)

You are Krishna / Tisha, Secretary, Greenland Enterprises Ltd. Delhi-110006. Draft an advertisement in 50 words to be published in a local daily under the classified columns for the vacant post of an accountant.

7. Design a poster in 50 words about the need for regular exercise. You may use slogans.

(OR)

Tourism Department, Government of Uttaranchal has launched an ambitious plan to develop adventure sports and eco-tourism activities in the state. Prepare a suitable poster in 50 words for display at important public places /publication in newspapers.

8. You are Priya / Piyush. Write a speech in 120-150 words on the topic 'Life in the village is preferable to life in the city' to be delivered in the school's morning assembly. Use the clues given below to develop the speech. 5

**Village:** Peace and quiet- soothing – air –fresh and pure - green fields all around- lovely sight –helpful neighbours.  
**City:** Vehicles – smoke industries-smoke – pollution, crowded streets-people hurry- never relax.

(OR)

Write a speech in 120-150 words on the topic 'Ban Child labour' to be delivered in the school's morning assembly. Use the clues given below to develop the speech.  
You are Ashwin /Anuradha.

**Clues:** Meaning of child labour – Condition of child labourers –  
Scenario of child labour in India and the world –  
Measures to stop child labour

9. Nepotism / Favouritism has ruined the talent in film industry. Write a debate for or against the motion in 120-150 words. Use the clues given below.

**For the Motion:**

New actors belonging to Bollywood families launched easily - outsiders struggle - work at low fees - forced into depression - many examples of injustice.

**Against the Motion:**

Exists in every field - another form of favouritism - not all star children are successful - many good actors are self-made - add examples

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(OR)

Reality shows are a waste of time and talent. Write a debate for or against the motion in 120-150 words. Use the clues given below.

**For the Motion:**

Nothing real - everything is scripted - more focus on drama than on talent- most winners faded into oblivion - TRP games - play on emotions than on talent.

**Against the Motion:**

Many talents have come up through reality shows - provide easy access to industry - provide name and fame - various talents are showcased and acknowledged.

**SECTION- C**

**Literature Textbook and Supplementary Reading Text (28 Marks)**

10. A) Read the given extracts carefully below and answer the following questions. 3×1=3

"The cardboard shows me how it was  
When the two girl cousins went paddling.  
Each one holding one of my mother's hands,  
And she the big girl - some twelve years or so."

i) Answer in **ONE** word.

In the extract, when the poet says 'big girl', she means her \_\_\_\_\_

ii) What does the cardboard refer to here?

(a) A diary entry (b) A sketch (c) A photograph (d) A card

iii) \_\_\_\_\_ went paddling.

1. the poet's mother 2. the poet 3. the two cousins of the poet's mother

**Choose the correct option.**

(a) only 1 (b) 1 and 2 (c) 1 and 3 (d) 1, 2 and 3

**(OR)**

**B)** “Then sleek as a lizard, and alert, and abrupt,  
She enters the thickness, and a machine starts up  
Of chitterings and a tremor of wings, and trilling  
The whole tree trembles and thrills”.

i) Who is 'she' in the given lines?  
(a) A snake (b) A parrot (c) A goldfinch (d) A sparrow

ii) What change comes in the tree?  
(a) It becomes lively (b) It becomes beautiful  
(c) It becomes a savior (d) Both (a) and (b)

iii) Who is making the chittering sounds when the goldfinch arrives?

**11. A) Read the extracts given below and answer the following questions.**

**3×1=3**

“She hobbled about the house in spotless white with one hand resting on her waist to balance her stoop and the other telling the beads of her rosary. Her silver locks were scattered untidily over her pale, puckered face, and her lips constantly moved in inaudible prayer. Yes, she was beautiful. She was like the winter landscape in the mountains, an expanse of pure white serenity breathing peace and contentment.”

i) Select the option that completes the given sentence appropriately.  
The author uses the words 'silver locks' to refer to \_\_\_\_\_  
a) her eyes b) pimples c) smile d) her hair

ii) Select the suitable word from the extract to complete the following analogy.  
Enormous: Immense: Limped: \_\_\_\_\_

iii) Complete the sentence with an appropriate explanation, as per the extract.  
To show that his grandmother was beautiful, the writer has compared her to \_\_\_\_\_

**(OR)**

**B)** “At dawn on January 2nd, the waves were gigantic. We were sailing with only a small storm jib and were still making eight knots. As the ship rose to the top of each wave we could see endless enormous seas rolling towards us, and the screaming of the wind and spray was painful to the ears. To slow the boat down, we dropped the storm jib and lashed a heavy mooring rope in a loop across the stern.”

i) 'Screaming of the wind' in the above extract means

- (a) sound of wind
- (b) direction of wind
- (c) speed of wind
- (d) stormy winds

ii) Where did they decide to reach to save themselves and the ship?

iii) What had happened to Sue when the narrator went to check on the children?

