

Sample Paper 5 (Solved)

Class XII Exam 2022-23

English-Core (301)

Time Allowed : 3 Hrs.

Maximum Marks: 80

General Instructions:

- 15-minute prior reading time allotted for Q-paper reading.
- The Question Paper contains THREE sections READING, WRITING and LITERATURE.
- Attempt question based on specific instructions for each part. Write the correct question number in your answer sheet to indicate the option/s being attempted.

SECTION A-READING SKILLS 20

I. Read the passage given below. 10

- If you enjoy watching crime shows on TV, you know that fingerprints play a large role in identifying people. But you might be surprised to find out that using fingerprints for identification is not a new science. In fact, it is very old - dating back at least as far as 1885-1913 B.C.E. In Babylon, when people agreed to a business contract, they pressed their fingerprints into the clay in which the contract was written. Thumbprints have also been found on clay seals from ancient China.
- In 14th century Persia, which is now Iran, a government doctor recognized that all fingerprints are different. In 1684, a British doctor, Nehemiah Grew, spoke about the ridged surfaces of the fingers. In 1686, a professor of anatomy (the study of the structure of the human body) named Marcello Malpighi, wrote about the ridges and loops in fingerprints. Malpighi's work was considered so important that a layer of skin found on the fingertips was named after him. This layer of skin is called the Malpighian layer. Although scientists had studied fingerprints, the value of fingerprinting in the identification of individuals did not become clear until later.
- Sir William James Herschel is generally thought to be the first European to realize that fingerprints were unique to each person. In his work as chief magistrate in the Hoogly district in Jungipoor, India, Herschel asked people to put their handprints on contracts. Herschel believed that personal contact with the contracts made people more likely to honor their commitments, or to keep their promises. As he looked at more and more handprints, he began to see that all the handprints were different. He started to believe that fingerprints were unique, which means they are all different from each other, and permanent, which

means that they do not ever change. To prove that they never change, Herschel kept track of his own fingerprints over his entire lifetime.

- Dr. Henry Faulds, a British surgeon at a Japanese hospital, began studying the furrows (also called ridges) on fingertips in the 1870s. He published an article in a scientific journal about the use of fingerprints as a tool in identification. He also devised, or invented, a system of classifying fingerprints. He wrote Charles Darwin about his findings, but Darwin was getting too old to work on the findings. So, he promised to pass the information to his cousin, Sir Francis Galton. Using Henry Faulds' findings, Galton published a major book on classifying fingerprints based on arches, loops, and whorls. His work with Sir Edward R. Henry on fingerprint classification was the basis of a classification system which is still used by law enforcement agencies in English-speaking countries.

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- The Federal Bureau of Investigation (FBI) now uses a variation of the Galton- Henry system. Although the use of fingerprinting in identification originated in Britain, it has been developed in the United States. In 1924, two large fingerprint collections were combined to form the foundation of the Identification Division of the FBI. Within the Identification Division, the Integrated Automated Fingerprint Identification Systems (IAFIS) can search and find fingerprints anywhere in the United States within thirty minutes. The IAFIS can compare results with automated fingerprint systems in countries around the world. The IAFIS has the fingerprints of more than 250 million people on file.

6. About one in six Americans has fingerprints on file with the FBI. But not all the fingerprints are related to criminal investigations. People need to have their fingerprints taken for many other reasons. People have their fingerprints taken for employment, licenses, and adoption. For example, when people want to work for the government in classified, secret jobs, their fingerprints are checked to be sure they do not have a criminal background. When prospective parents adopt a child, their fingerprints are matched against those of all criminals for the safety of the child.

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

i. The science of using fingerprints dates back to

- (a) 1684
- (b) 1686
- (c) 1870s
- (d) 1885-1913 BCE

Ans : (d) 1885-1913 BCE

ii. A layer of skin is called _____ layer.

- (a) Marcello
- (b) Malpighi
- (c) Malpighian
- (d) Henry

Ans : (c) Malpighian

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iii. _____ spoke about ridged surfaces of fingers in 1684.

