

2021

COMPULSORY ENGLISH
(Humanities/Science/Music Group)

Full Marks : 50

The figures in the margin indicate full marks.

*Candidates are required to give their answers in their own words
as far as practicable.*

1. Answer **any two** questions : 5×2
 - (a) What measures of economy did Rama Rao and his wife undertake after he lost his business?
 - (b) Why did the bank manager in Leacock's 'My Financial Career' think his client might be a young Rothschild or a young Gould?
 - (c) Why do Englishmen find it difficult to understand foreigners when they speak correct English?
 - (d) Briefly describe Tagore's 'heaven of freedom'.
 - (e) Describe the central idea in Shakespeare's 'Seven Ages of Man'.
2. Answer **any five** questions ; 2×5
 - (a) Which two rhyming words from the last crossword puzzle did Rama Rao recall as he lay on the railway line?
 - (b) How had Rama Rao's wife spent her days at the Extension?
 - (c) What made Stephen Leacock feel he needed to open a bank account?
 - (d) Why did the bank manager think that the narrator was a detective?
 - (e) What does Shaw mean by the phrase 'broken English'?
 - (f) What are 'company manners' and how are they different from 'home manners'?
 - (g) How are the 'mind' and the 'head' related in the opening line of Tagore's Poem 'Where the Mind is without Fear'?
 - (h) What are the two areas of human activity into which the mind is led forward by God?
 - (i) Describe the soldier in 'The Seven Ages of Man'.
 - (j) Describe the lover in 'The Seven Ages of Man'.
3. Answer **any five** questions : 1×5
 - (a) How much money did Rama Rao think his bungalow was worth?
 - (b) How far was Rama Rao's chosen suicide spot from the level crossing?
 - (c) Name the accountant in 'My Financial Career'.
 - (d) How much money did Leacock propose to deposit every month?

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- (e) What, according to George Bernard Shaw, are the two simplest and commonest words in any language?
- (f) Name the 'famous actor' who is part of the B.B.C. committee that Shaw talks about.
- (g) Where does Tagore want the mind to awake?
- (h) How is God addressed by Tagore in 'Where the Mind is without Fear'?
- (i) In Shakespeare's 'The Seven Ages of Man', what is this world specifically compared to?
- (j) What is the meaning of the word *sans*, used repeatedly in 'The Seven Ages of Man'?

4. Answer *any one* of the following :**10×1**

- (a) Write a letter to the Councillor of your local ward drawing his attention to the terrible condition of the roads in your locality.
- (b) You have just returned from a trip to the hills/seaside. Write a descriptive letter to your grandmother who lives in another state.
- (c) Write a letter of application, with C.V. attached, to a reputed school which is recruiting teachers.
- (d) Write a precis of the following passage and give it a title of your own:

In human societies there is a tendency for an individual's power and prestige to increase with age. The young person despite his greater mental and physical capacity is forced to defer to people whose organic capacities are less than his. The latter, by virtue of having held a position early in life, are able to continue to hold it later in life and by virtue of it to acquire other positions of even greater influence. Thus in a sense – the physical sense – the community does not utilize its great men until they are already past their prime, but in another sense – the social sense – it utilizes them at the peak of their greatness.

5. Read the following passage and answer the questions that follow :

In 1915, a wealthy man named Lord Carnarvon employed archaeologist Howard Carter to look for a royal tomb in the Valley of the Kings. Nothing of importance was found until November 1922, when Carter's workers cleared some huts away and found steps leading underground to a sealed door inscribed with the name of the Pharaoh Tutankhamun. Grave-robbers had discovered this cunningly hidden tomb in antiquity but they had not been able to carry anything away; so, when the door to the tomb was opened, after around 3000 years, a splendid collection of treasures was found, alongside food and wine and other everyday objects for the Afterlife.

- (a) Describe the events leading up to the discovery of King Tutankhamun's tomb.
- (b) When was the door to the tomb opened and what came to light?
- (c) Convert 'wealthy' into a noun.
- (d) Convert 'importance' into an adjective.
- (e) What is the antonym or opposite of 'hidden'?
- (f) Give the verb form of 'collection' and make a sentence with it.

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