

2000

ENGLISH

Full Marks - 100

Pass Marks - 33

Time : Three Hours

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

Answer in your own words as far as practicable.

SECTION-A
(PROSE)

1. (A) Read the following extract and answer the questions that follow :

It is a bad habit to speak disrespectfully of others : for it will lead you to think and feel uncharitable towards them. Ill names beget ill blood. Even where there may be some repeated trifling provocation, it is better to be courteous, mild and forbearing, than captious, impatient and fretful. The faults of others too often arise out of our own ill temper, or though they should be real, we shall not mend them, by exasperating ourselves against them. Treat your playmates, as Hamlet advises Polonius to treat the players, 'according to your own dignity, rather than their deserts.' If you fly out at everything in them that you disapprove or think done on purpose to annoy you, you lie constantly at the mercy of their caprice, rudeness or ill-nature. You should more your own master.

- (i) Why does the writer say that to speak disrespectfully of others is a bad habit ? 1
- (ii) What is the evil effect of ill temper? 1
- (iii) What is the writer's advice in the face of provocation? 1
- (iv) How should we treat our colleagues? 1
- (v) Why does the writer say that you should be your own master ? 1
- (vi) One of the words in the passage means 'irritated.' Find out the word. 1
- (vii) When the writer says that you lie constantly at the mercy of their caprice he means that-
- (A) you do not have real friends.
(B) people are always unfriendly.
(C) other people are likely to take advantage.
(D) people are always vindictive.

Write the letter of the correct answer. 1

OR

1. (B) When he was younger and had fallen sick, everyone in the neighbourhood had come to ask after his health. Now when his days were drawing to a close, no one visited him. Most of his old friends were dead. His sons had grown up; one was working in a local garage, the other had stayed in Pakistan where he was at the time of partition. The children who had bought kites from him ten years ago were now adults, struggling for a living; they did not have time for the old man and his memories. Having grown up in a swift changing

competitive World, they looked at the old kite maker with the same indifference as they showed toward the banyan tree. Both were taken for granted as permanent fixtures that were of no concern to the most of humanity that surrounded them. No longer did people gather under the banyan tree to discuss their problems and their plan.

- (i) Who is the man referred to here? 1
- (ii) What was the change in the attitude of the people? 1
- (iii) Why did people stop buying kites from him? 1
- (iv) What was the similarity between the old man and the banyan tree? 1
- (v) Why did the friends of the old man stop visiting him? 1
- (vi) Point out a word or phrase from the passage that means 'lack of interest.' 1
- (vii) Find out the correct answer from the four alternatives given below the statement. Write the letter only.
 People were indifferent to the old kite maker because-
 (A) people had become too busy.
 (B) nobody cared for kite-flying.
 (C) kite-flying was the past-time of the Nawabs.
 (D) the old man could not make kites. 1

2. Answer in about 100 words

- (a) Why was the captain of the Titanic regarded as British to the core? 8

OR

- (b) Why does Bertrand Russell say that no previous age has been fraught with problems so momentous ? 8

3. Answer the following questions in 20-25 words each:

- (i) What is the great affinity between trees and men ? 2
- (ii) Why does the writer advise his son not to quarrel with the world? 2
- (iii) What are the *three* things that Abel would do *on* Monday ? 2
- (iv) Why does Russell say that if scientific skill is allowed free scope, the human race will be exterminated ? 2
- (v) Why was the Titanic called the queen of the seas? 2

SECTION - B

(POETRY)

4. Read the following extract and answer the questions that follow in single sentences:

I see these locks in silvery slips,
 This drooping gait, this alter'd size:
 But Springtide blossoms on thy lips,
 And tears take sunshine from thine eyes!
 Life is but thought. 1

- (i) How do you know that the poet is old? 1

- (ii) Why did the poet think that he was young? 1
- (iii) What is the poet's view of life? 1
- (iv) Choose the correct answer from the *four* alternatives and write it:

When the poet says that life is but thought, he means-

- (A) life exists only in our thinking.
- (B) life is meaningless.
- (C) the reality of life.
- (D) everything depends on one's idea. 1

OR

There shall be in that rich earth a richer dust conceal'd:

A dust whom England bore, shaped, made aware, Gave, once,
her flowers to love, her ways to roam. A body of England's, breathing English air,

Washed by the rivers, blest by suns of home and think, this heart all evil shed away.

