

2021

ENGLISH II

First Paper

Full Marks : 80

The figures in the margin indicate full marks.

*Candidates are required to give their answers in their own words
as far as practicable.*

Group-A

1. Correct the following sentences if necessary (*any ten*): 1×10
- (a) There isn't anybody more wiser than Birbal.
 - (b) They choosed him captain of the team.
 - (c) Neither the plates nor the bowl were broken.
 - (d) She is one of the doctor who operated on my father.
 - (e) The new owner of the house sold the old furnitures in the room.
 - (f) I prefer walking than travelling by bike.
 - (g) I love flowers that smell sweetly.
 - (h) Our family has lived here over ages.
 - (i) My father purchased a L.C.D. television set yesterday.
 - (j) I having been try to solve this problem from the morning.
 - (k) How dare you to disobey me?
 - (l) One is expected to do their work neatly.
2. Do as directed (*any six*): 1×6
- (a) If you buy two products, you get one free. (Change into Compound sentence)
 - (b) The king had to agree, or be executed. (Change into Complex sentence)
 - (c) No other student in the class is better than her. (Change to superlative degree)
 - (d) It was cruel of Hitler to kill so many Jews. (Change into exclamatory sentence)
 - (e) The headmaster gave the student a prize. (Change the voice)
 - (f) They said, "Hurrah! We have won the match!" (Change to indirect speech)

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- (g) All Saturdays in August will be working days. (change into negative sentence)
 (h) It is unwise to swim after a heavy meal. (rewrite using gerund)

3. Supply one word substitute (*any four*):

1×4

- (a) One who takes a negative view of life.
 (b) Someone between 80 and 89 years of age.
 (c) Life story of a person written by himself or herself.
 (d) Something which is not fit to be eaten.
 (e) A doctor who treats problems of the heart.
 (f) The murder of one's own sister.

Group-B

4. Imagine that you are XYZ residing at 1, ABC Road, DEF Nagar, Kolkata- 700001. Attempt *any one* of the following letters. 20

- (a) A reputed computer training institute has advertised in *The Telegraph* seeking an instructor to teach computer programming to students. Draft a letter of application for the same and attach your CV.
 (b) You are studying in PQR College. Write a letter to the Principal of the college requesting a scholarship to pursue further studies.
 (c) Write a letter to the Editor of *The Times of India* complaining that necessary Covid-19 protocol announced by the government are not being followed in your locality.

Group-C

5. Write a précis of the following passage and add a suitable title.

12+4

In Literature, students read and respond to a variety of literary texts from the genres of prose, poetry and drama. The texts can range from classics such as Shakespeare, to modern works such as *The Boy in Striped Pyjamas* by John Boyne. The greatest value of Literature is that it promotes empathy as it develops in the child a greater understanding of the human condition. When students study Literature, they learn to appreciate words and their power. They travel to other realms and times through the texts they read. They understand about their own culture and others'. They learn to empathise with characters, to feel their joys and pain.

Importantly, students of literature learn to consider multiple perspectives and understand the complexity of human nature. Take, for example, George Orwell's *Animal Farm*. Do we feel Napoleon is fully responsible for the miserable lives the animals lead? Aren't the other animals responsible for their own plight too, having allowed Napoleon to tyrannise them? In Literature, as in life, things aren't always so clear cut, in black and white. And therein lies the value of the subject — it prepares one for the ambiguities of life, to take uncertainties in one's stride. Moreover, in Literature, students develop a sense of individuality and creativity, as they develop their own opinions about issues in their texts. They also learn skills of persuasion — they need to convince others of their interpretations, and this builds their confidence.

Group-D

6. Explain the meaning of *any four* of the following Latin legal terms: 3×4
- (a) In limine
 - (b) De facto
 - (c) Affidavit
 - (d) Res judicata
 - (e) Seriatim
 - (f) Certiorari
7. Explain the meaning of *any four* of the following English legal terms: 3×4
- (a) Civil matter
 - (b) Cross examination
 - (c) Equity
 - (d) Alternative dispute resolution
 - (e) Custom
 - (f) Peremptory
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