13E/14E(A)

This Question Paper contains 7 Printed Pages.

Question Booklet Sl. No.

ENGLISH
(Third Language)
(Parts A and B)

Time : 3 Hours] *Roll Number :* _____ *[Maximum Marks : 80*

Instructions :

1. *Read the question paper carefully.*
2. *Answer the questions under Part – A in the answer booklet provided.*
3. *Write the answers to the questions under Part – B on the question paper itself.*

PART – A

[Marks : 60

Q. No. (1 – 4) : Read the following :

Mrs. Slater : *(sharply)* Victoria, Victoria! D'ye hear ? Come in, will you ?
(Victoria a precocious girl often dressed in colours, enters.)

Mrs. Slater : I'm amazed at you, Victoria. I really am. Be off now, and change your dress before your Aunt Elizabeth and your Uncle Ben come. It would never do for them to find you in colours with grandfather lying dead, upstairs.

Victoria : What are they coming for ? They haven't been here for ages.

Mrs. Slater : They're coming to talk over poor grandpa's affairs. Your father sent them a telegram as soon as we found he was dead. *(A noise is heard.)*

(Henry Slater, a stooping, heavy man with a drooping moustache, enters. He is wearing a black tailcoat, grey trousers, a black tie and a bowler hat.)

Henry : I'm wondering if they'll come at all. When you and Elizabeth quarrelled, she said she'd never set foot in your house again.

Mrs. Slater : She'll come fast enough after her share of what our father's left. You know how hard she can be when she likes. Where she gets it from I can't tell.

Henry : I suppose it's in the family. *(pause)* Where are my slippers ?

Mrs. Slater : In the kitchen; but you want a new pair, those old ones are nearly worn out. *(Nearly breaking down)* You don't seem to realize what it's costing me to bear up like I am doing. My heart's fit to break when I see the little trifles that belonged to father lying around, and think he'll never use them again. *(Briskly)* Here ! You'd better wear these slippers of my father's now. It's lucky he'd just got a new pair.

Henry : They'll be very small for me, my dear.

Mrs. Slater : They'll stretch, won't they ? I'm not going to have them wasted. *(She has finished laying the table.)* Henry, I've been thinking about that bureau of my father's that's in his bedroom. You know I always wanted to have it after he died.

(The Dear Departed – I)

Answer each of the following questions in three to four sentences. **(4×3=12 Marks)**

1. Who are visiting their house ? What is the purpose of their visit ?

2. 'What are they coming for ? They haven't been here for ages' – Why does Victoria say this ?

3. 'I suppose it's in the family,' said Henry. What does 'it' refer to ?

4. Do you like the character of Mrs. Slater ? Justify.

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Q. No. (5 – 8) : Read the following lines of the poem, 'Once upon a Time'.

Once upon a time, son,
they used to laugh with their hearts
and laugh with their eyes:
but now they only laugh with their teeth,
while their ice-block-cold eyes
search behind my shadow.
There was a time indeed
they used to shake hands with their hearts:
but that's gone, son.
Now they shake hands without hearts:
while their left hands search
my empty pockets.
'Feel at home' ! 'Come again':
they say, and when I come
again and feel
at home, once, twice,
there will be no thrice -
for then I find doors shut on me.

(Once Upon a Time)

Answer the following questions in three to four sentences. (4×3=12 Marks)

5. Who is speaking to whom in the above lines ? What is he worried about ?

6. How do people in the present days shake hands ? What do their left hands search for ?

7. 'There will be no thrice' – Explain.

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8. Pick **Three True Statements** according to the above lines.

A) Once people laughed and shook hands with their hearts.

B) People in the past had ice-block-cold eyes.

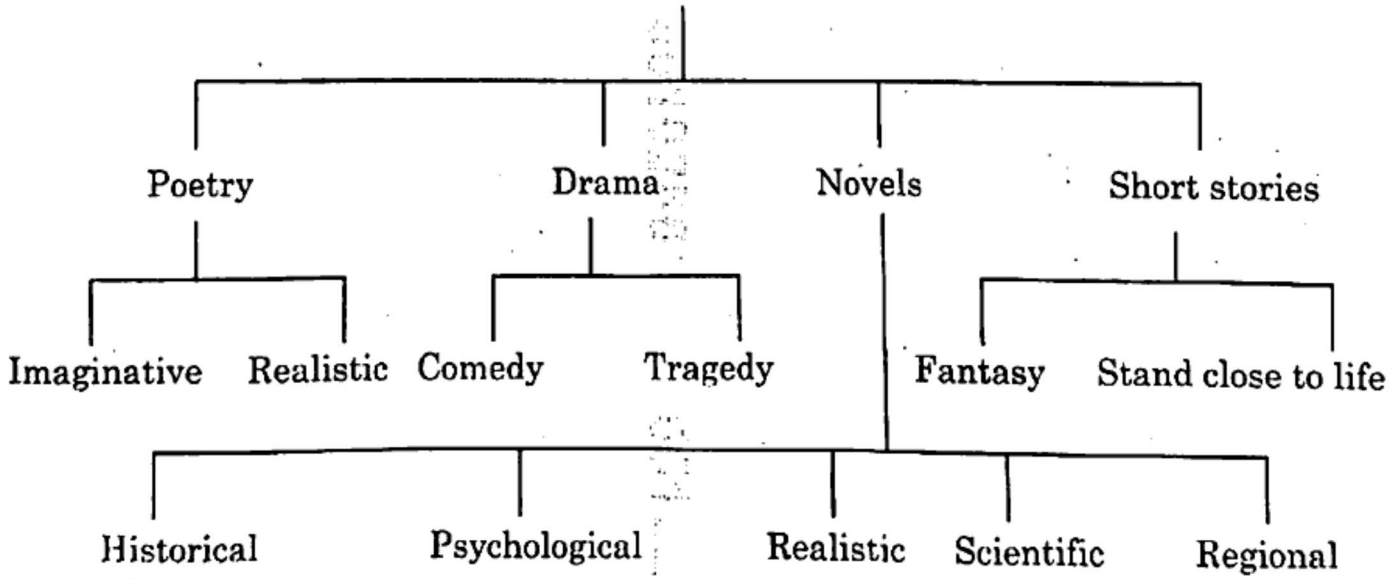
C) The poet feels his repeated visits make the host happy in the present days.