- (a) Malpighi
- (b) Nehemiah Grew
- (c) James Herschel
- (d) Henry Faulds

Ans : (b) Nehemiah Grew

iv. In the 14th century Persia, a government doctor found that _____

- (a) all fingerprints are different
- (b) fingerprints change with time
- (c) fingerprints are useful to check criminal record only
- (d) fingerprints are never helpful in any kind of investigation

Ans : (a) all fingerprints are different

v. According to Galton-Henry, fingerprints' classification varies into

- 1. shapes
- 2. sizes
- 3. arches
- 4. loops and whirls

(a) Both 1 and 2

(b) only 2

(c) Both 3 and 4

(d) only 4

Ans : (c) Both 3 and 4

vi. "Usage of fingerprints for identification is not a new science."

What does the above expression mean?

Ans : It is in use since a very long time.

vii. How were fingerprints used in ancient era?

Ans : When people agreed to a business contract, they pressed their fingerprints in to the clay.

viii. Who wrote about ridges and loops?

Ans : Marcello Malpighi wrote about ridges and loops.

ix. What did Sir William James Herschel realise?

Ans : Sir William James Herschel realised that fingerprints were unique to each person.

x. Who didn't take up the research of fingerprints?

Ans : Charles Darwin didn't take the research of fingerprints.

II. Read the passage given below.

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1. Among the natural resources which can be called upon in national plans for development, possibly the most important is human labour. Since the English language suffers from a certain weakness in its ability to describe groups composed of both male and female members, this is usually described as "manpower".
2. Without a productive labour force, including effective leadership and intelligent middle management, no amount of foreign assistance or of natural wealth can ensure successful development and modernization.
3. The manpower for development during the next quarter of century will come from the world's present population of infants, children and adolescents. But we are not sure that they will be equal to task. Will they have the health, the education, the skills, the socio-cultural attitudes essential for the responsibilities of development?
4. For far too many of them the answer is no. The reason is basic. A child's most critical years, with regard to physical, intellectual, social, and emotional

development, are those before he reaches five years of age. During those critical formative years he is cared for almost exclusively by his mother and in many parts of the world the mother may not have the capacity to raise a superior child. She is incapable of doing so by reason of her own poor health, her ignorance and her lack of status and recognition of social and legal rights, of economic parity of independence. One essential factor has been overlooked and ignored. The forgotten factor is the role of women. Development will be handicapped as long as women remain second class citizen, uneducated without any voice in family or community, decisions without legal or economic status, married when they are still practically children, and henceforth producing one baby after another, often to see half of them die before they are of school age.

5. We can enhance development by improving 'women power, by giving women the opportunity to develop themselves. Statistics show that the average family size increases in inverse ratio to the mother's years of education- is lowest among college graduates, highest among those with only primary school training, or no education. Malnutrition is most frequent in large families, and increases in frequency with each additional sibling. The principle seems established that an educated mother has healthier and more intelligent children, and that is related to the fact that she has fewer children. The tendency of educated, upper class mothers to have fewer children operates even without access to contraceptive services.
6. The educational level of women is significant also because it has a direct influence upon their chances of employment, and the number of employed women in country's total labour force has a direct bearing on both the gross national product and disposable income of the individual family. Disposable income, especially in the hands of women, influences food purchasing and therefore the nutritional status of the family. The fact that the additional income derives from the paid employment of women provides a logical incentive to restrict the size of the family.

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

- i. According to the passage, the development can be enhanced by improving _____.
Ans : women power
- ii. Human labour is usually described as 'manpower' because _____.
Ans : of the weakness and inability of the English language to describe group composed of both male and female member.

- iii. According to the passage, which are the most critical years for a child's development?

Ans : First five years

- iv. Pick out the option that is not true with reference to the above passage.

1. In many parts of the world, a woman is not capable to raise a superior child due to her poor health.
2. Mother plays an important role in over all development of a child.
3. Development can never be improved till the time women are considered second class citizen.
4. The larger a family is, the healthier it will be since it has more members to work and earn money.

