

Pre-Final Examination- 2022

H.S. 2nd Year

Sub- English

Marks- 100

Time- 3 hrs.

Section A

1. Read the following passage carefully:

The cinema is the cheapest source of entertainment today. Millions of people see movies and enjoy them. It is a good pastime in all the places- big or small. The cinema industry has made rapid progress after independence. In the beginning there were silent and black and white movies. Now we are dazzled by the colours in every movie.

Big posters are seen on the walls of cities and towns for advertisements. They also announce the coming movies in the city. There is always a rush before the booking windows. So the tickets are often sold in the black market or at a premium.

On the one hand the cinema is a source of entertainment. On the other hand it is also a source of knowledge and information. Films satisfy all the sections of people and their different tastes. There are religious movies and historical movies. They recreate the past, the old culture and lifestyle. Social films spread awareness about social evils of dowry, casteism and communal feelings. Some films expose the corruption in high places among the policemen and the citizens.

(On the basis of your reading of the passage answer the following questions):

- a) Why is cinema so popular? 1
- b) How can you say that the cinema industry has made rapid progress after independence? 2
- c) Why are tickets often sold in the black market? 2
- d) Mention two advantages of cinema. 2
- e) What is the main purpose of making social films? 2
- f) Find the word in the passage which means the opposite to "costliest". 1

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- d) He came in the evening. (Make it a complex sentence)
- e) Everybody must admit that Tendulkar is a great cricketer.
(Change it into negative)
- f) He left no plan untried. (Change it into affirmative)

Section D

10. Read one of the following extracts and answer the questions that follow:

a) "Now we will count to twelve
And we will all keep still.
For once on the face of the Earth
Let's not speak in any language,
Let's stop for one second,
And not move our arms so much."

- i. How long does the poet want to stay still? 1
- ii. Why does he ask us to keep still and not use any language? 2
- iii. What does the poet mean by 'not move our arms so much'? 1

Or

b) "Driving from parent's
home to Cochin last Friday
morning, I saw my mother,
beside me,
doze, open mouthed, her face
ashen like that
of a corpse..."

- i. Where was the speaker driving to? 1
- ii. What did she notice when her mother sat beside her? 1
- iii. Find two words from the passage that mean 'sleep lightly' and 'dead body'. 1
- iv. Why was her mother's face ashen like that of a corpse? 1

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11. Answer any three of the following questions in 30-40 words: $2 \times 3 = 6$

- a) What is the kind of pain and ache that the poet feels in "My Mother at Sixty-six"?
- b) What is the exotic moment the poet Pablo Neruda wishes for in "Keeping Quiet"?
- c) In the poem "A Roadside Stand" who has betrayed the village people and how?
- d) How is a thing of beauty a joy forever?
- e) What, according to Keats, makes human beings love life in spite of all its problems and miseries?

12. Answer any five of the following questions: $1 \times 5 = 5$

- a) What did M. Hamel write at the end of the class in "The Last Lesson"?
- b) How long did M. Hamel teach in his school?
- c) Who is the 'Chota Sahib' in "Memoirs of a Chota Sahib"?
- d) What is the meaning of Saheb's full name in "Lost Spring"?
- e) Who is the author of the lesson 'Indigo'?
- f) Who was Rajkumar Shukla?
- g) Which is the only occasion that Sophie gets to see Danny Casey in person?

13. Answer any five of the following questions in 30-40 words: $2 \times 5 = 10$

- a) What did M. Hamel say about the French language in "The Last Lesson"?
- b) What is the irony inherent in Saheb's full name in "Lost Spring"?
- c) How was a solution to the problem of Indigo sharecroppers of Champaran found?
- d) Why was Gandhi not allowed to draw water from the well in "Indigo"?
- e) Give a brief description of the Peacock Island.
- f) What other dreams Sophie had besides having a boutique?

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g) What is a marboat and how is it operated?

14. Answer any one of the following questions in 80-100 words: $5 \times 1 = 5$

a) Give a detailed account of the scene in the classroom on the day of the last lesson.

OR

b) Describe the exploitation of the indigo sharecroppers by the English landlords. Did Gandhi help them to get an honourable settlement?

15. Answer any one of the following questions: $7 \times 1 = 7$

a) Discuss the forms of discrimination projected in the narrations of Zitkala-Sa and Bama.

OR

b) The story "The Tiger King" is a story of satire and irony. Describe.

16. Answer any four of the following questions in 30-40 words: $2 \times 4 = 8$

a) What did the chief astrologer predict about the Tiger King?

b) Why was Dr Sadao being kept in Japan and not sent abroad with the troops?

c) How do people comment so painfully about Derry's face and why?

d) When did Bama experience untouchability?

e) What is the meaning of 'Domahi'? What do people usually have for lunch on that day?

f) Why can't 'Uruka' be called a one-day event?
