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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. What is the greatest asset of a bore ?

- (a) Personality.
- (b) Charm.
- (c) Craftiness.
- (d) Disarming simplicity.

2. What is required for psychological discourse ?

- (a) Intelligence.
- (b) Shrewdness.
- (c) Imagination.
- (d) Will.

3. Hades in Greek mythology is :

- (a) The abode of the dead.
- (b) Heaven.
- (c) A fire-spitting creature.
- (d) God of sin.

4. What does "wail" mean in "Sonnet XXX" ?

- (a) Loud cry in grief.
- (b) Cover the face.
- (c) Cry in ecstasy.
- (d) A valley.

II. 5. How does the poet wish to fly with the nightingale ?

- (a) Charioted by Bacchus and his pards.
- (b) On the viewless wings of poesy.
- (c) With the Queen-Moon on her throne.
- (d) Drinking hemlock.

6. The neighbour repeatedly says :

- (a) Something there is that doesn't love a wall.
- (b) Good fences make good neighbours.
- (c) Spring is the mischief.
- (d) Stay where you are until our backs are turned.

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7. "He moves in darkness" refers to :

- (a) The poet.
- (b) The poet's neighbour.
- (c) God.
- (d) The neighbour's father.

8. The conclusion of the poem "Bicycle" creates :

- (a) Uncertainty.
- (b) Awe.
- (c) Insanity.
- (d) Reality.

III. 9. The theme of the poem "Poor Girl" is :

- (a) Love and hatred.
- (b) Love and deception.
- (c) Innocence and experience.
- (d) Failure of love.

10. Why is Pushpa going abroad ?

- (a) On a visit.
- (b) To improve her prospects.
- (c) To study.
- (d) On a holiday.

11. Why does Gabriel Okara say that he wants to "laugh with hearts" ?

- (a) He wants to lead a sincere life and be true to his heart.
- (b) He dislikes the artificiality of modern man.
- (c) He cannot laugh with his heart now.
- (d) Modern man has no feelings.

12. Why did Ivan not try to find the number of the winning ticket ?

- (a) He didn't believe in trying his luck.
- (b) He had no faith in lottery luck.
- (c) To torment and tease himself with hopes of winning a fortune.
- (d) To see the broad, senseless smile on his wife's face.

IV. 13. Why did Ben Price act strangely ?

- (a) He was convinced of Jimmy's transformation.
- (b) He wanted to give him another chance.
- (c) He came to the bank to see the manager.
- (d) He didn't recognize Jimmy.

14. What was the most striking trait in the two gentlemen of Verona ?

- (a) Unremitting willingness to work.
- (b) Innocence.
- (c) Uncomplaining nature.
- (d) Mature behaviour.

15. What is the only way on dealing with general human conceit ?

- (a) By concealing self-esteem.
- (b) Being rational in one's thoughts.
- (c) By creating a belief in something comforting.
- (d) Accepting the brevity of life.



16. The beauty of the poem "The Mask" lies in :

- (a) The goodness of the lover.
- (b) The anger of the lover.
- (c) The sympathetic nature of the lover.
- (d) The deep sorrow felt by the lover.

(4 × 1 = 4)

### Part B

*Answer any five of the following each in a sentence or two.  
Weight 1 each.*

- 17. What is the "task ahead" Nehru mentions in his speech ?
- 18. Why is everybody a bore ?
- 19. Why did the narrator help the gentlemen of Verona ?
- 20. What does the poet mean by stating that "he is all pine and I am apple orchard" ?
- 21. How can we get rid of dogmatism ?
- 22. Why does Shakespeare say that his grievances are foregone ?
- 23. Who is the "lightwinged Dryad" of the trees ?
- 24. What are the two questions that the poet poses in "The Mask" ?

(5 × 1 = 5)

### Part C

*Answer any four of the following each in about 100 words.  
Weight 2 each.*

- 25. What are the different types of bores that Lucas mentions in the essay ?
- 26. What is the failure that Nehru mentions in his speech ?
- 27. What will the poor girl do when the lover leaves her ?
- 28. Explain the theme of the poem "Once upon a Time" ?
- 29. How does Ivan reconcile himself at the end of the story ?
- 30. Why does Varma's perception of his son change ?

(4 × 2 = 8)

### Part D

*Answer any two of the following each in about 200 words.  
Weight 4 each.*

- 31. Evaluate Amartya Sen's observations on the economic performance of India ?
- 32. Write a critical appreciation of "Mending Wall".
- 33. Examine the significance of the title "A Shadow".

(2 × 4 = 8)