**12. Read the given extracts carefully answer the following questions.**

**3×1=3**

**A)** "My mother brought the lonely visitor coffee and tobacco and he rolled a cigarette and sipped and smoked, and then at last, sighing sadly, he said, my white horse which was stolen last month is still gone- I cannot understand it. My uncle Khosrove became very irritated and shouted, it's no harm. What is the loss of a horse? Haven't we all lost the homeland? What is this crying over a horse?"

i) Who is the lonely visitor mentioned in the extract?

- a) Mourad    b) Uncle Khosrove    c) John Byro    d) Fetvajian

ii) Where was the white horse?

- a) With the narrator              b) With Mourad
- c) Behind their house            d) In the surrey

iii) Whose mother brought coffee and tobacco for the lonely visitor?

**(OR)**

**B)** "I was home for a few days and it struck me immediately that something or other about the rooms had changed. I missed various things. My mother was surprised I should have noticed so quickly. Then she told me about Mrs. Dorling. I had never heard of her but apparently she was an old acquaintance of my mother, whom she hadn't seen for years. She had suddenly turned up and renewed their contact. Since, then she had come regularly"

i) Which of the following aspects was noticed by the narrator?

- a) Her mother was surprised                      b) Various things were missing
- c) Room has changed with different items      d) Didn't witness anything different

ii) The mother of the author would have been surprised because \_\_\_\_\_

- a) her daughter has changed completely
- b) her daughter did not inform about her visit
- c) her daughter quickly noticed the changes in the house
- d) her daughter was upset

iii) Who was Mrs. Dorling?

\* 13. Answer any three of the following questions in 40-50 words. 3×2=6

- i) Mention the way in which the sparrows expressed their sorrow when the author's grandmother died.
- ii) Describe the boat 'Wavewalker' \*
- iii) Why did they take on two crew men with them at Cape Town? \*
- iv) Explain the line, 'And the Laburnum subsides to empty'.

14. Answer any one of the following questions in 40-50 words. 1×3=3

A) Why was the Garoghlanian tribe famous?

(OR)

B) When did the narrator realize that she was at the right address?

15. Answer any one of the following questions in 120 – 150 words. 1×5=5

A) Describe the author's grandmother's life in the village in contrast with the kind of the life she led in the city, highlighting her values.

(OR)

B) The arrival of the gold finch on the Laburnum top brings about a change in the poem. How do you interpret this change? Is change good or bad in life?

16. Answer any one of the following questions in 120 – 150 words. 1×5=5

A) People like Mrs. Dorling forget the ultimate end of man. For some earthly gain, people discard their values. Elucidate.

(OR)

B) How does the story 'The Summer of the Beautiful White Horse' convey the message of honesty and integrity and how do the characters maintain it irrespective of their desire to keep the horse with themselves?

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a) her eyes b) pimples c) smile d) her hair
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(a) sound of wind  
(b) direction of wind  
(c) speed of wind  
(d) stormy winds
- ii) Where did they decide to reach to save themselves and the ship?
- iii) What had happened to Sue when the narrator went to check on the children?

**12. Read the given extracts carefully answer the following questions.**

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A) “My mother brought the lonely visitor coffee and tobacco and he rolled a cigarette and sipped and smoked, and then at last, sighing sadly, he said, my white horse which was stolen last month is still gone- I cannot understand it.  
My uncle Khosrove became very irritated and shouted, it's no harm. What is the loss of a horse? Haven't we all lost the homeland? What is this crying over a horse?”

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a) Mourad   b) Uncle Khosrove   c) John Byro   d) Fetvajian
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a) With the narrator   b) With Mourad  
c) Behind their house   d) In the surrey
- iii) Whose mother brought coffee and tobacco for the lonely visitor?

