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Part A

Answer all questions from this part.

Each bunch of four questions carries a weight of 1.

I. Choose the correct answer from the following :—

- 1 Who, according to Lucas, are the happy men ?
(a) The rich. (b) The imaginative.
(c) The bore. (d) The poor.
- 2 Nehru refers to Mahatma Gandhi as :
(a) The Star. (b) The Sun.
(c) The Moon. (d) The Saint.
- 3 What is the thrilling moment Amartya Sen refers to ?
(a) India's Independence.
(b) Nehru's Speech on the eve of Independence.
(c) Celebration of India's Independence.
(d) Welcoming a democratic India.
- 4 What is the fatal mistake Russell refers ?
(a) Believing things at the Outset.
(b) Superficial observation.
(c) Thinking that you know when in fact you do not know.
(d) Taking things for granted.

II. 5 To conquer fear is the beginning of :

- (a) Wisdom. (b) Freedom.
(c) Sanity. (d) Insanity.
- 6 Shakespeare's Sonnets are :
(a) Personal. (b) Humorous.
(c) Satiric. (d) Snobbish,

Turn over

7 Themes of 'Ode to a Nightingale' are :

- (a) Beauty and music.
- (b) The bird and its music.
- (c) Mortality and transience.
- (d) Reality and fancy.

8 Who wrote that 'a poem is a momentary stay against confusion' ?

- (a) Keats.
- (b) Frost.
- (c) Shakespeare.
- (d) Kamala Suraiya.

III. 9 The Bicycle becomes an image of :

- (a) Uncertainties.
- (b) Possession.
- (c) Treasures.
- (d) Necessity.

10 The speaking voice in the poem 'Poor Girl' is :

- (a) The rejected lover.
- (b) The 'poor girl'.
- (c) The first lover.
- (d) The poet.

11 Why is Pushpa popular ?

- (a) She is a good person.
- (b) She has a good spirit.
- (c) She is emotional.
- (d) Her father was an advocate.

12 What did Ivan plan to do with the money ?

- (a) To lie on his back on the burning sand.
- (b) To spend on property, on immediate expenses and deposit the balance in the bank.
- (c) To live happily every after with his wife.
- (d) To lead a leisurely and happy life.

IV. 13 Why did the mother faint while watching the cinema ?

- (a) The portrayal was unbearable.
- (b) Her husband talked to the wife on the screen.
- (c) Her husband sat absorbed in a newspaper.
- (d) The picture fascinated her.

14 How did Rakesh fulfil his duty to his father ?

- (a) He took his father in the car to see his new clinic.
- (b) He emerged as an excellent doctor.
- (c) He measured out his father's diet and fed him with pills and potions.
- (d) He advised his father to be sensible.

15 The story 'Two Gentlemen of Verona' shares its title with a play written by :

- (a) A.J. Cronin.
- (b) Shakespeare.
- (c) Chekhov.
- (d) E.V. Lucas.

16 Keats was primarily a Romantic poet of :

- (a) The birds.
- (b) The senses.
- (c) Fancy.
- (d) The supernatural.

Part B

Answer any five of the following each in a sentence or two.

- 17 What, according to Nehru, is the greatest peril ?
- 18 Why does the poet say that all losses are restored ?
- 19 What does Keats mean by 'embalmed darkness' ?
- 20 Why was Sambu excited in class ?
- 21 What was the only pleasure left for the old man ?
- 22 What is the silent epic of youthful devotion Cronin speaks of ?
- 23 Why is everybody a bore ?
- 24 What is significant about the conclusion of the poem 'Bicycle' ?

(5 × 1 = 5)

Part C

Answer any four of the following each in about 100 words.

- 25 How does a bore live all the time ?
- 26 What is the 'tryst with destiny' ?
- 27 Examine the permanence of the nightingale's song .
- 28 What is the significance of the refrain in 'Poor Girl' ?
- 29 Examine the title 'A Shadow'.
- 30 What is particular about the two gentlemen of Verona ?

(4 × 2 = 8)

Part D

Answer any two of the following each in about 200 words.

- 31 Discuss Russell's strategy to escape from intellectual snobbery.
- 32 Examine the mysterious glory of the Bicycle.
- 33 Write a critical appreciation of the story 'The Lottery Ticket'.

(2 × 4 = 8)