

**Pre-Final Examination- 2023**

**H.S. 2nd Year**

**Subject : English**

**Full Marks : 100**

**Time : 3 hrs.**

**Section A**

1. Answer any ten of the following questions:  $1 \times 10 = 10$
- What was the name of the teacher in 'The Last Lesson'?
  - Name the two countries referred to in 'The Last Lesson'.
  - What were the words written by the teacher on the blackboard on the day of the last lesson?
  - Who was the writer of the story 'Lost Spring'?
  - What was the full name of the little boy in the first story of 'Lost Spring'?
  - Where Gandhi's ashram as was mentioned in the story 'Indigo'?
  - Who wrote the poem 'Keeping Quiet'?
  - What is the main subject of the poem 'A Roadside Stand'?
  - What was the <sup>poem</sup> pen name of Kamala Das?
  - What is the meaning of 'corpse'?
  - Who has written the story 'The Enemy'?
  - Who is the hero of the story 'The Tiger King'?
  - Who was Rajkumar Shukla?
  - Where did Gandhi decide to go first?
2. Answer any ten of the following questions:  $2 \times 10 = 20$
- Name the two writers of the stories in 'Memories of Childhood'.
  - Name the two main characters of the play 'On the Face of it'.
  - What are the things of beauty mentioned in the poem 'A thing of Beauty'?
  - What is the 'childish longing' that the poet of the poem 'A roadside Stand' refers to? Why is it vain?

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- e) What is the kind of pain and ache that the poet feels in the poem 'My Mother at Sixty-six'?
- f) What did the teacher wear on the day of the last lesson?
- g) What words did M. Hamel write on the blackboard before dismissing the last class? What did they mean?
- h) How was a solution to the problem of Indigo sharecroppers of Champaran found?
- i) What did Gandhi tell Rajkumar Shukla?
- j) Give a brief description of the Peacock Island.
- k) Give the author's description of sal forest.
- l) Why has the poet brought in the image of the merry children 'spilling out of their homes'?
- m) What is the exotic moment that the poet Pablo Neruda wishes for?
- n) Why has the mother been compared to the 'late winter's moon'?
- o) What do the parting words of Kamala Das and her smile signify?
3. Answer any five of the following questions:  $4 \times 5 = 20$
- a) What is it that draws Derry towards Mr Lamb in spite of himself? Discuss.
- b) What is the author's comment on subjecting innocent animals to the wilfulness of human beings in the story 'The Tiger King'?
- c) What was the teacher's opinion on the French language in the story 'The Last Lesson'? Discuss.
- d) Narrate the story which the speaker of the story 'Lost Spring' heard from a man from Udupi.
- e) Discuss about the living conditions of the bangle makers.
- f) Discuss the author's experience with bats in the Rajapara forest bungalow.
- g) Describe the efforts made by R.K. Shukla to persuade Gandhi to go to Champaran in 'Indigo'.

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

Section B

4. Write a letter to the editor of an English Daily drawing the attention of the authorities concerned to the menace of reckless driving in your town. You are Anil/Amrita. 10

Or

- You are Manav/Sneha. You have seen an advertisement for the post of Sales Executive in a multi-national company. Write a formal application for the post in response to the advertisement. 10
5. Write a factual description of any one of the following.  $5 \times 1 = 5$
- a) A visit to a place of interest
- b) A street accident
6. You are the general secretary of the students' union of your college. Write a notice informing the students about the forthcoming college week. 5
7. Write a letter to your friend inviting him/her to spend a few days at your place during the Durga Puja vacations. 10

Section C

8. Change the form of narration in the following sentences:  $2 \times 2 = 4$
- a) The boy said to the teacher, "Sir, I am weak in English and seek your advice." "Read the text thoroughly and try to express your ideas in simple correct English," said the teacher.
- b) Seema said to the boy, "what's the matter? Why are you crying? Be cheerful."
9. Change the voice of any three of the following sentences:  $3 \times 1 = 3$
- a) Who wrote the Mahabharata?
- b) We should not encourage indiscipline.
- c) Who opened the door?

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- d) I have lost my book.
- e) He was found guilty of murder.
- f) My watch has been stolen.

10. Rewrite any five of the following sentences using the verbs given in brackets in their correct tense forms.  $1 \times 5 = 5$

- a) The teacher (know) the boy was lying.
- b) I usually (go) to bed at 11 o' clock.
- c) I (write) an essay now.
- d) He (sit) in the library when I saw him.
- e) I (write) the letter last night.
- f) I wish I (be) a bird!

11. Rewrite any four of the following sentences filling in the blanks with appropriate prepositions:  $4 \times 1 = 4$

- a) He is very particular            his health.
- b) You should take proper care            your books.
- c) I met him            the road.
- d) I congratulate you            your success.
- e) He was frightened            the noise.

12. Rewrite any four of the sentences as directed:  $4 \times 1 = 4$

- a) The Brahmaputra is the longest river in India. (Change it into positive degree)
- b) He desired that I should go there. (Make it a simple sentence)
- c) There is no smoke without fire. (Make it affirmative without changing the meaning)
- d) Unless you work hard, you will fail. (Make it a compound sentence)
- e) Everybody must admit that Tendulkar is a great cricketer. (Change into negative)
- f) I know his name. (Change into a complex sentence)

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