
INSTRUCTIONS: All the answers should be written on the answer paper provided to you.
First 10 minutes should be allotted to reading the question paper.

SECTION I

MULTIPLE CHOICE QUESTIONS

- I. Choose the most correct options for the following questions: (10)
- Which desert in the world does not have the existence of bacteria?
 - Atacama Desert
 - Dasht-e Lut Desert
 - Rainforest Desert
 - Sahara Desert
 - The town where the average daily temperature in January has been recorded as -46°C .
 - Alaska
 - Vostok
 - Greenland
 - Oymyakon
 - According to Watson which person knew about the tropical disease?
 - Himself
 - Sherlock Holmes
 - Dr. Ainstree
 - Culverton Smith
 - Whom did Sherlock Holmes want to meet?
 - Watson
 - Dr. Ainstree
 - Culverton Smith
 - Inspector Morton
 - Which figure of speech is used in these line 'Where clear stream of reason has not lost its way'?
 - Metaphor
 - Personification
 - Enjambement
 - Simile
 - 'Ozymandias' is written by which poet?
 - John Keats
 - Percy Bysshe Shelley
 - Rabindranath Tagore
 - Sir Arthur Conan Doyle
 - Where was the father taking Shanta that evening?
 - Amusement park

- b. Garden
 - c. Cinema
 - d. Zoo
8. Who plays the role of the court fool in the play 'As You Like It'?
- a. Le Beau
 - b. Duke Senior
 - c. Orlando
 - d. Touchstone
9. Where did the two cousins decide to go for banishment?
- a. Amazon Forest
 - b. Rainforest
 - c. Evergreen forest
 - d. Forest of Arden
10. Who banished Duke Senior?
- a. Charles
 - b. Duke Frederick
 - c. Orlando
 - d. Ganynmede

SECTION II AS YOU LIKE IT

- II. Read the following extract and answer the questions that follow: (10)
- ORLANDO**
- No, fair princess. He is the general challenger. I come but in as others do, to try with him the strength of my youth.
- i. Who enters the scene earlier? What information does he give about the wrestling match? (3)
 - ii. How does Celia try to convince Orlando not to wrestle? (3)
 - iii. What gift does Rosalind give to Orlando after the match gets over? What reason does she give for giving such a gift? (2)
 - iv. What does one of the lords tell Orlando about the Duke's approach towards Rosalind? (2)
- III. Read the following extract and answer the questions that follow: (10)
- DUKE FREDERICK**
- Mistress, dispatch you with your safest haste,
And get you from our court.'
- ROSALIND**
- Me, uncle?
- i. Why does Duke Frederick banish Rosalind? (2)
 - ii. After her uncle banished her, how does Rosalind defend herself? (3)

- iii. What reply did Celia give when Duke blamed her for keeping Rosalind in the court after her father's banishment? (3)
- iv. How does Rosalind decide to disguise herself? (2)

SECTION III

PROSE

- IV. Read the following extract and answer the questions that follow: (10)
 'I know Mr. Holmes through some business dealings which we have had, but I have every respect for him.'

 - i. Who said the above words and to whom? (2)
 - ii. How was the listener greeted earlier in the scene? (2)
 - iii. What instructions were given to the listener once the speaker agreed to come? (1)
 - iv. How can we say that the speaker knew Sherlock Holmes from the beginning? (2)
 - v. How did Sherlock Holmes get the look of a sick man? (3)

- V. Read the following extract and answer the questions that follow: (10)
 'The wettest and the driest places on earth are fascinating for a number of reasons.'

 - i. What is a desert defined as? (1)
 - ii. Name the high plateau in Chile in South America. (1)
 - iii. How is the rain shadow area created? (2)
 - iv. Why is Atacama Desert known as the driest non-polar region in the world? (2)
 - v. A huge, mountainous region in Antarctica is almost entirely free of ice and snow. Explain. (2)
 - vi. Residents of the small state in the North east of India do not complain about the rain. Why? (1)
 - vii. Name the village in Meghalaya, which gets the title of the wettest place on earth. (1)

SECTION IV

POEM

- VI. Read the following extract and answer the questions that follow: (10)
 'Where the clear stream of reason has not lost its way into the deary desert sand of dead habits;
 Where the mind is led forwards by thee into ever widening thought and action'

 - i. What kind of 'domestic wall' is the poet talking about? (2)
 - ii. According, to the poet, what is 'dead habit'? (2)

- iii. According to the poet, what must be done for achieving 'ever-widening thought and action'? (2)
- iv. What does poet mean by 'heaven of freedom'? (2)
- v. According to the poet, how should knowledge be? (2)

VII. Read the following extract and answer the questions that follow: (10)

'I met a traveller from an antique land
Who said: "Two vast and trunkless legs of stone
Stand in in the desert....."

- i. What else did the traveller find in the sand? (1)
- ii. What does the poet mean by 'Two vast and trunkless legs of stone'? (1)
- iii. Explain the lines 'Tell that its sculptor well those passions read'. (2)
- iv. What features on the king's face tell that he was proud? (2)
- v. "Look on my works, ye mighty and despair!" Who is Ozymandias referring to when he speaks of 'ye mighty'? Why should they despair? (4)

SECTION V RAPID READER- MALGUDI DAYS

VIII. Read the following extract and answer the questions that follow: (10)

'He walked to his office full of resolve. He would do his normal work and get out at five. If they started any old tricks of theirs, he was going to tell the boss....'

- i. How was the day going for Venkant Rao in his office? (3)
- ii. Why did Venkant Rao get ready to leave at five? (1)
- iii. What did Venkant Rao decide to do when his boss refused to send him on time? Why did he decide on such an action? (2)
- iv. What did he write on the paper? (3)
- v. How much money would he get for increment? (1)