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ENGLISH

Full Marks – 80

Pass Marks – 20

Time : Three hours

The figures in the right hand margin indicate full marks for the questions.

Answer the questions in your own words as far as practicable.

SECTION – A  
(READING)

1. Read the following passage and answer the questions that follow :

The abilities to manipulate genes have opened up entirely new possibilities, so that creatures earlier thought to be of no significance may in future furnish us with products of value. Consider the lowly spiders, whose cobwebs we sweep away with contempt. These spider web threads are incredibly strong, stronger than a steel wire of a similar diameter. So material produced from the spider silk could have

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tremendous applications. As of today this potential has not been tapped because, unlike in case of silkworm, one cannot produce spider silk in sufficient quantities. But now, Japanese scientists have transferred one of the genes for silk production from a species of spider into a goat. Spider silk is a protein, and the genetically engineered goat can produce milk that includes the spider silk protein along with the normal milk proteins. It may then become possible to isolate spider silk in large quantities from this source and bring it into commercial production.

- (a) Complete the following statements with a word / phrase :
- (i) Spider web threads are now found to be stronger than \_\_\_\_\_ 1
- (ii) We thought spiders are of no \_\_\_\_\_ . 1
- (b) Answer the following questions in *one* sentence each :
- (i) What have opened up new possibilities ? 1
- (ii) Why has spider silk not been in use in spite of its potential ? 1
- (iii) Who are experimenting to produce spider silk from genetically engineered goat's milk ? 1
- (c) Answer the following question in about 50 words : 3
- What efforts do Japanese scientists make to bring spider silk into commercial production ?

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(d) Pick out the words from the passage which have the same meaning as : 1+1=2

- (i) to deal with skilfully  
(ii) the feeling that something is worthless

COURSE BOOK  
(PROSE)

2. Answer the following questions in a sentence each :

- (a) What had been the meanest plan of the sister of Radha's husband ? 1  
(b) What made Edmund Hillary tell the interviewer 'I am lucky man' ? 1  
(c) When did Anju give away her money to the beggar-woman ? 1

3. Answer the following questions in about 25-30 words each :

- (a) What do you understand by pollution after your reading of the text ? 2  
(b) How did two Bengali words come into use in Sagol Kangjei ? 2  
(c) Why are festivals and fairs important in human life ? 2

4. Answer the following questions in about 50 words each :

- (a) How is the beauty of Dzuko valley described at the end of your lesson ? 3  
(b) Why, in Maulana Azad's view, should he support Nehru's policies ? 3

SECTION – B

(WRITING)

5. Write an essay on *any one* of the following topics in about 150 words using the given outline : 7

(a) Discipline :

[ Outlines : What is discipline – how it helps students – how it builds character to become achiever – conclusion.]

(b) Flood :

[ Outlines : What is flood – how does it happen especially in Manipur – measures to be taken up before and after – conclusion.]

(c) Use of mobile phone :

[ Outlines : Usefulness of mobile phone – abuse of mobile by young and old especially in Manipur – effects on health and students – conclusion.]

6. Pinku writes a letter to his friend Mukul of Paltan Bazar, Guwahati explaining how kidnapping and extortion have become threats to hard working people. Write the letter. 5

Write a letter to the Chief Engineer, Electricity Department, Government of Manipur requesting him to arrange for adequate power supply in the night hours to help students in their preparation for the Board's HSLC Examinations.

7. Achan Kamei is reporter of a local daily. He prepares a report of fire that burnt down a residence cum shop roadside house at Keishampat at around 7.30 p.m. on 5th November, 2010. Cause of fire was from petrol kept for sale without safety measures. Timely arrival of fire service saved the neighbours but the house was totally damaged losing lakhs of property. Reproduce the report. 4
8. Abdul Hamid is the General Secretary of Maulana Azad High School. He prepares a notice to be put up on notice board informing the students to attend compulsarily the School Foundation Day and participate in the programme of their choice on the 5th December, 2010. Reproduce the notice. 3
9. Make notes of the main points of the following passage and prepare a summary using the points : 3+3=6

Scientific knowledge has its dangers ; but so has every great thing. And over and beyond the dangers with which it threatens the present, it opens up as nothing else can the vision of a possible happy world, a

world without poverty, without war, with little illness. And, what is perhaps more than all, when science has mastered the forces which mould human character, it will be able to produce populations in which few suffer from destructive fierceness and in which the great majority regard other people, not as competitors to be feared, but as helpers in a common task.

## SECTION – C

## (GRAMMAR)

10. Rewrite the following sentences inserting appropriate determiners wherever necessary : 1+1=2
- (a) Edmund Hillary was overjoyed because dream had come true.
- (b) The words he spoke were well chosen.
11. Fill in the blanks with correct modals : 1
- My shoe \_\_\_\_\_ mending.
12. Change the voice of the following sentence : 1
- Visitors can't walk over the lawn.
13. Change the narration of the following : 3
- The teacher said to the student, "Why are you silent? Speak out, can't you hear?"

13. Change the narration of the following : 2+1=3
- (a) The teacher said to the students, " Do as I tell you. Do not waste your time in learning useless things."
- (b) He said to me, " Can you meet me tomorrow at the railway station?"
14. Rewrite the tense forms of the verbs correctly : 1
- They lived in this town for the last twenty years when the war broke out.
15. Transform the following sentence using 'no sooner \_\_\_\_\_ than' : 1
- As soon as she entered the hall all stood up to greet her.
16. Add question tag to the following : 1
- His children have not any fine clothes, \_\_\_\_\_ ?

**SECTION - D**  
**(LITERATURE)**

17. Answer **one** of the following questions in about 30 words : 2
- (a) "This pact was accepted after a little further argument."
- What was the pact ?
- (b) 'Animals,' I said to myself in disgust. 'Animals'.
- Why did the writer say in disgust ?
18. Answer three of the following questions in about 30 words each : 2x3=6
- (a) "I listened, motionless and still."
- Why did Wordsworth listen to the Solitary Reaper's song ?
- (b) "I doubted if I should ever come back" ?
- Why did the poet doubt if he should ever come back ?

- (c) "\_\_\_\_\_ and the woman trembled in fear."
- Why did the woman tremble in fear ?
- (d) Why was Mother India indignant ?
19. " Demand the world, and you have a good chance of getting it "
- Why did Livingstone say thus to the trader ? 2
20. Answer either of the following questions in about 100 words : 5
- (a) Write why had the banker felt so great a contempt for himself after reading the lawyer's letter ?
- Or
- (b) Write how the writer depicts the living conditions of the white people and the poor native Chinese.
21. (a) Comment on the title of the play 'The Pathfinder'. 5
- Or
- (b) "I have been trusting in the Living God"
- Give your comment on Livingstone's faith in God.