- (a) Both 1 and 2
- (b) only 4
- (c) only 3
- (d) Both 2 and 3

Ans : (b) only 4

- v. According to the passage, malnutrition is most common in

- (a) small families
- (b) large families
- (c) nuclear families
- (d) joint families

Ans : (b) large families

- vi. As per the principle mentioned in the above passage, it seems that a/an _____ mother has healthier and more intelligent children.

Ans : educated

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- vii. What factor is there that weakens a woman's identity as an individual?

1. Consideration of women as a second class citizen.
2. Responsibilities that are laid on a woman's shoulder.
3. Marriage at a very young age.
4. Ignorance in her social and legal rights.
5. Being financially independent.

- (a) 1, 2 and 3
- (b) 2, 3 and 4
- (c) 1, 3, and 4
- (d) 2, 4 and 5

Ans : (c) 1, 3, and 4

viii. The educational level of women is significant and it also has a direct bearing on

1. her personal stature
2. the gross national product
3. disposable income of the individual
4. the marketing of local products

- (a) 1 and 2
(b) 2 and 3
(c) 3 and 4
(d) 2 and 4

Ans : (b) 2 and 3

ix. The above passage gives stress on _____.

Ans : the need of women empowerment

x. Disposable income, in the hands of a woman ensures the _____ status of a family.

- (a) emotional
(b) nutritional
(c) financial
(d) none of these

Ans : (b) nutritional

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III. SECTION B- CREATIVE WRITING SKILLS 20

1. Attempt **ANY ONE** from A and B given below. 5

A. You lost your wristwatch in your school auditorium. Write a notice in not more than 50 words for your school notice board giving a detailed description of the watch. You are Anirudh/Arundhati of class XII of Springfield School, Pune

Ans :

Spring Field School, Pune

Notice

5 November, 20xx

Lost/Found

I lost my Fastrack wristwatch today in our school auditorium. It's an analogue watch with a white case, white dial, colourful numerals and white silicon strap. A suitable reward will be given to the one who finds and returns it to the undersigned.

Anirudh Roy
XII-B

Or

B. Your school is celebrating Grandparents' Day next week. Write a notice in 50 words to be put up on the school notice board informing students of the celebration and requesting them to be present with their grandparents. You are Samir/Suman, Head Boy/Head Girl ABC Sen. Sec. School, Delhi.

Ans :

ABC Sen. Sec. School, Delhi.

NOTICE:

January 29, 2019

Grandparent's day Celebration

We are glad to notify you that we have planned to celebrate Grandparent's day in our school premises on February 9, 2019 at 5 pm. So, we request all the students of the school to take part in the celebration with their grandparents. Our school correspondent Mrs Menaka Suresh will honour the function. For more details, contact

Samir
Head Boy
ABC Sen. Sec. School, Delhi

2. Attempt **ANY ONE** from A and B given below. 5

A. Modern Public School, Delhi is organising an inter school music competition. You have decided to invite noted classical musician, Mohan Gandhi as the judge and guest of honour. Draft a formal invitation for him in 50 words. You are Neeraj/Neetu, Cultural Secretary.

Ans :

**The Principal Staff and Students of
Modern Public School
INVITATION**

Cordially invite you as the guest of honour and judge for the inter school music competition. We hope you shall accept our humble request and grace the occasion. We would appreciate a line in reply.

Thank you
Yours Sincerely
Neetu Jha
(Cultural Secretary)

Or

B. As the principal of a reputed college, you have been invited to inaugurate a Book Exhibition in your neighbourhood. Draft a reply to the invitation in not more than 50 words, expressing your inability to attend the function. You are Tarun/Tanvi.

Ans :**Reply To Invitation:**

The Principal
ABC College
March 25th, 20xx

Subject : Inability to accept the Invitation Sir

I would like to express my gratitude to the Civil Lines Book Club for inviting me to inaugurate the first edition of the Civil Club Book Exhibition. But I regret my inability to attend the function due to a prior commitment. I have to attend a meeting with the governing body of our college on the same day for which the inauguration is scheduled.

