

Questions :

- (i) Who is the poet of this poem ?
 - (ii) This poem is a sonnet. What is a sonnet ?
 - (iii) 'My name and despair!' Where were these lines written ?
 - (iv) What is 'that colossal wreck' a reference to ?
 - (v) In the lines preceding these, the poet has described Ozimandias' visage. What impression do you have of this man from that description ?
- (b) The birds around me hopp'd and play'd
Their thoughts I cannot measure,
But the least motion which they made
It seem'd thrill of pleasure.

Questions :

- (i) What were the birds doing ?
- (ii) Could the poet know the thoughts of the birds ?
- (iii) What did the movement of the birds indicate ?
- (iv) Where was the poet sitting when he saw those birds ?
- (v) Who is the poet ? What is the title of the poem from which this stanza has been taken ?

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- (c) Experience has taught me that silence is a part of the spiritual discipline of a votary of truth. Proneness to exaggerate, to suppress or modify the truth, wittingly or unwittingly, is a natural weakness of man, and silence is necessary in order to surmount it. A man of few words will rarely be thoughtless in his speech; he will measure every word. We find so many people impatient to talk.

Questions :

- (i) Who is the author of these lines ?
 - (ii) How can man overcome the tendency to alter truth ?
 - (iii) Why does a man of few words generally not speak thoughtlessly ?
 - (iv) The author says that silence is essential for spiritual growth? Why does he feel so ?
 - (v) What is an important part of spiritual discipline of a votary of truth ?
- (d) After the crowd had been cleared, and the dust settled, the gram-seller was irritated by the parrot's constant cries from his perch. He was afraid that the old woman had expired. But as he came near her, the parrot called her more shrilly and she answered faintly, 'Haan, haan

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son, haan,' and the man knew that she was alive. He lifted her up and found that her hands and arms were slightly grazed.

Questions :

- (i) Who is the old woman ?
 - (ii) Why is the parrot calling out to her so frantically ?
 - (iii) Where are the woman and the parrot ?
 - (iv) What happened to the old woman ?
 - (v) Why is she calling the parrot her 'son' ? $5 \times 2 = 10$
2. Answer any *two* of the following in about **150** words, selecting only one from poetry, stories and essays respectively :
- (i) What understanding of friendship does one derive on reading '*Blow, Blow, Thou Winter Wind*' ?
 - (ii) Give the substance of the poem, '*The Good Morrow*'.
 - (iii) Can Shyamnath be called educated in the true sense of the term ?
 - (iv) What is the villagers' belief regarding the tulsi and the peepal ?
 - (v) In what way can silence help our mind control the senses ? What will be the benefits of controlling the senses ? $5 \times 2 = 10$

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3. Attempt any *two* in about **300** words :

- (i) What are Gandhiji's views on silence ?
- (ii) What idea do you have of Tagore's attitude to nature and his views about the right way of education from '*At the Himalayas*' ?
- (iii) Attempt the critical appreciation of the poem, '*Blow, Blow, Thou Winter Wind*'. $10 \times 2 = 20$

Section-B

4. (a) Fill in the blanks with suitable articles, if required :

- (i) He is praying in temple.
- (ii) This is costly ink pot.
- (iii) He is honourable man.
- (iv) Everest is highest peak in the world.
- (v) Ravi is honest man. $1 \times 5 = 5$

(b) Fill in the blanks with appropriate preposition :

- (i) She is blind one eye.
- (ii) He is fond music.
- (iii) This book is full errors.
- (iv) He is junior me.
- (v) Agra is famous its historical buildings. $1 \times 5 = 5$

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- (c) Rewrite using appropriate form of the verb given in the brackets :

(i) Why do you me like this ?

(treat)

(ii) Ravi his parents. (obey)

(iii) I to Kolkata last month. (go)

(iv) He a teacher since 1994. (be)

(v) I my new pen yesterday. (lose) $1 \times 5 = 5$

- (d) Fill in the blanks with appropriate phrasal verbs using the verb given below :

Step into, pull up, step out, point out, get up.

(i) He was careful to the possible disadvantages of the new system.

(ii) He the boat before his brother did.

(iii) A car next to the hospital and two men got out.

(iv) I had to at five o'clock this morning.

(v) No sooner did he of his house than it started raining. $1 \times 5 = 5$

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5. Read the passage carefully and answer the following questions :

Meditation is a practice that has been around for thousands of years and is becoming increasingly popular in the modern world. It involves training the mind to focus and achieve a state of calm and relaxation. There are many different types of meditation, each with its own techniques and benefits.

One of the most common forms of meditation is mindfulness meditation, which involves focusing on the present moment and being aware of thoughts, emotions, and sensations without judgment. Another type of meditation is Transcendental Meditation, which involves repeating a mantra to quiet the mind and achieve a deep state of relaxation. Yoga and Tai Chi are also forms of meditation that incorporate movement and breath.

Meditation has numerous benefits for both the mind and body. It can reduce stress and anxiety, lower blood pressure, improve sleep, and boost the immune system. Meditation can also improve cognitive function, including memory and concentration, and increase feelings of happiness and well-being.

However, like any practice, meditation can have its challenges. It can be difficult for beginners to quiet their minds and focus on the present moment, and it

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may take time and practice to achieve a deep state of relaxation. Additionally, some people may find it uncomfortable to sit still for extended periods of time, or may struggle to find the time to meditate regularly.

To get started with meditation, it is important to find a quiet and comfortable space where you can sit or lie down. Begin by focusing on your breath, and allow your thoughts to come and go without judgment. You may find it helpful to use guided meditations or apps to get started, or to attend a meditation class or workshop.

In conclusion, meditation is a powerful practice with numerous benefits for the mind and body. While it may take time and practice to master, it is well worth the effort for those seeking a greater sense of calm, focus, and well-being.

Questions :

- (i) What is meditation ?
- (ii) What are some common types of meditation ?
- (iii) What are some benefits of meditation for the mind and body ?
- (iv) What are some challenges associated with meditation ?
- (v) How can someone get started with meditation ?

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Note :- Attempt all the questions. Attempt sub-parts of a question together. In Section-B, write complete sentences, not just single, random words for answers.

Section-A

1. Attempt any *two* selecting only one from poetry, stories or essays :

- (a) Read the given lines and answer the questions in 1-3 sentences :

My name is Ozymandias king of kings :

Look on my works, ye Mighty, and despair!

Nothing beside remains. Round the decay

Of that colossal wreck, boundless and bare,

The lone and level sands stretch far away.

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