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Time : Three Hours

Maximum Weight : 25

**Part A**

*Answer all questions.*

*Each bunch of four questions carries a weight of 1.*

Choose the correct answer from the following :—

I. 1 The weekly that is referred in 'Bores' where Lucas worked as an assistant Editor is :

- (a) Criterion. (b) Truth.  
(c) Punch. (d) None of these.

2 'Let us be worthy of him' who is referred here by Nehru ?

- (a) B.R. Ambedkar. (b) Mahatma Gandhi.  
(c) Dr. Rajendra Prasad. (d) None of these.

3 Which among the following countries did emphasize international trade and made fine use of the global market mechanism ?

- (a) China. (b) Bangladesh.  
(c) Nepal. (d) None of these.

4 The only way of dealing with general human conceit is :

- (a) By concealing self-esteem.  
(b) Being rational in one's thoughts.  
(c) By creating a belief in something comforting.  
(d) Accepting that man is only a brief episode on this planet.

II. 5 Why does Keats wish for a 'draught of vintage' ?

- (a) To cool himself in the summer.  
(b) To go Lethe-wards.  
(c) To leave the world unseen with the wind.  
(d) To join the bird in its world of happiness.

**Turn over**



- 6 Who says 'Good fences make good neighbours' ?  
(a) The poet. (b) The neighbour.  
(c) The fairy. (d) None of these.
- 7 What appears to David Malouf as an angel of two geometries ?  
(a) Bicycle. (b) The room.  
(c) Book case. (d) None of these.
- 8 Why is she called 'Poor girl' in Maya Angelou's poem ?  
(a) She will soon experience rejection.  
(b) She has no money.  
(c) She understands everything.  
(d) She misunderstands everyone.
- III. 9 The feeling experienced in the beginning of the poem 'The Mask' is :  
(a) Love. (b) Hatred.  
(c) The pain of betrayal. (d) Agony.
- 10 The regional dialect used by Nissim Ezekiel in the poem 'Goodbye Party for Miss Pushpa T.S.' is :  
(a) Chennai - English. (b) Bangalore - English.  
(c) Bombay - English. (d) Calcutta - English.
- 11 What has taught the Africans to be mechanical even when they smile, shake hands and talk ?  
(a) The Western culture. (b) The African culture.  
(c) The Arab culture. (d) None of these.
- 12 Why did Jimmy decide to make a gift of his tools to a friend ?  
(a) Jimmy was fond of his friend.  
(b) Jimmy had quit the old business and was making an honest living.  
(c) Old scores would be brought up against him.  
(d) He was fed up of his old ways.
- IV. 13 When the picture was released Sambu was delighted because ?  
(a) He had acted in the cinema.  
(b) His father had come back to life.  
(c) He had got an opportunity to see his father.  
(d) He got an opportunity to go back in time.



- 14 How did Rakesh fulfill his duty to his father ?
- (a) He took his father in the car to see his new clinic.
  - (b) He emerged as an excellent doctor.
  - (c) He measured out his father's diet and fed him with powders and pills and mixtures.
  - (d) He advised his father to be sensible.
- 15 What was the reason for the tourist's interest in the two boys ?
- (a) They picked fruits for a living.
  - (b) They often took the tourists around.
  - (c) There was a seriousness, an air of purpose in them.
  - (d) They were selling wild berries.
- 16 How many sonnets did Shakespeare write ?
- (a) 154.
  - (b) 164.
  - (c) 144.
  - (d) 134.

(4 × 1 = 4)

### Part B

*Answer any five of the following each in a sentence or two.  
Each question carries a weight of 1.*

- 17 Why does Nehru say we are not worthy of praising Gandhi ?
- 18 What is the remedy for the central failures of Indian society ?
- 19 Why is self-esteem sometimes deceptive ?
- 20 Why does the poet say that he has to 'new pay as if not paid before' ?
- 21 Why does Keats wish to escape from the sorrows of daily life ?
- 22 What does the poet refer to as mischief in 'Mending Wall' ?
- 23 What are the other inmates of the room in the poem 'Bicycle' ?
- 24 Why does the poet say that the lover is breaking another heart ?.

(5 × 1 = 5)

### Part C

*Answer any four of the following each in about 100 words.  
Each question carries a weight of 2.*

- 25 What are the two questions that the poet poses in the poem 'The Mask' ?
- 26 Bring out the elements of parody and satire in the poem 'Good bye Party for Miss Pushpa T.S.'.

Turn over



- 27 Comment on the phrase 'once upon a Time' as the title and the opening line of the poem.
- 28 Do you think money exercises power and has an adverse effect on personal relationships based on the story 'The Lottery Ticket'.
- 29 'Ben Price Knew Jimmy's habits'. What were his habits ?
- 30 Why did Sambhu feel unhappy at the end of each film show ?

(4 × 2 = 8)

#### Part D

*Answer any two of the following in about 200 words.  
Each question carries a weight of 4.*

- 31 Is the title 'A Devoted Son' meant to be ironic ? Do you think Rakesh is truly devoted to his father ? Discuss.
- 32 Cronin describes the story 'Two Gentlemen of Verona' as 'a silent epic of devotion'. Discuss.
- 33 Do you agree with the statement that 'bores make cowards of us all' ? Substantiate your point.

(2 × 4 = 8)