**(OR)**

B) “I was home for a few days and it struck me immediately that something or other about the rooms had changed. I missed various things. My mother was surprised I should have noticed so quickly. Then she told me about Mrs. Dorling. I had never heard of her but apparently she was an old acquaintance of my mother, whom she hadn't seen for years. She had suddenly turned up and renewed their contact. Since, then she had come regularly”

- i) Which of the following aspects was noticed by the narrator?  
a) Her mother was surprised   b) Various things were missing  
c) Room has changed with different items   d) Didn't witness anything different
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a) her daughter has changed completely  
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c) her daughter quickly noticed the changes in the house  
d) her daughter was upset
- iii) Who was Mrs. Dorling?

**13. Answer any three of the following questions in 40-50 words.**

**3×2=6**

- i) How did the grandmother celebrate the homecoming of her grandson?
- ii) How did the voyagers celebrate their Christmas and where?
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**1×3=3**

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**(OR)**

B) How had the narrator discovered that their daily cutlery was made of silver?

**15. Answer any one of the following questions in 120 – 150 words.**

**1×5=5**

**A)** Describe the author's grandmother's life in the village in contrast with the kind of the life she led in the city, highlighting her values.

**(OR)**

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**16. Answer any one of the following questions in 120 – 150 words.**

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**(OR)**

**B)** How does the story 'The Summer of the Beautiful White Horse' convey the message of honesty and integrity and how do the characters maintain it irrespective of their desire to keep the horse with themselves?

**End of the question paper**



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**INDIAN SCHOOL MUSCAT  
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CLASS :XI  
DATE:14.09.2023

TIME ALLOTTED : 3 HRS.  
MAXIMUM MARKS : 80 Marks

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2. Separate instructions are given with each part and question, wherever necessary.
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**SECTION - A  
Reading skills - (28 Marks)**

**1. Read the passage given below:**

1. The power of our body to fight against various disease producing agent is known as defence mechanism. This defence mechanism depends upon various factors which can be categorized mainly into two types - common factors and special factors.
2. Among the common factors, the most important is the health of human beings. For keeping good health, one should take a nutritious balanced diet. A balanced diet is that which contains carbohydrates, fat, proteins, vitamins in proportionate amount.
3. The skin saves us against many micro-organisms producing diseases, provided that it is intact. In case there are cuts or abrasions on it, the micro-organisms penetrate the body through those cuts and abrasions and can cause diseases. Therefore, a cut or an abrasion should never be left open. In case there is no bandage available, it may be covered by a clean cloth.
4. Some bacteria reside on and inside the human body. They do not cause any disease and by their presence they do not allow disease- causing organisms to settle on those places. The human body secretes a variety of fluids, which are killers for disease causing micro-organisms. For instance, gastric juice, (acidic in nature) secreted by our intestinal tract kills all organisms which enter our body through food.
5. There are a few automatic activities of our body known as 'reflex phenomenon or action', which protects the body against many infections. This reflex phenomenon includes sneezing, coughing and vomiting.
6. Fever is one of the most important constituents of the defence mechanism of our body. The organ which regulates the temperature of our body is known as Hypothalamus and is situated in the brain. When micro-organisms after entering the body release toxic products and these reach the brain through blood, the hypothalamus starts increasing the temperature of the body and the person gets fever.

This fever is very useful for the human body because due to the increase of temperature, the micro-organisms which are the root cause of the problem get killed. We are living in an environment which is full of bacteria. Many of these bacteria can produce serious diseases, but all of us do not suffer from such diseases. It is due to a special power present in our body to fight these diseases, known as Innate immunity.

7. In a nutshell, we can say that since nature has provided us with defence mechanism to fight against so many diseases, let us maintain it or rather increase it by way of immunization.

**Based on your understanding of the passage, answer the following questions given below.**

**10×1=10**

- i) What does balanced diet mean?
- ii) The defence mechanism of the human body \_\_\_\_\_
  - a) checks body deterioration
  - b) ensures wear and tear of the body
  - c) saves us from depression
  - d) protects us from diseases
- iii) The power of our body to fight against various diseases producing agents is called \_\_\_\_\_
  - a) defence mechanism
  - b) health
  - c) immunization
  - d) fever
- iv) Why should a cut or abrasion never be left open?
  1. It causes pain
  2. It causes itching
  3. Micro-organisms penetrate the body and can cause disease.
  4. It grows deeper
  - a) Only 1      b) Both 1 and 2      c) Only 3      d) Only 4
- v) Reflex phenomenon includes \_\_\_\_\_
  1. sneezing
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vii) Pick the option showing the CORRECT use of the word 'abrasion'.