D) The poet expresses his dissatisfaction with the attitude of the present generation.

E) The people in the present are selfish.

Q. No. (9 – 12) : Study the tree diagram carefully and answer the questions given. **(4×2=8 Marks)**

BRANCHES OF LITERATURE



9. What information does the above tree diagram give us ?

10. How many branches of literature are mentioned ? What are they ?

11. What type of short stories, given above, do you like ? Justify.

12. Which branch of literature has more number of varieties ? Which of them is more interesting to you ? Why ?

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13. Read the passage given below focusing on the parts that are underlined. Answer any 4 of the questions as directed and write them in the answer booklet. (4×2=8 Marks)

An employee was glad on being appointed in a good firm. He was asked to give a presentation. (i) **The new employee was more nervous than his colleagues.** (ii) **He began his presentation. Immediately the projector stopped working.** (iii) **Despite the technical issue, he still managed to impress the clients.** The clients were very impressed. (iv) **They signed the contract.** (v) **The employee's nervousness was too much to hide.** The meeting ended. (vi) **"Hurrah! I did it", he said.** All the employees felt relieved.

(i) His colleagues were .....

(ii) No sooner had he .....

(iii) Although there .....

(iv) The contract .....

(v) Rewrite the sentence using, 'so...that'.

(vi) He exclaimed .....

14. In the lesson, 'Attitude Is Altitude' we have come to know that Nick Vujicic found his life difficult and felt troubled by the thought of what would happen to him when his parents were gone. So he thought about killing himself. But luckily, his attempt failed and today he is a world renowned motivator and celebrity.

Write an imaginary conversation between you and your friend about how great people have achieved great things in spite of their repeated failures and obstacles. Convince him/her that suicide is not a solution to any problem at any stage in people's lives. Inform him/her that there is Tele-MANAS (Tele Mental Health Assistance and Networking Across States) in India to help people overcome suicidal thoughts through a toll-free number 14416 and seek support from them and to take challenges positively. **10 Marks**

OR

The success of the Indian Army in a record time was possible due to the seamless joint operation of the Armed Forces.

Now, write a LETTER to your friend in Mumbai appreciating the officers and soldiers for their strategy, courage and capability that proved India's ability to defeat its adversaries under any circumstances.

You may use the following ideas :

- Express confidence over the Army, the Air Force and the Navy – "The Three Pillars".
- India's strength in protecting its sovereignty and integrity.
- Appreciation for their patriotism and the love they have for our motherland.
- Laud them for their willingness to sacrifice their lives for Bharath and its people.
- Our safety on account of them.
- Your interest in serving our nation.

15. In the lesson, 'Unity in Diversity' we have read that; 'India has many races, castes, sub-castes, nationalities and communities, but the heart of India is one'.

Imagine that you hosted the Holi celebration this year in your house using colours made from turmeric(yellow), beetroot(pink), marigold petals (orange), spinach(green) and hibiscus flowers(red) that are gentle on the skin, non-toxic and eco-friendly. All your classmates were present and everybody enjoyed playing Holi.

Now, make a **Diary** entry expressing your feelings on how you felt so bonded and satisfying to celebrate Holi with your friends. You were proud of the integration among your friends and felt 'The heart of India' is one.

5 Marks

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16. India has a high occurrence of dog bites with over 3.7 million cases reported in 2025, averaging more than 10,000 cases daily. Keeping the problem in view, imagine you are the Secretary of the Welfare Club of your school and prepare a poster alerting your school-mates about the steps to be taken when you come across a stray dog. **5 Marks**

You may use the following ideas :

- Stay calm and don't run
- Avoid direct eye contact
- Back away slowly
- Keep your arms close to the body
- Use a barrier if possible (umbrella, stick, etc.)
- Avoid confronting a pack of dogs
- Report to local welfare groups if you find aggressive dogs.

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