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**ANDHRA ASSOCIATION HIGH SCHOOL
HIGHER SECONDARY SECTION
SELECTION EXAMINATION - 2021**

**CLASS: XII
TIME: 3 hrs**

**SUBJECT: ENGLISH
MARKS= 80**

PART – A
Marks – 60

1. Answer any two of the following questions each in about 100 words: 6x2=12
- a) "She had beautiful eyes- but they were of no use" Bring out the irony of the title of the story 'The Eyes Have it' in the light of the above line. 6
 - b) "This is not a correct approach at all and should never be followed" – Who is the speaker and to whom is this said? What is not a correct approach? What is the correct approach? 2+2+2
 - c) Who was the strange bearded man? Why did the man want to take revenge upon the Tsar? How did the Tsar take care of the wounded man? 1+1+4
 - d) "You have already been answered!" – Who made this remark and to whom? How was the person spoken to already answered? 2+4
2. Answer any two of the following questions each in about 100 words: 6x2=12
- a) "In his side there are two red holes" What do the two red holes depict? How is the 'pity of war' reflected through the striking revelation at the end of the poem? 2+4
 - b) Show how in 'Sonnet 18' William Shakespeare immortalizes his friend's beauty? 6
 - c) "The poetry of earth is ceasing never". What does Keats mean by the poetry of Earth? Explain with reference to the context. 1+5
 - d) 'Ah Nature Keep him Warm; he may catch cold'. Who is referred to here as 'him'? Why does the poet ask nature to keep him warm? What note of irony is reflected in this context? 1+1+4
3. Answer any one of the following questions in about 100 words: 6x1=6
- a) "What a weight off my shoulders Ouf!" Who is the speaker? What has been referred to as 'weight' of the speaker? Describe the character of the speaker in the light of the above comment. 1+1+4
 - b) Describe how a marriage proposal plays the key role in the play 'The Proposal'. 6
 - c) Do you find the play funny? Support your answer with illustrations from the text. 6
- 4A. Do as Directed: 1x6=6
- I. The humming insects don't disturb his rest. (Make it affirmative)
 - II. "She was an interesting girl", I said. "Can you tell me did she keep her hair long or short"? (Turn into indirect speech)
 - III. Rough winds do shake the darling buds of May. (change the voice)
 - IV. Squeezer is the best dog in the district. (Rewrite in comparative degree)
 - V. Adversity always presents opportunities for introspection. (Transform into a negative sentence)
 - VI. We lived in our ancestral house. (Use noun form of ancestral)

$$\frac{1}{2} \times 6 = 3$$

B. Fill in the blanks with appropriate articles and prepositions:

But the day passed and you did not return. So I came out from my ambush to find you, and I came upon your bodyguard, and they recognized me and not dressed my wound. I escaped from them, but should have bled to death had you

C. Correct the error in the following sentence by replacing the underlined words with the right one from the options given below: $1 \times 1 = 1$

My austere father used to avoid all unessential comforts and luxuries.
[Options: essence, essential, inessential]

5. Read the passage carefully and answer the questions given below:

I must have been eight or nine when my father gave me a small diary and I began my first tentative forays as a writer – or wordsmith, as I have sometimes described my calling. Many of those early diary entries were list – books read, gramophone records collected, films seen and enjoyed – but even this indulgence was a discipline of sorts and was to stand me in good stead in later years. It made me neat and meticulous and help me form the habit of keeping notes and filing away facts: not perhaps essential attributes for a writer, but useful ones. Young writers with natural talent are often handicapped by untidy working habits. A friend of mine wrote quite brilliantly but always contrived to lose his manuscripts; he now breeds Angora rabbits. While at boarding school in the hill station of Shimla, the then summer capital of British India, I discovered Dickens in the school library and captivated by David Copperfield, decided I was going to be a writer like David, who was really Charles Dickens. At the age of thirteen I did, infact, write a short novel, on account of school life – eulogies of my friends mostly. [From Rain in the Mountains by Ruskin Bond]

a) State whether the following statements are True or False. Write 'T' for True and 'F' for False: $1 \times 4 = 4$

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- When the narrator received the diary from his father, he was a teenager. *False*
 - The narrator studied at a boarding school in the summer capital of British India. *True*
 - The diary writing has helped the narrator to be meticulous. *True*
 - He discovered the book of Dickens at library of his Father. *False*

b) Answer each of the following questions in about 30 words: $2 \times 3 = 6$

- When did the narrator make a foray in writing?
- Which book influenced the narrator a lot and what was his first novel about?
- What did the narrator write in the diary and how writing a diary has helped him?

