

Question 8.

Read the extract given below and answer the questions that follow: [1 × 4 = 4]

The baker usually collected his bills at the end of the month. Monthly accounts used to be recorded on some wall in pencil. Baking was indeed a profitable profession in the old days. The baker and his family never starved. He, his family and his servant always looked happy and prosperous. Their plump physique was an open testimony to this. Even today any person with a jackfruit like physical appearance is easily compared to a baker.

- Where did the baker record his accounts?
- Why did the baker and his family never starve?
- Which word in the extract is a synonym of 'rich'?
- How can a baker be identified in Goa?

OR

Now the name of the little black kitten was Ink.  
And the little gray mouse, she called him Blink.  
And the little yellow dog was sharp as Mustard,  
But the dragon was a coward, and she called him Custard.

- Name the poem and its poet.
- What is the colour of Belinda's dog?
- What were the kitten and the mouse called?
- Which word in the stanza is the antonym of 'dull'?

Question 9.

Answer any four of the following questions in 30-40 words each. [2 × 4 = 8]

- Why did Leicho write a letter to God?
- How did Chubukov react when Iomov asked for the hand of his daughter in marriage?
- Where in the classroom does Wanda sit and why?
- How did Ebright's mother help him to becoming a scientist?
- Why does Anil not hand Hari Singh over to the police?

Question 10.

Answer the following questions in 100-120 words: [8]

Mme Forestier proved to be a true friend of the Loiseles. Elaborate.

OR

Why did Gotami go to the Buddha? What lesson did he teach her?

### SECTION C

### (LITERATURE : TEXTBOOKS AND LONG READING TEXT) 30

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Read the extract given below and answer the questions that follow : [1 × 4 = 4]

"But, please, Stephen Stepanovitch, he can they be yours? Do be a reasonable man! My aunt's grandmother gave the Meadows for the temporary and free use of your grandfather's peasants. The peasants used the land for forty years and got accustomed to it as if it was their own, when it happened that

- Who is the speaker of the above lines?
- Why did his aunt's grandmother give the meadows?
- Why did the peasant treat the land as their own?
- What light do these lines throw on the speaker's character?

OR

Belinda tickled him, she ticked him unmerciful, Ink, Blink and Mustard, they rudely called him Percival. They all sat laughing in the little red wagon At the realio, trulio cowardly dragon.

- (a) Who was tickled by Belinda ?
- (b) Why did she tickle 'him' ?
- (c) Who are Ink, Blink and Mustard ?
- (d) Why did they all laugh at 'him' ?

Question 9.

Answer any four of the following questions in 30 - 40 words each: [2 × 4 = 8]

- (a) What excited Rajvir ? Why did Pranjol not share his excitement ?
- (b) 'He senses first responsibility' - What responsibility is referred to here? (The Ball Poem)
- (c) What was Horace Danby's hobby ? How did he manage to fulfill it ?
- (d) Why did Matilda (Mme Loisel) leave the ball in a hurry ? What does it show about her character ?
- (e) In which queer way did Anil make a living ? (The Thief's Story)

Question 10.

Answer the following question in 100 - 200 words: [8]

In life, people who easily trust others are sometimes made to look foolish. One should not be too trusting. Describe how Oliver Lutkins made a fool of the young lawyer.

OR

What lesson on death and suffering did the Buddha teach Gotami in the chapter, 'The Sermon at Banaras'?

### SECTION - C (LITERATURE) 30

Question 8.

Read the extracts given below and answer the questions that follow: [1 × 4 = 4]

When I casually mentioned this to a friend, he casually replied that I had better get one in the Tigris marshes, for there they were as common as mosquitoes, and were often tamed by the Arabs. We were going to Basra to the Consulate-General to collect and answer our mail from Europe. At the Consulate-General we found that my friend's mail had arrived but that mine had not.

- (a) What was 'they'?
- (b) Where could the author get 'one'?
- (c) Find the exact word from the extract which means 'domesticated'?
- (d) What did the author find at the Consulate- General?

OR

(There is a languide, emerald sea, where the sole inhabitant is me a marmaid drifting blissfully.)

Question:

- (a) Who does 'me' stand for?
- (b) How does 'me' feel?
- (c) Who is 'me' compared to?
- (d) Which word in the extract means opposite of 'sorrowfully'?

Question 9.

Answer any four of the following questions in 30-40 words each: [2 × 4 = 8]

- (i) How did Kisa Gotami realise that life and death is a normal process?
- (ii) Why did Maddie write a note to Peggy and then tore it?
- (iii) How can you say that Horace Danby was good and respectable but not completely honest?
- (iv) What difficulty do the crew of the space probe face on the Earth?

(v) What was the most fascinating thing that Valli saw on the street?

Question 10.

Attempt the following questions in 100-120 words: [8]

Bholi is a child different from others. This difference makes her an object of neglect and laughter. Elaborate.

OR

The poet in the poem, 'For Anne Gregory' conveys that we should give importance to the inner beauty and not to the physical appearance. Elaborate with reference to the poem.

