

FINAL EXAMINATION 2024-25

TIME: 2 HOURS

MARKS: 80

SECTION-I

10m

d) Later

8. Thakur's elder son worked in an office in _____.
 - a) Patna
 - b) Allahabad
 - c) Delhi
 - d) Jaipur
9. The king stopped and repeated the questions to the hermit after digging _____ beds.
 - a) Four
 - b) Three
 - c) Six
 - d) Two
10. In reply to the first question, what was the learned men's answer?
 - a) One must draw up in advance a table of days, months and years and strictly live according to it.
 - b) The king needed a council of wise men, who would help him fix the proper time for everything.
 - c) Not letting oneself be absorbed in idle pastimes.
 - d) All the options are correct.

SECTION-II (PROSE)

Light in the Night

15m

Read the following extract and answer the questions that follow.

Q II On cloudless nights, people would take advantage of the moonlight and go out to socialize.

1. When would these nights become dangerous? 2m
2. What could happen on dangerous nights? 3m
3. What would people do if they wanted to go out on these dangerous nights? 2m
4. Who were *link boys*? What did they do? 3m
5. What dangers did the employers face due to some dishonest link boys? 2m
6. Give one word for the following: 3m
 - a) a type of hat with a brim and ribbons that are tied under the chin:
 - b) falling slowly in drops or a thin stream:
 - c) a string in oil or in the middle of a candle that is lit for burning:

Three Questions

15m

Read the following extract and answer the questions that follow.

Q III And learned men came to the King, but they all answered his questions differently.

1. What were the king's three questions? 3m
2. What answers did the King get to his second question? 2m
3. According to the learned men, what was the most important occupation? 2m
4. Why did the King decide to go to the hermit? 2m

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| 5. What did the king do before he met the hermit and reached his cell? | 3m |
| 6. Give meanings of the following words: | 3m |
| a) proclaimed: | |
| b) renowned: | |
| c) repented: | |

SECTION-III (POETRY)

The Listeners

10m

Q IV ‘Is there anybody there?’ he said.

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| 1. Who is ‘he’? Where was ‘he’? | 3m |
| 2. What flew above ‘he’s’ head? From where did this creature come out? | 1m |
| 3. What was the colour of ‘he’s’ eyes? At this moment, what was ‘he’ feeling? | 1m |
| 4. According to the poet, who did he think were in ‘there’? At this moment, what were they doing? | 3m |
| 5. Why did ‘he’ come ‘there’? | 1m |
| 6. How many times did ‘he’ knock? | ½m |
| 7. Mention the figure of speech in the line below.
“Of the forest’s ferny floor.” | ½m |

Home and Love

10m

Q V Just Home and Love! The words are small

Four little letters unto each.

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| 1. Name the poet. | 1m |
| 2. State the rhyme scheme of the poem. | 1m |
| 3. What is home without love? | ½ m |
| 4. What is love without home? | ½ m |
| 5. According to the poet, if we have both home and love, what must we do? | 2m |
| 6. When does a house become home? | 1m |
| 7. Complete the following lines.
No! each alone will seldom do: | 2m |

Both Home and Love.

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| 8. Give meanings of the following words: | 2m |
| a) divine: | |
| b) gracious: | |

SECTION-IV (RAPID READER)

Q VI	Anandi	20m
A The thakur has two sons.		10m
1. Who was 'the thakur'?		1m
2. How did thakur lose more than half his wealth?		1m
3. What amount was left with thakur?		1m
4. Who was thakur's elder son? Why was he held in high esteem by the villagers?		3m
5. Why did the women of the village not see eye-to-eye with the elder son?		2m
6. Give one word for the following:		2m
a) throw with great force:		
b) using money carefully and not wastefully:		
B There was only a quarter seer left today.		10m
1. Who is the speaker and who is the listener?		2m
2. What was the quarter seer of ghee used for?		1m
3. Why did the listener get angry at the speaker?		1m
4. When had the ghee stock been replenished?		1m
5. What can a woman tolerate and what can a woman not tolerate?		2m
6. What did the listener do when he got enraged?		2m
7. Give meanings of the following words:		1m
a) affluent:		