Yours faithfully
Tanvi
Principal

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3. Attempt ANY ONE from A and B given below. 5

- A. You are Raj/Rati, 115, Ram Nagar, Noida. Read the advertisement given below and write a letter to the advertiser, applying for the job. Also give your detailed resume, which you would send along with your letter of application for the job. (120-150 words)
Wanted experienced Post Graduate Teacher in Chemistry to teach Classes XI and XII in a reputed ICSE affiliated residential school. Fluency in English is a must. Working knowledge of computers is preferable; salary commensurate with experience and expertise. Please apply to : Box No. 205, C/O The Hindu, Noida.

Ans :

115, Ram Nagar
Noida

31st March, 20xx

Box No. 205,
C/o The Hindu,
Noida

Subject : Job Application for Chemistry Teacher
Sir/Madam,

This refers to your advertisement in The Hindu, dated 28th March, 20xx, for the vacancy of Chemistry teacher's post in your esteemed school for Classes XI and XII. I wish to apply for the same. I have the qualification and experience required for the post. My detailed bio-data is enclosed.

I hope you shall consider my application for interview.

Thank you

Yours faithfully

Rati Shah

Encl. Bio-data

Bio-data

Name : Rati Shah
Gender : Female
Father's Name : Mr. Somesh Shah
Data of Birth : 15th April, 1988
Marital Status : Unmarried
Current Add. : 115, Ram Nagar, Noida
Contact No. : 82877xxxxx
Languages known : Fluent in English, Hindi and German
Extra skills : Well versed in computers

Work Experience

- Currently working with Glory Public School since two years.
- Worked in D.P.S., Sec 43, Gurugram for three years.

Scholarship/Awards

- Scholarship holder in Class XI and XII. Won gold medal in post Graduation for highest score.

References

- Mr. R.K. Sharma, Principal, D.P.S. Gurugram, 951234xxxx
- Dr. Shoma Chatterjee, HOD Chemistry Dept., Ramjas Colg., Delhi, 981880xxxxx

Or

- B. You have realised the necessity of education and financial independence of women for their family, society and in turn for the nation. Write a letter to the Editor, 'The National Times' highlighting your ideas on the importance of education of women leading to a better status for them. You are Tarun/Taruna, B-7/9, Mall Road, Delhi (100-125 words)

Ans :

B-7/9
Mall Road,
Delhi
June 20, 20xx
The Editor
The HT
Phase 3
City

Subject : Importance of education of women
Sir,

I am writing to your good self to express my views on the importance of women education. The nation is working concertedly to eliminate gender discrimination, inequality, injustice against women,

etc. True women empowerment can only be achieved through girls' education.

All social evils, discrimination, inequality, low literacy among girl children, female foeticide, etc. can only be stopped through girls' education. Empowering girl child with education is the only panacea. An educated girl will have the power to make her dreams come true. Only an educated girl can earn her own living and free in true sense.

India is a fast developing country. The goal of complete advancement is not possible until each and every Indian becomes not only highly educated but also highly skilled. This task can only be accomplished with the women's education and contributions. It is possible through education of women only. So, empowering women with education is the best investment a nation can make!

Through the columns of your esteemed daily, I appeal to the Government and the people to promote women's education to really empower them and bring their status on par with men.

Thanking you.

Yours truly,

4. Attempt **ANY ONE** from A and B given below. 5

- A. You are Anurag/Anjali, a reporter with a national daily. You have heard that a multistorey building near the main railway station has collapsed causing panic in the area. You rush to the site of the accident along with your team. Write a report in 125-150 words mentioning the time and place of the accident, number of casualties, the cause of the accident and the rescue operation conducted by the authorities.

