

First Term Examination 2022-23

Subject :- English

Time :-2.00 Hrs.

Std.:-12th

Marks-50

Q-1 Read the extract and complete the activities given below : (12)

At a corner of Sixth Avenue electric lights and cunningly displayed wares behind plate glass made of a shop window attractive. Soapy took a stone and dashed it through the glass. People came running around the corner, a policeman in the lead. Soapy stood still with his hands in his pockets, and smiled at the site of the brass buttons.

“Where’s the man that done that?” inquired the officer agitatedly.

Don’t you think that I might have had something to do with it? said Soapy with a friendly voice, as one greets good fortune .The policeman refused to accept Soapy even as a clue. Men who smash window do not remain to chat with the police. They take to their heels. The policeman saw a man half – way down the block running to catch a car. With drawn club he joined in the pursuit. Soapy, with disgust in his heart, drifted along twice unsuccessful.

On the opposite side of the street was a restaurant of now great pretensions. It catered to large appetites and modest purses. It’s crockery and atmosphere were thick; it’s soup and napery thin. Into this place Soapy betook himself without challenge. At a table he sat and consumed beefsteak, flapjacks, doughnuts and pie. And then he told the waiter the fact that, the minutest coin and himself were total strangers,

“Now, get busy and call a cop”, said Soapy.“And don’t keep a gentlemen waiting “. “No cop for you,” Said the waiter, with a voice like butter cakes and an eye like the cherry in the Manhattan cocktail. “ Hey con!”

Neatly upon his left ear on the callous pavement two waiters pitched Soapy. He arose joint by joint as a carpenters rule opens, and dusted his clothes. Arrest seemed now but an elusive dream. The island seemed very far away. A policeman who stood before a drug store two doors away laugh and walked down the street.

A1) Write if the following sentences are True or False. Correct the false sentences (2)

- a) The policeman chased Soapy.
- b) The policeman ate beefsteak, flapjacks, doughnuts and pie.

A2) The Cop did not arrest Soapy for breaking the glass window- Give reason (2)

A3) Discuss the hidden meaning in the sentence: a voice like butter cakes and an eye like the cherry in the Manhattan cocktail. (2)

A4) Have you ever bought/eaten something and then found that you did not have enough money to pay for it? Describe your feeling at that time (2)

A5) Language study:- (2)

1. The island seemed very far away (Make negative sentence and rewrite)
2. On the opposite side of the street was restaurant of no great pretensions. (Make it affirmative sentence)

A6) Fill in the blanks with the correct nouns from the extract :- (2)

- | | |
|-------------------|-------------------|
| 1. Friendly _____ | 2. Electric _____ |
| 3. Large _____ | 4. Callous _____ |

Q-2) A Read the extract and complete the activities given below : (16)

The call of the seas has always found an echo in me. Not being rich enough to roam them in a private yacht, I have taken the poor man's way out - I swim across them! I have always been fascinated by the Indian Ocean-whether at Mumbai, at Puri or at Gopalpur. I have swum at all these places and have left the thrill. But the idea of swimming the Palk Straits did not occur to me until after I had swum the English channel steeped in the history and tradition of this nation, practically unconquered, teeming with hair-raising hazards, the seas between India and Srilanka had all the elements of challenge, danger and difficulty that tempt me. By way of preparation I continued a strict and rigorous course of training which had begun in 1960. I had also to collect a comprehensive range of facts and information about this sea. Neither was easy.

Despite all the information I had gathered, I soon found that very little was known about the Palk Straits, especially about the tides and currents. Everything about the English channel is known; there is a channel swimming Association, there are trained pilots, there are boats to be hired accurate weather forecast to be had for the asking, dependable tide tables and every other form of assistance was readily available. All that one needed was money. Here in the Palk Straits one had first to find out where information could be obtained and then to decide how much of it's was incorrect or misleading!

A1) State whether the following sentences are True or False. Correct the false statement and rewrite it (2)

1. The narrator had swum in the English channel before swimming in the Palk Straits.
2. The narrator was rich enough to roam the seas in a private yacht.

A 2) It is easier to swim the English Channel because :- Give reasons (2)

A3) The idea of swimming in the Palk straits was tempting to the narrator Explain Why? (2)

A4) Would you like to lead an adventurous life? Give reasons for your answer (2)

A5) Do as directed (2)

1. Not being rich enough to roam them in a private yacht, I swim across them (Rewrite as a compound sentence)

2. I have swum at all these places. (Rewrite this sentence in present perfect continuous tense)

A6) Write the noun form of the given words (2)

1. Private

2. Fascinated

Q-2 B) Write a brief summary of the above extract with the help of the points given below and suggest a suitable title:- (4)

- The liking for the sea - Attraction for the Palk Straits
- The comparison with the English channel

Q-3) Read the poem and complete the given activities (10)

Home again, I can see him drinking weak tea,

Eating a Stale chapatti, reading a book,

He goes into the toilet to contemplate

Man's estrangement from a man-made world.

Coming out he trembles at the sink,

The cold water running over his brown hands,

A few droplets cling to the graying hair on his wrists.

His sullen children have often refused to share jokes and secrets with him.

He will now go to sleep.

Listening to the static on the radio,

Dreaming of his ancestors and grandchildren,

Thinking of nomads entering a subcontinent through a narrow pass. (2)

A1) Choose the correct option and give reasons for it :-

Refusal of the children to share jokes and secrets indicates:

- 1) They are angry
- 2) Generation gap
- 3) Lack of Concern

A2) The father contemplates his past and peeps into his future, Give reasons. (2)

A3) Describe the nature of the family members, from the father's behavior in the extract. (2)

A4) Give one example of 'Synecdoche' and another example of 'Alliteration' from the poem and explain it. (2)

A 5) Compose a short poem in about 4-6 lines on your father. (2)

Q-4 Writing Skill (8)

A) Write blogs on the following topic (Any One) (4)

- 1) Say no to tobacco OR
- 2) Man V/s Nature

B1) Prepare a short tourist leaflet on any sea-side resort you have visited with the help of points given below :- (4)

- i) How to reach there
- ii) Accommodation
- iii) Places worth- seeing
- iv) Add your own points.

OR

2) Prepare a leaflet on 'Save the Earth'

Make use of the following points

- Make the slogan attractive
- Make a persuasive appeal

- Give information about the programmes to be undertaken
- Ask contributions
- Explain the need to save the environment

Q 5) Answer the following questions

1) List the types of novels (2)

2) Explain :-Gothic Novel (2)
