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# ENGLISH

## ( General )

*Full Marks* : 40

*Time* : 2 hours

*The figures in the margin indicate full marks for the questions*

[ English (Major) students shall answer Question Nos. **1**, **2**, **3** and **6**, while other students shall answer Question Nos. **1** to **5** ]

**1.** *(a)* Discuss the major theme of the poem, *Harlem.* 10

*Or*

*(b)* Draw a picture of dawn at Puri as portrayed in Mahapatra's poem, *Dawn at Puri.* 10

*Or*

*(c)* Critically assess Blake's treatment of the idea of innocence in the poem, *The Lamb.* 10

**2.** *(a)* How does the poet describe the punishment of the girl in the poem, *Punishment*? What is the poet's reaction to the punishment? 6+4=10

*Or*

(b) Attempt a critical appreciation of the poem, *This Is a Photograph of Me.* 10

*Or*

(c) Give a description of the solitary reaper's song. What was its effect on the poet? 7+3=10

**3.** Answer any *two* of the following : 5×2=10

(a) Examine Wole Soyinka's treatment of racism in his poem, *Telephone Conversation.*

(b) How does Heaney comment on the culture and human nature of Ireland through the poem, *Punishment*?

(c) What does the poet mean when he says

"Maybe it just sags
like a heavy load
Or does it explode"?

(d) What are the probable themes of the song of the solitary reaper?

**4.** Answer the following as directed (any *five*) : 1×5=5

(a) He went to Kolkata yesterday, _____

(Add a tag question)





(b) Please open the door, _____

(Add a tag question)

(c) Sudip is reading a novel.

(Change into passive voice)

(d) Let the work be done without delay.

(Change into active voice)

(e) There is _____ hourly bus service on this route.

(Fill with appropriate determiner)

(f) Saswati was adjudged _____ best debater.

(Fill with appropriate determiner)

(g) I found _____ one rupee coin on the road.

(Fill with appropriate determiner)

**5.** Change the form of narration (any *five*) : 1×5=5

(a) He said, "Alas! The man is dead."

(b) Rahul said, "Let us play cricket."

(c) I asked Sachin, "What are you going to do with your old guitar?"

(d) Shardul asked me if I could swim.

(e) Sunil advised me not to go to the market after dark.

(f) Shweta requested me to give her a glass of water.

(g) She told me that she wanted to go with me.

**6.** For English (Major) students in lieu of Question Nos. **4** and **5**. Answer any *one* : 10

(a) Critically comment on Agha Shahid Ali's treatment of loss and longing in the poem, *Postcard from Kashmir.*

(b) What is the central theme of *The Sleepwalkers' Ballad*? Discuss.

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