Ans :

Multistorey Building Collapses

By: Anjali,

Staff Correspondent 5th September, 20xx: Tragedy struck the city early on Monday morning when an eight storeyed NDMC building collapsed around 7 a.m. in Central Delhi, near the main railway station. This building, civic officials said, was old and probably not maintained well. Rescuers raced to reach the dozens of people feared trapped in the rubble. At least ten people are reported killed and twenty have been so far pulled alive from the building and rushed to the hospital, said Alok Bansal, local commander of the National Disaster Response Force. "Approximately 70 to 80 people are believed to be left behind under the debris.", Mr. Bansal said, citing reports from his team on the scene. This is the latest of several building collapses in Delhi and NCR this year. The State Government has ordered an enquiry into the mishap.

Or

- B. There is a vast pool of women talent in our country. Given encouragement and opportunities, women can excel in every field. They are contributing to the nation's progress as scientists, doctors, entrepreneurs, sports persons, etc. There is no limit to what they can achieve. Write an article in 120-150 words on "Women Empowerment". You are Ram/Roma.

Ans :

Women Empowerment

by Ram Jain

With the slogan of women empowerment the question arises that "have women become really strong?" and "has long term struggle ended?". Many programmes have been implemented and run by the government such as International Women's day, Mother's Day, etc. in order to bring awareness in the society about the true rights and value of the women in the development of the nation. Women need to be progressed in a number of spheres. There is a high level of gender inequality in India where women are ill-treated by their family members and outsiders. The percentage of illiterate population in India is mostly covered by the women. The real meaning of the women empowerment is to make them well educated and leave them free so that they can be capable to take their own decisions in any field.

Given chance they are capable of achieving great heights and being equal to their male counterparts. The ratio of female sex and female literacy both has increased over the time and should continue like this. India needs to take some advance steps to improve the position of women in the society through the proper health, higher education and economic participation. Women empowerment needs to take full speed in right direction instead of being in nascent stage.

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SECTION C- LITERATURE 40

- IV. Read the given extracts to attempt the questions with reference to context.

1. Attempt **ANY ONE** of two extracts given. $1 \times 6 = 6$

- 1.A "No, I couldn't think of it!" he said, looking quite alarmed.

He thought of the thirty kronor. To go up to the manor house would be like throwing himself voluntarily into the lion's den. He only wanted a chance to sleep here in the forge and then sneak away as inconspicuously as possible.

- i. Who is thinking about the thirty kronor?
 (a) Ironmaster
 (b) The peddler
 (c) The crofter
 (d) Edla
Ans : (b) The peddler
- ii. Which figure of speech has been used by the author in the phrase "Lion's den"?
 (a) Personification
 (b) Metaphor
 (c) Simile
 (d) Allusion
Ans : (b) Metaphor
- iii. What does the word 'inconspicuous' mean here?
 (a) unnoticeable
 (b) attractive
 (c) exposed
 (d) noticeable
Ans : (a) unnoticeable
- iv. The above passage is taken from
 (a) The Rattrap
 (b) The Enemy
 (c) The Last Lesson
 (d) Deep Water
Ans : (a) The Rattrap
- v. Why was he alarmed?
Ans : 'He' was alarmed because he was worried about being caught for the theft he just did.
- vi. Who is the author of the given extract?
Ans : Selma Lagerlof.

Or

- 1.B Gandhi told Shukla he had an appointment in Cawnpore and was also committed to go to other parts of India. Shukla accompanied him everywhere. Then Gandhi returned to his ashram. For weeks he never left Gandhi's side.
 "Fix a date," he begged.
 Impressed by the sharecroppers tenacity and story Gandhi said, "I have to be in Calcutta on such-and-such a date. Come and meet me and take me from there".
- i. Who was Shukla?
 (a) A lawyer
 (b) A government officer
 (c) A politician
 (d) A poor peasant
Ans : (d) A poor peasant

