

SECTION B
LANGUAGE AND GRAMMAR - 15 marks

Question 1

[5]

Direction: *For each question, there are FOUR responses: A, B, C and D. Choose the corresponding letter of your response and CIRCLE it neatly. No scores will be awarded if you circle more than one letter.*

i. My grandmother is 85 years old, but she _____ still read and write without glasses.

- A can
- B will
- C may
- D shall

ii. I am looking for someone _____ can feed the cat in my absence.

- A who
- B which
- C whom
- D whose

iii. 'to, too and two' are examples of

- A antonym.
- B synonym.
- C homograph.
- D homophone.

iv. *It rained for three days, so the road in my neighborhood is flooded.*

The above is an example of a _____ sentence.

- A complex
- B compound
- C fragmented
- D independent

v. *He sings melodious songs.*

What part of speech is underlined in the above sentence?

- A adjective
- B adverb
- C noun
- D verb

Question 2

[5]

Direction: Complete the cloze text following the instructions given in the brackets.

- i. I am late for my rendezvous, _____? (Use the appropriate question tag)
- ii. The boy _____ father was a pilot became a pilot himself. (Use the appropriate relative pronoun)
- iii. I need _____ books I had given you last month. (Use the appropriate determiner)
- iv. His Majesty is not only handsome _____ also very intelligent. (Use the correct correlative conjunction)
- v. If I _____ you, I would travel and visit all sacred sites in Bhutan. (Use the correct verb)

Question 3

[5]

Direction: There is an error in each of the following sentence. The parts that need to be corrected have been underlined. Rewrite the sentences correctly in the spaces provided using the clues given in the brackets.

- i. The bamboo is the most tallest grass. (*superlative degree*)

- ii. If only I was a bird. (*subjunctive mood*)

- iii. The teacher almost worked for nine hours. (*misplaced modifier*)

iv. How much books should a student read in a year? (*quantifier*)

v. Sangay wanted to eat a plate of rice, and he was on a diet. (*incorrect connector*)

SECTION C
READING AND LITERATURE
SHORT STORY - 16 Marks

Direction: *Read the instructions carefully and answer the questions based on the story ‘The Nest’ by Robert Zacks.*

Question 1

[4]

Direction: *For each question, there are FOUR responses: A, B, C and D. Choose the corresponding letter of your response and CIRCLE it neatly. No scores will be awarded if you circle more than one letter.*

- i. In the beginning of the story, Jimmy, the main character is shown to be _____ in nature.
- A restless
 - B rebellious
 - C mischievous
 - D compassionate
- ii. Paul invited Jimmy and friends for a
- A fishing trip.
 - B soccer game.
 - C trip to the mall.
 - D hike in the woods.

iii. The youngest son in the story could be described as

- A smart.
- B indifferent.
- C sympathetic.
- D self-conscious.

iv. Why did Jimmy hang up the phone before his mother could answer?

- A Paul suddenly appeared in the room.
- B He was distracted by the club members.
- C Paul didn't want him to talk to his mother.
- D He didn't want to hear the response from his mother.

Question 2

Direction: *Read the questions carefully and write your answers in the spaces provided.*

i. Why was Jimmy not allowed to go out with his friend Paul?

[2]

'You make me sound like a dictator, Jimmy.'

ii. Why did Mrs. Swanson say the above line to Jimmy?

[2]

Question 3

Direction: *From the THREE questions given below, choose any TWO and write the answer in the space provided.*

- i. “*We need friends in life because they make us laugh louder and smile brighter.*” [4]
Justify the above statement by giving **FOUR** reasons.

- ii. Do you think children of your age should be given the freedom to make decisions? [4]
Why? Give **FOUR** reasons.

iii. What is the conflict in the story? Explain by giving few examples from the story. [4]

SECTION C
ESSAY - 16 marks

Direction: *Read the essay given below carefully and answer the questions that follow.*

Laughter is the Best Medicine

Children on average laugh about 300 times a day. Can you guess how many times per day the average adult laughs? Not even close. Just seventeen times per day. How sad that we lose all our sense of humour as we grow up! The simple act of throwing your head back and roaring at any kind of humour has multiple benefits both mentally and physically.

Laughing actually increases the immune system, making us stronger and better able to fight off disease. And all that humour requires us to do is breathing in more oxygen; which is good for the entire body. The physical benefits of humour do not end there. Laughing has been proven to lower blood pressure, burn calories and give your internal organs a good massage. It also exercises almost the entire body, which explains why we get sore sides after a good laugh session. Moreover, it lowers stress hormone levels, keeping us calmer.

