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**SECOND YEAR HIGHER SECONDARY EXAMINATION, MARCH 2020**

Part – III

Time : 2½ Hours

**ENGLISH LITERATURE**

Cool-off time : 15 Minutes

Maximum : 80 Scores

**General Instructions to Candidates :**

- There is a 'Cool-off time' of 15 minutes in addition to the writing time of 2½ hrs.
- Use the 'Cool-off time' to get familiar with questions and to plan your answers.
- Read the questions carefully before answering.
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**(Questions 1 to 6 : Choose the correct answers from the choices given. Each carries 1 score.)**

**(6 × 1 = 6)**

1. The feature of the bicycle which gives it the appearance of a forest deity is \_\_\_\_\_  
(a) spokes (b) rims  
(c) handle bars (d) mirrors
2. The expression 'shallow permanence' in the poem 'No More Hiroshimas' is an example of \_\_\_\_\_  
(a) Paradox (b) Metonymy  
(c) Metaphor (d) Personification
3. Maya Angelou in 'Million Man March' invokes her people to invite \_\_\_\_\_ into their kitchens.  
(a) Gentleness (b) Slavery  
(c) Liberty (d) Protest
4. The poet who was a staunch supporter of Irish nationalism is \_\_\_\_\_  
(a) W.H. Auden (b) James Kirkup  
(c) David Malouf (d) W.B. Yeats

5. According to the Magi, the worst time of the year to undertake a long journey is \_\_\_\_\_
- (a) Summer (b) Winter  
(c) Autumn (d) Spring
6. Which among the following is a Satire ?
- (a) Night Rain (b) The Unknown Citizen  
(c) Million Man March (d) Africa

**(Questions 7 to 12. Fill in the blanks with suitable answers. Each carries 1 score.)**

**(6 × 1 = 6)**

7. The character in 'My Old Home' who was called the 'Beaucurd Beauty' is \_\_\_\_\_.
8. After the Norman Conquest, \_\_\_\_\_ became the language of the Royal Courts of England.
9. Bama was prompted by \_\_\_\_\_ to work hard and learn well to achieve acceptance in the society.
10. A politician named \_\_\_\_\_ was the cause of the rivalry between Deewar and Dilshan.
11. Azores was ruled over by a governor appointed by the king of \_\_\_\_\_
12. The author of 'Attiyya's Shrine' is \_\_\_\_\_

**(Questions 13 to 18. Answer any 4 of the following questions in 2 or 3 sentences. Each carries 2 scores.)**

**(4 × 2 = 8)**

13. Why does Sugatha Kumari compare rain to a mad woman ?
14. Why were the Ashcroft – Fowlers worried ? How did they solve their problem ?
15. "I lost my temper, without thinking twice I beat him." Who was beaten by the speaker ? Why ?
16. What are the terms used to mark pauses in a screenplay ? Explain the contexts in which they are used.

17. List the things the poet wants to offer the bicycle. Why doesn't he make the offering ?
18. Which are the two questions that are considered absurd by the authority in 'The Unknown Citizen' ?

**(Questions 19 to 24. Answer any 4 of the following questions in about 80 words.**

**Each carries 4 scores.)**

**(4 × 4 = 16)**

19. How does society treat women who persist in being tough ?
20. Discuss the title of the poem 'The Unknown Citizen'.
21. Prepare a short note on the evolution of English after the invention of the printing press.
22. Briefly describe the hideous sights at the Atomic Bomb Explosion Centre that made the poet weep.
23. Give an account of Gregor Samsa's life before his transformation.
24. How does Yeats describe the beauty of Coole Park in 'Wild Swans at Coole' ?

**(Questions 25 to 30. Answer any 4 of the following in about 100 words. Each carries 5 scores.)**

**(4 × 5 = 20)**

25. Describe the life of the people in Azores.
26. Write a paragraph on the role played by the children in solving the rivalry between two neighbouring villages.
27. Narrate the interesting sights Bama enjoyed on her way to home from school.
28. In 'Doves on the Wings', a simple robbery in a bus turns into Social Criticism. Illustrate.
29. 'My Old Home' focuses on the narrator's friendship with JunTu rather than his sentiments on the old house. Comment.
30. Prepare a paragraph on the ideas presented by V. Geetha in 'Role Play'.

**(Questions 31 to 35. Answer any 3 of the following questions in about 200 words.**

**Each carries 8 scores)**

**(3 × 8 = 24)**

31. 'Africa' and 'Million Man March' depict voices from two continents revealing the same agony. Discuss.

[Hints : Themes of both poems – the hardships faced by the poets' race-tone of protest and expression of hope in both poems etc.]

32. Write an essay on the contrasting ideas presented by the poet and his mother in the poem 'Ecology'.

[Hints : Theme of the poem – the son's violent reaction to the flowering of the trees – his decision regarding the trees – the mother's opinion – her excuses to save the trees – the differences in their attitude to nature etc.]

33. It is quite painful to be different in a world of 'normal' people. Write an essay on Gregor Samsa's experiences in the light of the above statement.

[Gregor's transformation – Physical hardships faced by him – attitude of his family and others – mental struggles of Gregor – his sense of alienation – his death and the treatment of his dead body by his family etc.]

34. "I sold flowers. I didn't sell myself. Now you've made a lady of me, I'm not fit to sell anything else." Do you agree with these words of Eliza? Justify your answer.

(Hints : Eliza's carefree life as a flower girl – Higgins' efforts to change her – Eliza's transformation – Higgins' lack of consideration for her future – Eliza's confrontation with Higgins – the conclusion of the play etc.)

35. Write an essay on the portrayal of the London Society in 'Pygmalion'.

[Hints : Theme of the play – Eliza's background. Characters of Eliza and Dolittle – representation of the upper class through the characters of Higgins, Pickering, Mrs. Higgins etc. – the upper middle class and their snobbery as portrayed through the Eynesford Hills – Mrs. Pearce as a representative of the working class etc.]