- ii. Why was Shukla following Gandhi ji?
 (a) Because he wanted to get ideas to become famous.
 (b) Because he wanted to learn from him the art of speaking.
 (c) Because he wanted to seek his guidance for his own upliftment.
 (d) Because he wanted to seek his help for the poor sharecroppers of his village.
Ans : (d) Because he wanted to seek his help for the poor sharecroppers of his village.
- iii. Which quality of Shukla impressed and convinced Gandhi to come with him?
 (a) His stubbornness
 (b) His perseverance
 (c) His arrogance
 (d) His indecisiveness
Ans : (b) His perseverance
- iv. The author of this chapter is
 (a) Pablo Meruda
 (b) Selma Lagerlof
 (c) R.K. Narayan
 (d) Louis Fisher
Ans : (d) Louis Fisher
- v. What kind of person was Shukla?
Ans : Shukla was a resolute man, full of determination to get the task done for the betterment of sharecroppers.
- vi. What is the meaning of the word 'tenacity'?
Ans : Persistently

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2. Attempt **ANY ONE** of two extracts given. $1 \times 4 = 4$
- 2.A It won't make my face change. Do you know, one day a woman went by me in the street - I was at a bus-stop - and she was with another woman, and she looked at me, and she said whispered ... only I heard her she said, "Look at that, that's a terrible thing. That's a face only a mother could love"
- i. Who is the speaker of the above lines?
 (a) Derry
 (b) Lamb
 (c) An old woman
 (d) A child
Ans : (a) Derry

- ii. Why is the woman speaking about her/his face?
 (a) Because he is so handsome.
 (b) Because he has a big mole on his face.
 (c) Because he has a birthmark on his face.
 (d) Because half of his face burnt in an accident.
Ans : (d) Because half of his face burnt in an accident.
- iii. How does the speaker feel while describing the incident?
Ans : Dejected and pessimistic
- iv. From which chapter is the given extract given?
Ans : On the Face of It

Or

- 2.B But that's the reason, he said, and my friends all agreed. Everything points to it, they claimed. My stamp collecting, for example; that's a 'temporary refuge from reality: Well, maybe, but my grandfather didn't need any refuge from reality; things were pretty nice and peaceful in his day, from all I hear, and he started my collection. It's a nice collection too, blocks of four of practically every U.S. issue, first-day covers, and so on. President Roosevelt collected stamps too, you know.
- i. Choose the option which is the correct meaning of the word 'refuge'.
1. sanctum
 2. exposure
 3. peril
 4. haven
 5. retreat
 6. security
- (a) 1, 2, 3, 4
 (b) 1, 4, 5, 6
 (c) 2, 3 and 4
 (d) 2, 4, 5, 6
Ans : (b) 1, 4, 5, 6

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- ii. How would you describe Charley's vision of his grandfather's life and times?
 (a) Wistful escapism
 (b) Idealized sentimentality
 (c) Nostalgic simplicity
 (d) Dreamy perfection
Ans : (d) Dreamy perfection

- iii. What does the narrator use as a temporary refuge?
Ans : Stamp collection
- iv. What all was there in narrator's collection?
Ans : It has blocks of four of practically every U.S. issue and first day covers.

3. Attempt **ANY ONE** of two extracts given. $1 \times 6 = 6$

- 3.A Perhaps the Earth can teach us as when everything seems dead and later proves to be alive.
 Now count up to twelve and you keep quiet and I will go.
- i. According to the above extract, Man needs to learn from
 (a) death
 (b) earth
 (c) stars
 (d) moon
Ans : (b) earth
- ii. Why does the poet count up to twelve?
 (a) To recall the numbers
 (b) To take time to calm down
 (c) To calculate the twelve hours
 (d) To memorise the events of the last twelve days.
Ans : (b) To take time to calm down
- iii. What will keeping quiet help us achieve?
 1. Monotony
 2. Intelligence
 3. Peace
 4. Tranquility
 5. Vigour
 (a) 1 and 2
 (b) 3 and 4
 (c) 2 and 5
 (d) 1 and 4
Ans : (b) 3 and 4
- iv. This poem is written in
 (a) ballad form
 (b) blank verse
 (c) free verse
 (d) the form of sonnet
Ans : (b) blank verse
- v. What does the earth teach us?
Ans : The earth teaches us that there is life under seeming stillness.

vi. What is the significance of 'Keeping Quiet'?

