

PROSE
THE NEW HOUSE

Q I] Read the extract given below and answer the following questions: (10)
'Bruno, I want you to go upstairs and unpack and I want you to do it now,' said Mother in an unfriendly voice.

- 1) Why did Bruno march away without another word? (1)
- 2) Describe Bruno's floor in the new house. (3)
- 3) What did he see when he entered his room? (2)
- 4) What did Maria ask Bruno to do? (2)
- 5) Give the meaning for the words below: (2)
 - a) foreseeable –
 - b) steered clear –

THE ENCHANTED POOL

Q II] Read the extract given below and answer the following questions: (10)
Then a sense of mystery overcame him, for this could be no ordinary occurrence.

- 1) Why did Yudhishthira decide to look for his brothers and the pool? (1)
- 2) Describe the way through which Yudhishthira travelled to meet his brothers. (3)
- 3) What did he see when he reached his brothers? (1)
- 4) Who did Yudhishthira think could have played a trick? How? (1)
- 5) Who did Yudhishthira think was asking the questions? (1)
- 6) What answer did Yudhishthira give to the question 'What befriends a traveller?'" (1)
- 7) Give the meaning for the words below: (2)
 - a) impelled –
 - b) dejection –

POETRY
LINES COMPOSED IN A WOOD ON A WINDY DAY

Q III] Read the extract given below and answer the following questions: (5)
**'I wish I could see how the ocean is lashing
The foam of its billows to whirlwinds of spray'**

- 1) Mention the figure of speech in the lines above? (1)
- 2) What else did she wish to see? (1)
- 3) What did she wish to hear? (1)
- 4) Make a sentence with the following word: (1)
 - a) aloft –
- 5) Give the meaning for the word below: (1)
 - a) billows -

THE HERO

Q IV] Read the extract given below and answer the following questions: (5)

'The fight becomes so fearful, mother, that it would give you a cold shudder could you see it from your palanquin.'

- 1) Explain the line 'it would give you a cold shudder' (1)
- 2) What are the events that took place during the fight? (2)
- 3) How did the boy prepare for the fight? (2)

RAPID READER THE MISSING MAIL

Q V] Read the extract given below and answer the following questions: (5)

"The old gentleman is as good as his word," the postman said, delivering an insurance envelope to Ramanujan.

- 1) Who is the old gentleman that they are referring to in the lines above? (0.5)
- 2) What is the name of the postman? (0.5)
- 3) Why did the postman say "The old gentleman is as good as his word"? (1)
- 4) What would happen if the marriage was postponed until after the twentieth of May? (2)
- 5) Give the meaning for the word below: (1)
 - a) vehemently –

FORTY – FIVE A MONTH

Q VI] Read the extract given below and answer the following questions: (5)

"There shouldn't be anything more urgent than the office work; go back to your seat. You know how many hours I work?" asked the manager.

- 1) For how long did the manager work? (2)
- 2) What did the clerks comment on the manager's fondness for his office? (1)
- 3) Why did Venkat Rao decide to hide his resignation? (1)
- 4) Give the meaning for the word below: (1)
 - a) admonished –

JULIUS CAESAR

Q VII] Read the extract given below and answer the following questions: (10)

**No it is Casca; one incorporate
To our attempts. Am I not stay'd for, Cinna?**

- 1) Who is the speaker in the lines above? (1)
- 2) Who did Cinna think it was instead of Casca? (1)
- 3) How did the speaker recognise Cinna? (1)
- 4) Why does Cinna call it a fearful night? (1)
- 5) What does the speaker tell Cinna to do to provoke Brutus? (3)
- 6) Where would Cinna find them once it was all done? (1)
- 7) Explain the line – 'One incorporate to our attempts'. (1)
- 8) Was Brutus completely on the side of the conspirators? Why? (1)

Q VIII] Read the extract given below and answer the following questions: (10)

Cassius The clock had stricken three

Trebonius

'Tis time to part

- 1) Who according to Cassius should not outlive Caesar? (1)
- 2) Who is the head and who is the limb in the line -
'To cut the head off and then hack the limbs'? (1)
- 3) Why did Cassius doubt that Caesar would come out or not? (3)
- 4) What did Brutus mean by 'Let us be sacrificers and not butchers'? (2)
- 5) Who could convince Caesar to come out ? (1)
- 6) What was the latest time by which they would all meet? (1)
- 7) What do you understand by the word 'ingrafted love'? (1)