

2021

ENGLISH — GENERAL

First Paper

Full Marks : 100

*The figures in the margin indicate full marks.**Candidates are required to give their answers in their own words as far as practicable.*

Group - A

1. Answer **any two** of the following : 15×2
- Comment on the theme of Shakespeare's Sonnet no. 18 (Shall I compare thee to a Summer's Day).
 - Attempt a critical appreciation of Milton's 'On His Blindness'.
 - Examine Wordsworth's attitude to Nature from your reading of 'Strange Fits of Passion'.
 - Describe the images used by Shelley to personify the Skylark.
 - How does Keats celebrate the season of autumn in his poem 'Ode to Autumn'?
2. Answer **any five** of the following : 2×5
- What does the expression "the eye of heaven" refer to?
 - "But thy eternal summer shall not fade".— Whose eternal summer is referred to here? What is meant by eternal summer?
 - What is the significance of the term 'mild yoke' in Milton's 'On His Blindness'?
 - "God doth not need / Either Man's work or His own gifts"— Who or what does He need according to Milton?
 - Why is "the descending moon" significant in 'Strange Fits of Passion'?
 - Why does the poet call the paths "so dear" in 'Strange Fits of Passion'?
 - Why does the poet consider the Skylark a 'Blithe Spirit'?
 - How is the Skylark's song an example of 'Unpremeditated art'?
 - Mention the human figures Keats associates with autumn.
 - What music does Keats associate with autumn?
3. Identify the figures of speech in the following (**any ten**) : 1×10
- Fresh as a rose in June.
 - Man does not live by bread alone.
 - The thirsty earth soaks up the rain.

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- (d) Life is bitter-sweet.
- (e) Cowards die many times before their death.
- (f) I will drink life to the lees.
- (g) The pen is mightier than the sword.
- (h) The sounding cataract haunted me like a passion.
- (i) United we stand, divided we fall.
- (j) O solitude! Where are thy Charms?
- (k) Variety is the spice of life.
- (l) Uneasy lies the head that wears the crown.

Group - B

4. Answer *any two* of the following : 15×2
- (a) Write a short essay on the character of Ulysses as portrayed by Tennyson.
 - (b) How is Browning's attitude to life revealed in 'The Last Ride Together'?
 - (c) Write a note on the theme of Yeats's poem 'The Lost Child'.
 - (d) Comment on the significance of the title of Owen's poem 'Futility'.
 - (e) How does Auden draw the seascape in 'Look Stranger'?
5. Answer *any five* of the following : 2×5
- (a) "To rust unburnished, not to shine in use." Explain the meaning of this line.
 - (b) Who was Achilles? Where did Ulysses hope to meet him?
 - (c) How does the lover in 'The Last Ride Together' compare his own fate with that of a poet?
 - (d) "So, one day more am I deified..." What does 'deified' mean?
 - (e) What do the clouds do in 'Look Stranger'?
 - (f) Why does the poet bid the stranger be silent in 'Look Stranger'?
 - (g) Why does Owen call the toil of sunbeams 'fatuous'?
 - (h) What does Owen mean by 'was it for this the clay grew tall'?
 - (i) What is suggested about the human world in Yeats' poem 'The Lost Child'?
 - (j) What do the fairies and their world represent in Yeats' poem 'The Lost Child'?
6. Punctuate the following : 10
- people have forgotten this truth the fox said but you mustnt forget it you become responsible for ever for what youve tamed youre responsible for your rose
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