

ENGLISH LANGUAGE

Duration Time : 2 Hours

Maximum Marks: 80

NOTE: Answer all questions.

Question No. 1 :

Read the following paragraph and answer the questions that follow:

How was it possible, I asked myself, to walk for an hour through the woods and see nothing worthy of note? I, who cannot see, find hundreds of things to interest me through mere touch. I pass my hands lovingly about the smooth skin of a silver birch, or the rough shaggy bark of a pine. In spring I touch the branches of trees hopefully in search of a bud. I feel the delightful, velvety texture of a flower, and discover its remarkable convolutions; and something of the miracle of nature is revealed to me. Occasionally, if I am very fortunate, I place my hand gently on a small tree and feel the happy quiver of a bird in full song. I am delighted to have the cool waters of a brook rush through my open fingers. To me a lush carpet of pine-needles or spongy grass is more welcome than the most luxurious Persian rug. To me the pageant of seasons is a thrilling and unending drama, the action of which streams through my finger tips.

- (i) Give two pieces of evidence from the passage to suggest that the writer is blind. 2
- (ii) How is the writer able to differentiate a pine from a birch tree? 2
- (iii) Give three pieces of evidence from the passage to show that the writer is a great lover of nature. 3
- (iv) How can “the pageant of seasons” be “a thrilling and unending drama”? Explain briefly. 2
- (v) How and when is “the miracle of nature” revealed to the writer? 2
- (vi) Give other words to explain the meanings of any **four** of the following words: 4
Shaggy, texture, convolutions, miracle, quiver, luxurious, pageant.

Question No. 2 :

Write a paragraph in about 250 words on any one of the following:

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- Exam Pressures
- Cultural shock
- Weaker sex
- Vocational education

Question No. 3 :

Write an imaginary letter to a Company seeking a business executive's job.

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OR

Write a personal letter to a close relative sharing an incident that has moved you tremendously.

Question No. 4 :

Write a report in about 300 words on any one of the following topics:

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- An accident
- A sport event
- Election Campaigning in your community
- A Cultural event

Question No. 5 :

Write an essay in about 400 words on any one of the following topics:

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- Experiences of childhood
- Climate change
- Women empowerment
- Election politics

Question No. 6 :

Write a summary of the passage given below in approximately 120 words.

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One of the greatest sorrows of the world is that man is divided against man. This earth of ours with its vast expanse of water, its variety of land ranging from the wide open deserts to lofty mountains, its astonishing differences in climate and culture, its exquisite relation with the sun and the moon and the stars; this earth, could be quite an extraordinary place for man to live in happily, spending his time and energy in his quest for its many secrets. Yet, if you observe what is happening in the world, you will observe first of all, that the people of the world, far from regarding themselves as the inheritors of a common earth, have divided themselves into nationalities: the French, the Germans, the English, the Americans, the Russians, the Chinese, the Indians, the Pakistanis, and so on, Each nation has its own geographic boundary and the people living in a particular area of the earth think of themselves as belonging only to that part of the earth and develop a close loyalty to that piece of land, to their own tribe, their own customs, language, and way of life. So strong is this bond that the people next door who belong to another geographic boundary are looked upon with suspicion. A wall grows immediately between nation and nation for that is inevitable when you separate yourself from others. So, we do not regard ourselves as human beings belonging to one large family of the earth but as nations with different types of governments, different leaders, different economies and different policies. This is unfortunate, for the result is that there is a sharp division, not only outwardly through boundaries between lands, but inwardly in the mind of mankind. In fact, division start within the mind of man and express themselves outwardly as nation versus nation, religion versus religion, group versus group, and so on, resulting in the most devastating wars the earth has ever seen since its origin.