- (i) What does the poet mean by rich earth? 1
- (ii) Why does the poet say "a richer dust"? 1
- (iii) Why does the writer say that this heart all evil shed away? 1
- (iv) Write the correct answer from the *four* alternatives given under the statement:

The poet thinks that his country is better than any other country because he says that

- (A) his body is better.
- (B) other countries cannot produce man like him.
- (C) English air is better.
- (D) he was washed by the water of England. 1

5. Answer the following in about 100 words:

- (a) Why does the poet say that the skylark is 'true to the kindred points of Heaven and Home'? 8

OR

- (b) Why did the poet make 'mournful tread' while the people on shore were exulting? 8

6. Answer the following questions in about 20-25 words:

- (i) Why does the poet say that 'some corner of a foreign land will be forever England'? 3
- (ii) Why did the poet try to kill the Snake? 3
- (iii) How does the poet describe 'hatred' in 'Ruminations'? 2

SECTION - C

(SUPPLEMENTARY READER)

7. Answer the following questions in about 100 words

(a) Why does the writer say that no curfew order has been more strictly enforced and more implicitly obeyed? 8

OR

(b) Why did the people of Pans gave their verdict in favour of Quinquart ?

8. Answer the following questions in about 20-25 words each:

(i) How did the people of Garwal exhibit fear ? 3

(ii) How did Najab tame Kaley Shah when the latter was angry ?

(iii) What was the behaviour of the man in black towards the sailor ? 2

(iv) How did Della buy a gift for Jim ? 2

(v) why did Robichon play the part of Jacques Roux ? 2

SECTION - D

(WRITING SKILL)

9. Read the following passage and do as directed

The magi as you know, were wise men-wonderfully wise men-who brought gifts to the Babe in the manger. They invented the art of giving Christmas presents. Being wise, their gifts were no doubt wise ones, possibly bearing the privilege of exchange in case of duplication. And here I have lamely related to you the uneventful chronicle of two foolish children in a flat who most unwisely sacrificed for each other the greatest treasures of their house.

(i) Make notes of the passage. 3

(ii) Develop the points into a summary. 3

10. Miss Anita of Wangkhei writes to her friend Sunita in Lady Keanes College, Shillong, to send her details of information about admission to TDC class of the college. Reproduce the probable form of the letter.

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OR

Mr. Ronald of Bishnupur sends a letter to the Principal, Cotton College, Guwahati for reservation of a hostel seat in the college. Reproduce the probable form of the letter.

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11. A flash flood destroys crops in Taothong area. Shri Biren, Pradhan gives a report to the Director of Agriculture. Give the probable form of the report.

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OR

There was an accident at Minuthong. Shri Mani gave a report to the Editor of a local newspaper. Reproduce the probable form of the report.

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12. Principal, Manipur High School puts up a notice informing all guardians to attend a meeting in time for consideration of management in the school. Reproduce the probable form of the notice.

13. Write an Essay on *one* of the following in about 150-200 words: 12

(a) Games and sports.

(Outline: What it is- in Greece in the past-different types - usefulness - its place in Manipur).

- (b) Elections.
(Outline : What it is: recent election in Manipur-usefulness – defects-conclusion).
- (c) As you sow, so shall you reap,
(Outline : Meaning of the proverb: application in life - conclusion).

ENGLISH
Scoring Key /Outline Answer And
Marking Scheme

INSTRUCTION OF EXAMINERS:

All examiners of General English are requested to follow the marking instructions given hereunder for the sake of uniformity in evaluation.

In case of doubt please contact the Head Examiner or Asst. Head Examiner for consultation.

- (1) Please use red ink or ball pen with red refill in examining the scripts.
- (2) Please avoid fractional marks.
- (3) Please award the marks on the left-hand side/margin towards the end of the answer. In no case should the marks be written at other parts of the answer.

The following is an outline answer:

1. (a) (i) because it will lead him to think and feel uncharitable towards them. 1
- (ii) Ill name beget ill blood. 1
- (iii) to remain courteous, mild and forbearing. 1
- (iv) to regard (treat) our colleagues according to our own dignity. 1
- (v) one will have to survive at the mercy of their caprice, rudeness or ill nature. 1
- (vi) Provocation. 1
- (vii) (C) other people are likely to take advantage. 1

OR,

- (b) (i) The old kite maker. 1
- (ii) because the children of ten years ago have grown into adults and have no time for the old man and his memories. 1
- (iii) because they are struggling for a living. 1
- (iv) Both are old that they were of no concern to the people. 1
- (v) Most of his old friends were dead 1
- (vi) indifference. 1
- (vii) people had become too busy (A) 1

2. (a) The captain of the Titanic could not care for his own life and safety in the wake of the sinking ship. He saved the life of a floating baby on the sea water and when requested to get into the boat, he refused to come on the pretext that he would swim to a piece of wreckage. He was no longer seen after that. He lost his life for his charitable work. Indeed, the captain remained a true British Officer to the core.

