

GSM/D-21**841****ENGLISH (COMPULSORY)**

Time Allowed : 3 Hours]

[Maximum Marks : 80

Note : All questions are compulsory.

1. Explain the given extract with reference to the context: 8

Know then thyself, presume not God to scan;
The proper study of mankind is man.
Plac'd on this isthmus of a middle state,
A being darkly wise, and rudely great:

OR

How many loved your moments of glad grace,
And loved your beauty with love false or true,
But one man loved the pilgrim soul in you,
And loved the sorrows of your changing face;

2. (a) Answer any six of the following questions in a word / phrase / sentence: 6

- (i) How does the poet talk about death in 'Sonnet XVIII'?
- (ii) Find one instance of paradox in the poem 'Know Then Thyself'.
- (iii) What does the epitaph of the poem 'Elegy Written in a Country Churchyard' refer to?
- (iv) What is the "sordid boon" in 'The World is Too Much with Us'?
- (v) Which figures on the urn do haunt the poet in 'Ode on a Grecian Urn'?
- (vi) What was the envoy curious about in 'My Last Duchess'?
- (vii) Why does the poet say that "Nothing gave her the right/to speak" in the poem 'Another Woman'?

(viii) What will happen to the lady when she turns old in the poem 'When You are Old'?

(b) Answer any two of the following questions in about 100 words each: 6+6 = 12

(i) Sum up the idea of the beauty as talked about by Shakespeare in 'Sonnet XVIII'.

(ii) The poet prefers paganism to worldliness in 'The World is Too Much with Us'. Discuss.

(iii) What kind of freedom does Tagore visualise for his country in 'Where the Mind is without Fear'.

3. Answer the following question in about 200 words: 12

Discuss Robert Browning's 'My Last Duchess' as a dramatic monologue.

OR

Discuss Alexander Pope's concept of man in 'Know Then Thyself'.

4. (a) Attempt any **fifteen** items out of given twenty. Do as directed. 15

Fill in the blanks using appropriate infinitives or gerund forms of the verbs given in brackets:

(i) Ramesh enjoys (read) poetry?

(ii) We have found that (walk) is a good exercise.

(iii) I cannot afford (buy) costly books.

(iv) We congratulated him on (win) the prize.

(v) I miss (play) for my college team.

Fill in the blanks with correct prepositions.

(vi) My birthday is May.

(vii) My book is the table.

(viii) I differ you at this point.

(ix) She smiled me as I passed by.

(x) He put the books the carton.

Identify and underline the main clause and subordinate clause in the sentences given below:

- (xi) When the clock strikes midnight celebrations will begin.
- (xii) How can you say that I am the culprit?
- (xiii) My friend showed me the camera that he had brought from Japan.

Frame sentences as per the following verb patterns.

- (xiv) Subject + Verb Transitive + Direct Object + Past Participle
- (xv) Subject + Verb Transitive + Direct Object + Noun/Noun Phrase
- (xvi) Subject + Verb Transitive + Noun/Pronoun

Complete the sentences by choosing the correct prefix given in brackets.

- (xvii) I just can't believe it! The story is believable! (dis/in/un/re)
- (xviii) I saw Renuka just a moment ago, but now I can't find her! It seems that she has appeared! (dis/in/mis/re)

Fill in the blanks with words formed by adding suitable suffixes to the ones in brackets.

- (xix) Let us stop this discussion. (meaning)
- (xx) Your offer is to us. (accept)
- (b) Define any one of the following with examples: 6
 - (i) Alliteration
 - (ii) Metaphor.
- (c) Give phonetic transcription of any **five** words: 5
 - (i) lease
 - (ii) brag
 - (iii) reign
 - (iv) beech
 - (v) knell
 - (vi) sit
 - (vii) fat
 - (viii) not.

OR

(For BLIND candidates only)

Give antonyms of the following words. Do any five.

- | | |
|--------------|---------------|
| (i) burden | (ii) conflict |
| (iii) hate | (iv) war |
| (v) liberal | (vi) master |
| (vii) choice | (viii) empty. |

(d) Supply synonyms for the following words (do any four): 4

- | | |
|-------------|---------------|
| (i) permit | (ii) fail |
| (iii) omit | (iv) offend |
| (v) realise | (vi) dismiss. |

5. Write an essay on any one of the following topics in about 300 words: 12

- (i) Impact of Corona Virus on Education
- (ii) Social Media : A Boon or A Bane ?
- (iii) Benefits of Reading
- (iv) Are Women Empowered?