Ans : Keeping Quiet will provide time for introspection and create oneness among human beings.

Or

3.B Aunt Jennifer's fingers fluttering through her wool
Find even the ivory needle hard to pull.
The massive weight of uncle's wedding band
Sits heavily upon Aunt Jennifer's hand.

i. What do Aunt Jennifer's fluttering hands through her wool tell us?

- (a) about her old age
- (b) about her love for embroidery
- (c) about her for mastery over art and craft
- (d) about the lost freedom and fear of Jennifer's mind because of marital restraints

Ans : (d) about the lost freedom and fear of Jennifer's mind because of marital restraints

ii. The expression 'Massive weight of the wedding band' implies

- (a) the overweight body of uncle
- (b) the burden of her failed marriage bond
- (c) the heavy weight of marriage band she is wearing
- (d) none of these

Ans : (b) the burden of her failed marriage bond

iii. What is the rhyme scheme of the above stanza?

- (a) abba
- (b) ccdd
- (c) abcd
- (d) aabb

Ans : (b) ccdd

iv. Which poetic device has been used by the poet in the phrase 'fingers fluttering'?

- (a) Antithesis
- (b) Assonance
- (c) Alliteration
- (d) Apostrophe

Ans : (c) Alliteration

v. What does the poet try to convey through Aunt Jennifer's Tigers?

Ans : The poet tries to convey female existence and their fear of man through the poem.

vi. Which form of art does Aunt Jennifer use to express her inner emotions?

Ans : Embroidery

V Answer **ANY FIVE** of the following in about 40-50 words each. **2 × 5 = 10**

i. Why did the author appear to be doing nothing at the studios?

Ans :

The job of the author was to cut newspaper clippings and file them. For the other employees, all he seemed to be doing is tearing newspapers, which according to them did not qualify as work. Therefore, they often considered him free and available for their miscellaneous work.

ii. Why was Edla happy to see the gift left by the peddler?

Ans :

Edla was happy to see the gift left by the peddler because he had not let her down. She realised that she had succeeded in bringing about a transformation in the peddler. Seeing the thirty kronors in the gift and the peddler asking for them to be returned to the crofter, restored Edla's faith in the belief that all human beings are basically good.

iii. Why are the young trees described as 'sprinting'?

Ans :

It is nature's beauty, which Keats considers an endless fountain of immortal drink. According to him, the drink is immortal because of the joy and delight it provides, it never passes into nothingness; the joy is forever and its loveliness ever-increasing.

iv. Describe the endless fountain of immortal drink.

Ans :

Aunt Jennifer chose to embroider tigers on the panel because secretly, she wanted to be like the tigers-fearless, proud, unafraid and liberated.

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v. Why did Aunt Jennifer choose to embroider tigers on the panel ?

Ans :

The title 'Lost Spring' conveys that the grinding poverty and the traditions which condemn poor children to a life of exploitation, cause them to lose their childhood, which is really the spring time of their life. The slum children have to start earning their living and taking care of their family at a very young age. As a result, they do not get to enjoy a normal childhood.

- vi. What does the title 'Lost Spring' convey?

Ans :

What does the title 'Lost Spring' convey? The title 'Lost Spring' conveys and picturises that childhood is like the spring. As everything blooms in this season, in the same way the childhood should bloom but through the poverty of Saheb and Mukesh, we come to know about their stolen childhood.

VI. Answer ANY TWO of the following in about 40-50 words each. $2 \times 2 = 4$

- i. Why did the Maharaja decide to get married?

Ans :

As the Maharaja occupied the throne at the age of twenty, he went on a tiger hunting campaign. He was excited to kill his first tiger, and within ten years he killed seventy tigers. Soon tigers became extinct in his own state. So he got married in the royal family of a state that had a large number of tigers.

- ii. Why did Zitkala-Sa resist the cutting of her hair?

Ans :

Zitkala-Sa resisted the shingling of her hair because in her culture, long hair was valued. In her culture, it was only the warriors captured by the enemy, cowards and mourners who wore their hair shingled or short.

