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Part A

Answer all questions from this part.

Each bunch of four questions carries a Weight of 1.

Choose the correct answer from the following :

- I. 1. Who, according to E.V. Lucas, is the most repellent specimen of all bores ?
 - (a) Astute and crafty men.
 - (b) The button holing bore.
 - (c) The eccentric one.
 - (d) The busy man.
2. According to Nehru, the only way to make amends for our lapse is :
 - (a) to cry and mourn Gandhi's death.
 - (b) to pledge ourselves anew and dedicate to the great task he undertook.
 - (c) to thank him for the great work he undertook.
 - (d) to root out the evil in society.
3. In 'Tryst with Destiny', Amartya Sen refers to the historic speech delivered by :
 - (a) Jawaharlal Nehru on 2 February 1948, three days after the assassination of Gandhiji.
 - (b) Martin Luther King after receiving the Nobel Prize.
 - (c) Jawaharlal Nehru on 15 August 1947.
 - (d) None of these.
4. Oneway to avoid being dogmatic is :
 - (a) to remain silent when you disagree.
 - (b) to engage in an imaginary dialogue with the opposite view.
 - (c) to agree with the acceptable opinion.
 - (d) to argue and convince all.

Turn over

- II. 5. Who is the friend mentioned in William Shakespeare's "Sonnet XXX" ?
(a) Queen Elizabeth. (b) Earl of Southampton.
(c) Marlowe. (d) None of these.
6. Why does Keats wish for a 'draught of vintage' ?
(a) to cool himself in the summer.
(b) to go Lethe-wards.
(c) to leave the world unseen with the wind.
(d) to join the bird in its world of happiness.
7. "He is all Pine and I am apple Orchard". What does the Poet mean ?
(a) The poet says that he is a pine tree and his neighbour is an apple orchard.
(b) The speaker grows pine trees and his neighbour grows apple trees.
(c) The speaker is very tall like a pine tree and his neighbour, bushy like an apple tree.
(d) None of these.
8. Name the image is used by David Malouf to mention bicycle :
(a) a forest deity. (b) a metallic insect.
(c) an angel of two geometrics. (d) all of these.
- III. 9. Why is the poor girl addressed so in Maya Angelou's Poem ?
(a) She will soon experience rejection.
(b) She has no money.
(c) She understands everything.
(d) She misunderstands everyone.
10. Why is Pushpa a popular person in Nissim Ezekiel's Poem ?
(a) She is a good person.
(b) She has a good spirit.
(c) She is emotional.
(d) Her father was a renowned advocate.
11. What does the title 'Once Upon a Time' indicate ?
(a) This is a fairy tale.
(b) The nostalgia of a good old bygone time.
(c) The poet lives in the past.
(d) The poet is disgusted with life.

12. What did Ivan Plan to do with the money in the story 'The Lottery Ticket' ?
- (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 ever after with his wife.
 - (d) to lead a leisurely and happy life.
- IV. 13. Why did Jimmy decide to make a gift of all his tools to a friend ?
- (a) Jimmy was fond of his friend.
 - (b) Jimmy had quit the old business and was making an honest living.
 - (c) Old scores would be brought up against him.
 - (d) He was fed up of his old ways.
14. Why was the show stopped in the story 'A Shadow' ?
- (a) Sambu's mother died.
 - (b) Sambu's mother fainted.
 - (c) Power failure.
 - (d) The film came to an end abruptly.
15. Why did Rakesh deny his Papa one more piece of bread ?
- (a) There was no bread left in the house.
 - (b) He doesn't allow his papa to have more than two hundred grammes of cereal a day.
 - (c) His wife doesnot allow him to give more bread.
 - (d) All of these.
16. How did the speaker help the boys in the story 'Two gentlemen of Verona' ?
- (a) He gave some money.
 - (b) He bought the whole basket of berries.
 - (c) He gave them a drive to Poleta in his car.
 - (d) None of these.

(4 × 1 = 4)

Part B

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

- 17. Why does Nehru feel ashamed as the head of the Government of India ?
- 18. What was the mistake Aristotle made ?
- 19. What does the poet moan in silence in Sonnet XXX ?
- 20. 'Was it a vision, or a waking dream' ? Why does Keats feel so ?
- 21. How is Miss Pushpa's good spirit illustrated ?
- 22. How did Ralph rescue the child trapped in the new safe ?

Turn over

23. What was the only pleasure left for the old man in the story 'A Devoted Son' ?
24. '.....I want to re-learn
how to laugh,.....'
Why does the poet feel so in the poem 'Once Upon a Time' ?

(5 × 1 = 5)

Part C

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

25. What are the different types of bores that Lucas mentions in his essay ?
26. Comment on the ending of the poem 'Bicycle'.
27. How does Kamala Suraiyya elaborate the comparison of Mask in the Poem 'The Mask' ?
28. Explain the transformation that has taken place in Ivan's life in the story 'The Lottery Ticket'.
29. How did Nicola and Jacopo help to defeat the German army ?
30. What is the failure that Nehru mentions in his speech ?

(4 × 2 = 8)

Part D

Answer any two of the following in about 200 words.

31. Amartya Sen's observations on the economic performance of India.
32. 'Good Fences make good neighbours'. Comment.
33. How does the story 'A Shadow' picture the dynamics of human relationships in an Indian Family ?

(2 × 4 = 8)