

## English (Communicative)

[Time allowed: 3 hours]

[Maximum marks: 80]

**The Question paper is divided into four sections:**

- Section A – Reading 20 Marks**
- Section B – Writing 20 Marks**
- Section C – Grammar 20 Marks**
- Section D – Literature 20 Marks**

**General Instructions:**

1. All questions are compulsory.
2. You may attempt any section at a time.
3. All questions of that particular section must be attempted in the correct order.

### SECTION – D (Literature)

- Q13.** (A) Read the extract given below and answer the questions that follow by choosing from the given alternatives. **1 × 3 = 3**
- Sebastian Shultz, the boy I'd got to know so well recently, had apparently been in a coma for all that time.
- (a) Who was Sebastian Shultz?
    - (i) A 14-year-old schoolboy from South London
    - (ii) A teenager from Spain
    - (iii) A computer expert from U.S.
    - (iv) None of the above
  - (b) Where did Michael meet Sebastian?
    - (i) At a computer fair
    - (ii) On the computer screen
    - (iii) At school
    - (iv) On the helicopter
  - (c) How did Sebastian lose consciousness?
    - (i) He fell from the stairs
    - (ii) He was beaten up.
    - (iii) He was sick after an operation.
    - (iv) He had an accident

OR

1<sup>st</sup> citizen : If it be found so, some will dear abide it.

2<sup>nd</sup> citizen : Poor soul! His eyes are red as fire with weeping.

3<sup>rd</sup> citizen : There's not a nobler man in Rome than Antony.

4<sup>th</sup> citizen : Now mark him, he begins again to speak.

(a) 'If it be found so'. What is the citizen referring to?

- (i) the wrong done to Brutus
- (ii) Caesar's wrongful assassination
- (iii) Mark Antony's speech
- (iv) Caesar's right judgment

(b) Who is referred to as 'poor soul'?

- (i) Caesar
- (ii) Brutus
- (iii) Mark Antony
- (iv) Cassius

(c) What trait of the Roman citizens is reflected in the above lines?

- (i) Strong will power
- (ii) Love for Brutus
- (iii) Easily influenced
- (iv) None of the above

(B) Read the extract given below and answer the questions that follow:

**1 × 3 = 3**

And some in dreams assured were

Of the Spirit that plagued us so;

Nine fathom deep he had followed us

From the land of mist and snow.

- (a) Where were the mariners?
- (b) Which is the Spirit referred to here?
- (c) Why has the Spirit followed them?

- Ans.** A) (a) (i) A 14-year-old schoolboy from South London  
(b) (ii) On the computer screen  
(c) (iv) He had an accident

**OR**

- (a) (ii) Caesar's wrongful assassination  
(b) (iii) Mark Antony  
(c) (iii) Easily influenced
- B) (a) The mariners were heading towards South pole.  
(b) The spirit referred to here symbolises the revenge which the mariners had to bear for the ancient mariner killing the albatross.  
(c) The spirit had followed them to avenge the death of the albatross which meant going against the law of nature.

**14.** Answer any *four* of the following questions in 30–40 words each. **2 × 4 = 8**

- (a) 'Well, at least he had gathered some useful information.'  
What was the information gathered by Patol Babu?  
(b) Which sight was seen by the traveller in the desert?  
(c) How did the mariners escape from the land of mist and snow?  
(d) What sight did the poet see at the water – trough?  
(e) 'Let him be Caesar.' What does this line tell us about the attitude of the Roman mob?

- Ans.** (a) The information gathered by Patol Babu was that the film in which he was playing a role was directed by Baren Mallick, a director who had three smash hits in a row. In due course, he had also come to know that Chanchal Kumar, who was playing the lead in the movie, was a lead in four movies.  
(b) The traveller saw two trunkless legs of stone which stood alone in the desert. Nearby he also saw a half-sunk frowning face, with a wrinkled lip. On the pedestal the following words were inscribed: "My name is Ozymandias, king of kings:/ Look upon my works, ye Mighty, and despair"  
(c) When the albatross was hung around the neck of the ancient mariner, the load of sin was unburdened from the sailors and their ship. So, only when the ancient mariner found himself to be guilty and got ready for redemption, the rest of them could return from the land of mist and snow.

- (d) When the poet reached the trough one summer afternoon, he saw a snake drinking water from the trough. The poet waited for his turn to come as it was only fair as a second comer. He saw the snake sipping with his straight mouth.
- (e) The third citizen here says that because he misinterprets Brutus' intentions for killing Caesar. His faith arouses after Brutus says the powerful words "I have the same dagger for myself, when it shall please my country to need my death." He feels that it was good that the ambitious Caesar died and thus, his position could be replaced by the more worthy Brutus. He felt that if Brutus had welfare of the nation in his mind, he didn't mind Brutus being throned as the new ruler.

15. Answer the following question in about 120 words:

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How did Michael save Sebastian with the help of the interactive psycho-drive games?

OR

How did the 'Ouija board party' prove disastrous for John Hallock?

**Ans.** Interactive psycho-drive games helped Michael save Sebastian's life, bringing him back to consciousness from coma in his hospital. This happened because Sebastian met with an accident while he was in a car and was playing one of these virtual games and went into coma. Michael played four games namely Wild West, Dragon Quest, Jail Break and Warzone. In all the four games, the memory of Sebastian was involved as one of the players. This affected Sebastian's consciousness in reality. So, when Michael was able to free Sebastian's memory from the clutches of virtual reality, the latter could regain consciousness in reality. Thus, Sebastian's life processes were re-stored.

OR

'Ouija Board party' proved disastrous for John Hallock. This is a very ironic statement and could be proved as wrong because ultimately Hallock got a plot to write a ghost story. It was disastrous because it might have costed his marital relationship. He met Helen, the ghost in the story, while he was thinking of a plot for his ghost story. However, when the mention of Helen came up, Hallock's wife suspected him to have an illicit or extra-marital affair with Helen. She was about to leave the household when she confronted Helen, smiled and found out how silly her presumptions were. Because of the arrival of the ghost, the Ouija Board party and the skeptical nature of his wife, he found the "bulliest plot for a ghost story."