

Question 6

Give two synonyms for each of the following : (3)

- i. opponent ii. indignation iii. perfume

Question 7

Make sentences with the following words : (6)

- i. bridegroom ii. growl iii. cheering

Question 8

Find meaningful words from the following jumbled words : (3)

- i. orriang ii. hibiexoni iii. lwisrtet

Question 9

Identify the characters or objects with reference to the stories and poems we are talking about. (3)

- i. Chanted by magicians ii. optimistic iii. forgetful

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ENGLISH LITERATURE

Class : VII

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Question 1

Read the following questions and answer in your own words: (5x4=20)

- i) How was the narrator's second day at school marked with excitement?
- ii) What was the custom of the suburbs?
- iii) How does the poem In the Bazaars of Hyderabad prove that life comes full circle?
- iv) On days that things ran smoothly, what would disrupt the atmosphere at Uncle Podgers house?
- v) What effect did the narrator's shoe spikes have on her during the race?

Question 2

Read the following extracts and answer the questions that follow : (10x3=30)

I. "It was not a showy spectacle."

- i) What spectacle was the narrator referring to? (2)
- ii) Who were the spectators of this show? (2)
- iii) How well did the participants perform? (2)
- iv) What was the first thing that Uncle Podger lost early in the morning? How would everyone come to know that he has lost it? (2)
- v) What according to you are the two most prominent character traits of Uncle Podger? (2)

II. "What do you make, O ye goldsmiths?

Wristlet and anklet and ring,
Bells for the feet of blue pigeons,
Frail as a dragon fly's wing,
Girdles of gold for the dancers,
Scabbards of gold for the king."

- i) What are the different articles made by the Goldsmiths for the common man and royalty respectively? (2)
- ii) What are as frail as a dragon fly's wing? Why? (1+1)
- iii) What is alliteration? Give an example from the extract. (1+1)
- iv) Who does Sarojini Naidu refer to in the next stanza? What are selling? ($\frac{1}{2} + \frac{1}{2}$)
- v) What do the last lines reflect about Sarojini's idea of India? (2)

III. "And now our lives were turned upside down, each one of us trying to cope with the changed circumstances as best as we could." (2)

- i) What did the narrator mean by the phrase "turned upside down"? (2)
- ii) Why had such a situation arisen? (2)
- iii) What were the problems faced by the narrator due to her changed circumstances? (2)
- iv) Why was the narrator shaking her legs on the track? (2)
- v) From the very beginning of the story, what do you notice about the narrator's attitude? How does it help her towards the end? (2)

Question 3

- a) Quote from your memory the lines that depict the skill of the little bee in building her cell. Name the poet. (4+1)
- b) What is a parody? What is the name of the parody of "Against Idleness and Mischief"? (2)

Question 4

- i. Give the meaning of the following words : (3)
1. glistening 2. whoop 3. citron
- ii. Choose the appropriate meaning with reference to the text : (2)
1. scabbard
i. collar ii. belt iii. cover
2. savagely
i. excitedly ii. violently iii. quickly

Question 5

Choose the appropriate antonyms of the following words : (3)

- a) eventually
i. immediately ii. gradually iii. selfishly
- b) make
i. create ii. destroy iii. supply
- c) concentrated
i. accumulated ii. focussed iii. distracted