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**S-2223**

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**SECOND YEAR HIGHER SECONDARY  
SAY / IMPROVEMENT EXAMINATION, JUNE – 2023**

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.
- Use the 'Cool-off time' to get familiar with questions and to plan your answers.
- Read questions carefully before answering.
- Certain sections of questions have choice. Follow the choice regulations.

**Questions 1 – 5 : Answer any 4 of the following questions. Each carries 1 score.****(4 × 1 = 4)**

1. A.K. Ramanujan was honoured with the Padmasree award in \_\_\_\_\_.
2. The Celts were conquered by the Romans in 55BC under the leadership of \_\_\_\_\_.
3. Name the poet who is popularly known as Maya Angelo.
4. Which among the following awards was won by 'Rathrimazha' (Night Rain) in 1978 ?
  - (a) Vallathor Award
  - (b) Ezhuthachan Award
  - (c) Asan Prize
  - (d) Kendra Sahitya Akademi Award
5. Who is the author of the poem "No More Hiroshimas" ?



**Questions 6 – 9 : Read the following passages and answer any 3 of the following questions. Each carries 4 scores. (3 × 4 = 12)**

6. But now they drift on the still water Mysterious, beautiful.

- (a) Identify the poem and the poet. (2)  
(b) Why is the poet calls Swans Mysterious ? (2)

7. Was he free ? Was he happy ? The question is absurd.

Had anything been wrong, we should certainly have heard.

- (a) Elaborate the relevance of the questions given in these lines. (2)  
(b) What is the tone of the poem ? (2)

8. A cold coming we had of it

Just the worst time of the year

For a journey, and such a long journey.

- (a) Identify the speaker of these lines. (1)  
(b) Who are the travellers ? (1)  
(c) What is the purpose of the journey ? (2)

9. So much for mirrors ! ... As for myself I hardly dare look in.

What should I offer a bicycle ?

- (a) Identify the poem and the speaker of these lines. (2)  
(b) What are the offerings mentioned here ? (2)

**Questions 10 – 15 : Answer any 5 of the following questions is not more than 8 sentences each. Each carries 4 scores.** **(5 × 4 = 20)**

10. Manohar Ram arrived at a solution to resolve the issue created by him. What was the solution ?
11. Comment on the changes happened in Yzur.
12. Comment on the climax of the scene from The Sixth Sense.
13. Write a character sketch of Alfred Doolittle.
14. What was the purpose of Luhsun's home coming ?
15. What is a travelogue ? Consider in memory of Azores as a travelogue.

**Questions 16 – 20 : Answer any 4 of the following in a paragraph of 80 words each. Each carries 5 scores.** **(4 × 5 = 20)**

16. What is the role of media in constructing images of women and men ?
17. Mention the suffering of rich people with reference to the life of spugg.
18. Comment on the theme of the poem Africa.
19. How did Bama enjoy her schooldays ?
20. Comment on the Satire in 'Doves of the Wing'.

**Questions 21 – 25 : Answer any 3 of the following in about 150 words each. Each carries 8 scores.**

**(3 × 8 = 24)**

21. Write an essay on the anti war emotions in the poem ‘No more Hiroshimas’.

[**Hints :** Visit to Hiroshima – Life after atomic attack – Horrors of war]

22. Write an essay on the portrayal of the plight of women through the image of rain in the poem Night Rain.

[**Hints :** Reveals inner-self-emotions - connect with nature]

23. Trace Gregor Samsa’s metamorphosis

[**Hints :** physical, mental struggle – attitude of people – family – bonding – death]

24. The unknown citizen is a satire on modern society. Elucidate.

[**Hints :** Modern state – standardisation – ideal people]

25. Comment on the portrayal of Victorian society and its values in Pygmalion.

[**Hints :** Social hierarchy – prejudice attitude of Higgins and Pearce]

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