Humour can change your mood instantly. It is very hard to be angry when something strikes you as funny. Depression and anxiety are almost non-existent in people who have a great sense of humour and who are able to laugh at themselves. These people automatically see

the world in a different light, simply because of their sense of humour. Some doctors even recommend laughing as a therapeutic exercise.

This concept has even gone so far to form humour clubs where the main activity is laughing. The idea behind this is that if you spend an hour giggling, you will be healthier. The people who join these clubs spend the hour or so chortling away and go home feeling refreshed and healthy. According to the laughing clubs, you do not have to feel the laughter in order for it to be beneficial. Just opening your mouth and laughing on purpose, forced or not, can increase heart rate, oxygen levels and boost the immune system. And humour is proven to be contagious, so a good group laugh is quite probable every time the members of these clubs get together.

With humour being so good for you, how can you add more of it to your everyday life? You can start by smiling at yourself in the mirror each morning and having a five-minute laugh to get the day started. Reading jokes, watching comedy films or shows and hanging out with children are some guaranteed ways to get you chuckling yourself and on the road to better health.

Adapted from <https://myteflsolutions.com/laughter-text/>

Question 1

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Direction: For each question, there are FOUR responses: A, B, C and D. Choose the corresponding letter of your response and CIRCLE it neatly. No scores will be awarded if you circle more than one letter.

- i. As per the text, how many times does an average adult laugh daily?
 - A 7 times
 - B 17 times
 - C 30 times
 - D 300 times

- ii. Which of the following statement is **NOT TRUE** about laughing?
 - A It reduces depression and anxiety.
 - B It increases the immune system.
 - C It is good for the entire body.
 - D It gives side effects.

‘...*humour is proven to be contagious.*’

iii. Identify the meaning of the underlined word given above.

- A transmissible
- B manageable
- C controllable
- D negotiable

iv. Laughing is a good exercise because it

- A produces hormones.
- B prevents diseases.
- C increases calories.
- D triggers faintings.

Question 2

Direction: *Read the questions carefully and write your answers in the spaces provided.*

‘Humour can change your mood instantly. It is very hard to be angry when something strikes you as funny.’

[2]

i. Explain the extract taken from the text in your own words.

ii. According to the text, adults do not laugh as much as children. What could be the possible reasons? Mention any **TWO**.

[2]

Question 3

Direction: *From the THREE questions given below, choose any TWO and write the answer in the space provided.*

- i. Watching comedy films have similar benefits as described in the text. Justify with **FOUR** reasons. [4]

- ii. Do you think the government should replace nightclubs with comedy clubs to entertain people? Support your answer with **FOUR** reasons. [4]

- iii. In general, people who laugh a lot hide their pain. Do you agree with the statement? Give **FOUR** reasons. [4]

SECTION C

POETRY - 10 Marks

Sympathy

Charles Mackay

I lay in sorrow, deep distressed;
My grief a proud man heard;
His looks were cold, he gave me gold,
But not a kindly word.

My sorrow passed I paid him back
The gold he gave to me;
Then stood erect and spoke my thanks
And blessed his charity.

I lay in want, grief, and pain;
A poor man passed my way;
He bound my head, he gave me bread,
He watched me night and day.

How shall I pay him back again
For all he did to me?
Oh, gold is great, but greater far
Is heavenly sympathy.

<https://www.litcharts.com/poetry/charles-mackay/sympathy>

Question 1

[2]

Direction: *For each question, there are FOUR responses: A, B, C and D. Choose the corresponding letter of your response and CIRCLE it neatly. No scores will be awarded if you circle more than one letter.*

- i. Which of the following is an example of internal rhyme in the poem?
 - A gold-cold
 - B bread - bound
 - C blessed - watched
 - D charity - sympathy

- ii. Which of the following word in the poem means 'giving money to a person who is in need' ?
 - A sympathy
 - B kindness
 - C distress
 - D charity

Question 2

Direction: *Read the questions carefully and write your answers in the spaces provided.*

- i. Paraphrase the second stanza of the poem in your own words. [2]

- ii. If you come across a beggar on the street, what would you offer? Give **TWO** reasons. [2]

Question 3

Direction: *From the TWO questions given below, choose any ONE and write the answer in the space provided.*

- i. What makes the speaker say the following line?

[4]

*'Oh, gold is great, but greater far
Is heavenly sympathy.'*

- ii. The speaker in the poem receives help from a proud and a poor man. Whose gesture do you appreciate the most? Explain.

[4]