- a) The abrasion is slow and steady.
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- c) Abrasions are for one and all.
- d) I like abrasion very much.

viii) The word 'innate' means \_\_\_\_\_

- a) instinctive      b) intuitive      c) inborn      d) acquired

ix) What are the few automatic activities of our body known as?

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| Classification | Wind Speed    | Damage        |
|----------------|---------------|---------------|
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**The Fujita – Pearson Tornado Intensity Scale**

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To show that his grandmother was beautiful, the writer has compared her to \_\_\_\_\_

**(OR)**

B) "At dawn on January 2nd, the waves were gigantic. We were sailing with only a small storm jib and were still making eight knots. As the ship rose to the top of

each wave we could see endless enormous seas rolling towards us, and the screaming of the wind and spray was painful to the ears. To slow the boat down, we dropped the storm jib and lashed a heavy mooring rope in a loop across the stern.”

- i) ‘Screaming of the wind’ in the above extract means
  - (a) sound of wind
  - (b) direction of wind
  - (c) speed of wind
  - (d) stormy winds
- ii) Where did they decide to reach to save themselves and the ship?
- iii) What had happened to Sue when the narrator went to check on the children?

**12 Read the given extracts carefully answer the following questions.**

**3×1=3**

- A) “My mother brought the lonely visitor coffee and tobacco and he rolled a cigarette and sipped and smoked, and then at last, sighing sadly, he said, my white horse which was stolen last month is still gone- I cannot understand it. My uncle Khosrove became very irritated and shouted, it's no harm. What is the loss of a horse? Haven't we all lost the homeland? What is this crying over a horse?”
- i) Who is the lonely visitor mentioned in the extract?
  - a) Mourad    b) Uncle Khosrove    c) John Byro    d) Fetvajian
- ii) Where was the white horse?
  - a) With the narrator                      b) With Mourad
  - c) Behind their house                      d) In the surrey
- iii) Whose mother brought coffee and tobacco for the lonely visitor?

**(OR)**

- B) “I was home for a few days and it struck me immediately that something or other about the rooms had changed. I missed various things. My mother was surprised I should have noticed so quickly. Then she told me about Mrs. Dorling. I had never heard of her but apparently she was an old acquaintance of my mother, whom she hadn't seen for years. She had suddenly turned up and renewed their contact. Since, then she had come regularly”
- i) Which of the following aspects was noticed by the narrator?
  - a) Her mother was surprised                      b) Various things were missing
  - c) Room has changed with different items                      d) Didn't witness anything different
- ii) The mother of the author would have been surprised because \_\_\_\_\_
  - a) her daughter has changed completely
  - b) her daughter did not inform about her visit
  - c) her daughter quickly noticed the changes in the house
  - d) her daughter was upset

iii) Who was Mrs. Dorling?

**13 Answer any three of the following questions in 40-50 words.**

**3×2=6**

- i) Mention the way in which the sparrows expressed their sorrow when the author's grandmother died.
- ii) Describe the boat 'Wavewalker'
- iii) Why did they take on two crew men with them at Cape Town?
- iv) Explain the line, 'And the Laburnum subsides to empty'.

**14 Answer any one of the following questions in 40-50 words.**

**1×3=3**

A) Why was the Garoghlanian tribe famous?

**(OR)**

B) When did the narrator realize that she was at the right address?

**15 Answer any one of the following questions in 120 – 150 words.**

**1×5=5**

A) The author's grandmother was a religious person. What are the different ways in which we come to know this?

**(OR)**

B) How does the laburnum tree play a central role in the poem "The Laburnum Top"?

**16. Answer any one of the following questions in 120 – 150 words.**

**1×5=5**

A) Describe the second visit of Mrs. S's daughter to the house of Mrs Dorling. Why did she not wait to meet Mrs. Dorling?

**(OR)**

B) Did the boys return the horse because they were conscience-stricken or because they were afraid?

**End of the question paper**