- iii. What indicates that Dr. Sadao's father was a very traditional and conventional man?

Ans :

The story clearly indicates that Dr. Sadao's father was a very traditional and conventional man. He never lets any foreign object enter his room. Also Sadao didn't marry Hana until he knew she was Japanese because his father wouldn't have agreed for their marriage otherwise.

VII. Answer ANY ONE of the following in about 120-150 words. $1 \times 5 = 5$

- i. In which section of the play does Mr Lamb display signs of loneliness and disappointment? What are the ways in which Mr Lamb tries to overcome these feelings?

Ans :

At the end of the first scene Mr Lamb shows signs of loneliness and disappointment. He says that everyone says that they will come but no one ever comes back. This shows how much loneliness that old man feels. It is natural because people have spread many stories about him. No one comes to see him. The children would mock at him calling him, 'Lamey- Lamb'.

He finds in Derry a good friend. They have heart to heart chat for long hours. Derry goes away saying that he will soon come. He feels like others Derry would also not come. He tries to overcome his feelings

of loneliness by watching, listening and thinking. He had no curtains on his windows since he loves to have natural light. He finds no difference between flowers, trees, herbs and weeds. It is by such thoughts that he tries to overcome his loneliness and disappointment.

Or

- ii. How did the Tiger King stand in danger of losing his Kingdom? How was he able to avert the danger?.

Ans :

A high-ranking British officer, who was fond of hunting tigers, visited Pratibandapuram. The Tiger King refused to allow the British officer to hunt tigers saying it was banned in his kingdom. He did not even permit the officer to get himself photographed with the tiger killed by the king. This annoyed the high-ranking British officer because directly or indirectly, the king was preventing an important man from fulfilling his desire.

Anticipating unfavourable consequences of denying a British officer and to avert the danger of losing his kingdom, the Tiger King sent a gift of fifty expensive diamond rings to the British officer's wife. Although he thought that the duraisani would only select a couple of rings, he did not mind that she kept them all. In fact, he was happy to know that he was able to retain his kingdom even though he had to pay three lakh rupees to the British jewellers for the diamond rings.

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VIII. Answer ANY ONE of the following in about 120-150 words. $1 \times 5 = 5$

- i. Describe the difficulties the bangle makers of Firozabad have to face in their lives.

Ans :

Difficulties faced by the bangle makers of Firozabad are many. They live in a state of perpetual poverty, in ready-to-crumble houses, crowded with a number of families. Besides remaining uneducated for the rest of their lives, they have to work extremely hard for long hours in the glass furnaces in high temperature. Since they work in the dark and dingy cells, many lose their eyesight at a young age. Their difficulties are not limited to just health problems. They are set at a much deeper level. The bangle makers are burdened by the stigma of the caste in which they are born. An adult bangle maker knows nothing except how to

make bangles. So, that is all that he can teach his young ones and this continues for generations. The bangle makers cannot escape the vicious circle of exploitation by middlemen, money lenders, police and bureaucrats. They cannot even organise themselves into a cooperative due to the fear that it might be treated as being illegal. This is why there are no leaders who would raise their problems. The bangle makers continue to face apathy and injustice all their lives.

Or

- ii. The peddler declined the invitation of the ironmaster but accepted the one from Edla. Why ?

Ans :

The ironmaster of Ramsjo iron mill mistook the peddler as an old acquaintance—Nils Olof from his regiment. He invited him to come home with him. But the peddler was not obliged. He was quite alarmed. He thought of the thirty kronor that he had stolen from the hospitable crofter. Going up to the manor house was not safe. It was like throwing himself voluntarily into the lion's den. He feared being found out and being handed over to the police. The peddler had declined the invitation of the ironmaster to come to his manor but he bowed to Edla Willmanson's invitation. The girl was highly persuasive. She was full of compassion and had a friendly nature. She appreciated his feelings and assured him of complete freedom and security. The humanity in him could sense the sincerity of Edla's Christmas invitation. This compelled him to accept her invitation despite the danger of being found out.

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