OR,

- (b) Russel says that science with its discoveries and technologies has created many evils with dangerous and disastrous designs to human existence. It has also given many boons to man and relieved man from the bondage and slavery of nature. The danger arising out of scientific knowledge and its applications in the form of evils must have to be remedied by

science itself. We must look to science to undo with evils in order to make our world happier.

3. (i) The rate of growth of man and trees is the same if the trees are not hurt or starved or cut down. Trees also stoop down like man in their old age. In their youth they are very bright. 2
- (ii) The author advises his son to avoid quarrel because the world we live in is the best and what is needed is charity and not finding faults of others. Wisdom shines amidst folly and knavery. 2
- (iii) Going to lawyer to change his will. Going to insurance office to pay his premium and then go to St. Phillips's Church for marriage. 2
- (iv) Scientific skills have made wars more vulnerable than ever and the human race will perish forever. Even if institutions to prevent wars are established, the possibilities of man's survival would remain minimum. 2
- (v) Titanic was known as the queen of the seas because of her supreme and surpassed every ship in comfort, in speed, in beauty, in equipment and had designed to ride with easy arrogance, dominant and indestructible. 2

4. (a) (i) because his hair have turned white 1
- (ii) because of the springtide 1
- (iii) Life is but thought 1
- (iv) (A) Life exists only in our thinking 1

OR

- (b) (i) Because the body of the patriot is there on it 1
- (ii) The patriot is a hero and his dead body would glorify the grave 1
- (iii) Evils exist with life not with death and the soul of a dead man is purified earthly sins by making in the purgatory. 1
- (iv) (D). he was washed by the water of England. 1

5. (a) The Skylark is a true link between the earth and the sky. The bird flies to the last point of vision in the sky and then goes beyond to the "gates of heaven". She never forgets heaven and the earth and become meeting point of Heaven and Home. In its flight down to the earth, the bird sings of order, harmony, peace and prosperity to mankind with its blessings from the Heaven for man.

OR

5. (b) While the people were exulting on the shore over the victory of the ship which had backed after winning the prize that the people sought, the poet is mourning the untimely death of this valiant captain. But the public assembled on the seashore for a warm welcome of the victor ship and its captain does not know what has happened actually to the captain. But the poet knows that the captain of the ship has died. He is, of course, sadly walking on the deck of the ship to see the dead captain and to bid him goodbye mournfully. 8

6. (i) It is the soldier's wish that if he dies as a patriot fighting for the cause of his country in a foreign country his dead body would be buried there. The dead body of the soldier is consigned to a grave finally, the grave containing his dead body would become rich, and become a part of the British territory since it contains the British earth.
- (ii) It was the knowledge of the poet about poisonous snake which gave him the idea to kill the poisonous snake. However, the poet failed to do so because he loved the snake while it was drinking water. The retreating snake particularly the slow manner of its retreat stirred poet's instinctive horror and he hurled a missile which missed to hit the snake.
3
- (iii) The basic psychology behind violence is hatred which has been treated in terms of heavy rain whipping creatures below on the earth. The mole involved into the activities of mass violence slowly passes like the grey moon from one corner to the other.
7. (a) The curfew order referred in 'Terror' is about the terror and fear psychosis created by the man eating leopard among fifty thousand people living in Garhwal. Life and human activities during the day usually passed on peacefully. Men went to long distances to transact business and visits to relatives in the area where also peaceful in the sunlight. Women went up the mountain sides to cut grass and children went to school. Some went to tend their goats grazing and even for collection of firewood. But as the day passed on and evening approached nearer people could hurry back for home. When night come the entire area could be involved pindrop silence. People remained inside the closed doors for protection. Even pilgrims managed to find settle here and there. The terror curfew referred means all these things.
8