6A. Write a report on the sanitisation programme organized by your school. (word limit – 150 words)

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OR

Write a letter within 150 words to the Editor of an English Daily about the harm that is caused to the environment by the use of plastic goods. $2+8 = 10$

OR

Write a précis of the following passage. Add a suitable title. $2+8=10$

Among the misfortunes that trouble human beings, the loss of health is the most troublesome. A man cannot enjoy his wealth, his happiness or his relations when he is sick. If you can give a sick man everything but leave him to his sufferings, he will feel that the world is lost to him. Even when he is laid on a bed of roses, he groans in physical agony and remains sleepless. On the contrary, a beggar who is healthy, can enjoy a sound sleep even lying on the bare ground. A man with good health can enjoy his food and choose his drink but a sickman cannot take a morsel out of fear that his health may deteriorate. In fact, a healthy man is always envied by a richman with poor health. If a sickman is surrounded with the pomp of a king, if his chair be made his throne, if his crutch be his scepter, even then he will envy the good health of his meanest servant. His great palace would not be able to provide him the comfort that a man with a sound health gets even if he lives in a hut with thatched roof.

PART – B

Marks = 20

1. Complete each of the following sentences, choosing the correct option from the given alternatives. $1 \times 4 = 4$

i. The brief encounter between the narrator and the girl ended at –

- a) Rohana b) Saharanpur c) the train d) platform

ii. With the power of prayer, we transcend our body to be a part of –

- a) humanity b) society c) heaven d) cosmos

iii. The Tsar saw that the bearded man was gazing at him with –

- a) questioning eyes b) blinking eyes c) shining eyes d) prying eyes

iv. The Tsar was unhappy with all the answers because –

- a) they were wrong b) they all were different c) he did not agree with them
d) all of the above

2. Answer any four of the following questions each in a single sentence. $1 \times 4 = 4$

- i. Who was Pakshi Lakshmana Sastry?
- ii. What did the blind narrator think of aunts?
- iii. For which purpose according to the hermit were human beings sent to life?
- iv. What according to Kalam, should be severed to get freedom, happiness and peace of mind?
- v. Why did the Tsar wish to know the answer of his three questions?
- vi. Who revealed the narrator about the girl's blindness?

3. Complete each of the following sentences choosing the correct option from the alternative provided. $1 \times 4 = 4$

- i. The poet compares his beloved to a _____
a) spring's day b) summer's day c) winter's day d) rainy day

ii. Who sings in winter evenings –
a) cuckoo b) nightingale c) ~~cricket~~ d) grasshopper

iii. The 'darling bud' of May are shaken by
a) birds b) storm c) gentle breeze d) ~~rough winds~~

iv. From the mountain top stream the –
a) sun's rays b) channel of water c) green grass d) bright light

4. Answer any four of the following questions, each in a complete sentence: 1x4=4

- i. How is the dead soldier shown respect by nature?
- ii. How can it be said that the soldier is sleeping in peace?
- iii. What shrills from behind the fire place?
- iv. Why do birds faint in 'The Poetry of Earth'?
- v. What is suggested by the phrase 'eternal lines'?
- vi. What makes the gold complexion of summer dim?

5. Complete each of the following sentences, choosing the correct options from the alternatives provided: 1x4=4

i. 'The proposal' was written by
a) stepan chubukov b) Leo Tolstoy c) Ivan Lomov d) ~~Anton Chekhov~~

ii. Lomov inherited his land from his late
a) ~~aunt and her husband~~ b) Father and mother c) Uncle d) Brother

iii. According to Natalya, Oxen meadows is with them for nearly
a) forty years b) ~~three hundred years~~ c) four hundred years d) eighty years

iv. Lomov's dog Guess has gone
a) mad b) weak c) ~~lame~~ d) away