OR

- (b) Robinchon had given lecture as Monsieur Roux on Public Execution, and had given the list of the victims who had executed. In course of his lecture Roux referred to the execution of a victim called Victor Lesueur who according to him had died a game. After his lecture, there came an invitation for him to dine with Marquis de Thevenin. When he went to the dinner, he was offered costly wine to drink. The question of Victor Lesueur's execution had been raised to which Robinchon explained that he would recall Victor's courage. The Monseur (Quinquart), thereupon, revealed that Victor was his only son and Robinchon was his murderer. The Marquis said that the wine which Roux was drinking was poisoned and he would die soon. Robinchon started trembling out of fear of death. Thus Quinquart (Marquis) had outwilted Robinchon and the judgement of Paris went in favour of Quinquart.
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8. (i) Men, women, and children did their respective work during the day but returned home before the sunset. The goats and the cattle were also driven home back before it was evening. People, goats and cattle remained indoors in absolute silence during nights.
3
- (jj) Najab tamed Kaley Shah by saying that he had come cloves which he wanted to buy with gold. Kaley Shah started collecting cloves for two days and Najab managed to elope with Fatiman.
3
- (iii) The behaviour of the Man in black with the sailor was that of charity. In order to confirm the disabled of the sailor he asked how it was happened and impressed to the story of the sailor.
2

- (iv) Della went to the shop of Mme. Sofronic and sold her precious hair at twenty dollars in order to buy a gift for Jim.
2
- (v) Robinchon played the role of Jacques Roux because he was overconfident of outwitting Quinquart and to marry Suzanne Bruvette.
2
9. (a) (i) Magi, the wonderfully wisemen, who invented the Christmass gifts and brought to the Babe in the manger. 1
(ii) Wise gifts with facility for exchange in case of duplication. 1
(iii) Two foolish children sacrificed foolishly the greatest treasure of their house.
1
- (b) Magi, the wonderfully wise men, brought gifts to the babe in the manger. Being inventor of giving christmass presents, bearing the previledge for exchange in case of duplication. And the two foolish children sacrificed for each other the greatest treasure of their house.
3

10. If the format is correct award 2 marks. 5 marks for matter.

To

Sunita

Lady Keanes College, Shillong,

My dear friend,

- (i) few exchange of greetings
- (ii) Whether admission is going on
- (iii) The percentage of marks required for admission
- (iv) The last date of form submission
- (v) Admission fees
- (vi) Any condition
- (vii) Hostel facilities, etc.
- (viii) Prospectus
- (xi) The last part of the letter, etc.

Dated

Yours friend, etc.

OR,

To

The Principal,
Cotton College, Guwahati.
Subject : Request for reservation of
a hostel seat.

Sir,

- (i) Expression of due respect
- (ii) request for a seat in the Hostel indicate the necessity of the seat.
- (iii) pledge to abide by the rules laid down by the college for hostelers
- (iv) the concluding part of the letter.

Dated:

Yours faithfully, etc.

11. Format - 2 marks.
Matter - 5 marks.

To
The Director,
Agriculture.

Subject : - - - - -

Sir,

- (i) Statement regarding the flash flood with the area of land and crop affected.
- (ii) present condition of the crop destroyed, affected by disease, etc.
- (iii) Nature of help demand from the Director
- (iv) Conclusion, including Yours, etc.

OR

To
The editor,

etc.

- (i) The eye witness description of the accident - how it occurred with who was faulty between the two parties along with date and timing.
- (ii) The timely, untimely people's police and other agencies' help.
- (iii) The victims with name and if possible their addresses.
- (iv) conclusion, etc. 3

12.

No.

Office of the Principal,
Manipur High School.

NOTICE

Dated.....

- (i) Time, venue, etc.
- (ii) Agenda
- (iii) request for attending the meeting, etc.

Sd/- etc.

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13. Essay:

- (i) Give equal weightage to both language and matter.
- (ii) Deduct 1 mark each for omission of each part of the outline.
- (iii) Examiners are to exercise discretion in essay question but some of the instructions are intended for uniformity of evaluation.

(a) Games & Sports.

- (i) The origin of the Games & Sports
- (ii) Sports in Greece in ancient time

- (iii) Type of Games & Sports in ancient & modern
- (iv) the purpose of Games & Sports; to promote the development of those fine Physical and moral qualities, etc., basis of amateur sports.
- (v) Development of Games & *Sports* in Manipur and its position in India and International with some outstanding sport persons.
- (vi) Conclusion.

(b) Election :

- (i) **A** democracy functions on the basis of people's votes **cast** freely and elections are the means of deciding who is **to** rule in the name of the people.
- (ii) Free & fair election
- (iii) Recent election of Manipur, contesting party, preparation, the results, the formation of the Government, etc.
- (iv) Defects : Rigging, violence. booth capturing, proxy, etc.
- (v) Conclusion.

(c) As you sow, so shall you reap.

- [i] One is responsible for the action he does.
- [ii] It is advisable not to do anything bad.
- [iii] Explanation.
- [iv] Conclusion.