

**2017**  
**ENGLISH**

Full marks : 90

Time : 3 hours

**General instructions:**

- i) *Approximately 15 minutes is allotted to read the question paper and revise the answers.*
  - ii) *The question paper consists of 14 questions. All questions are compulsory.*
  - iii) *Marks are indicated against each question.*
  - iv) *Internal choice has been provided in some questions.*
- N.B:** *Check that all pages of the question paper is complete as indicated on the top left side.*

**SECTION-A (Literature)**

1. Answer the following questions: **5x2=10**
- (a) Describe the tavern in which the Duke and the other soldiers set up camp.
  - (b) What kind of optimism and hope is Sirleaf talking about?
  - (c) What was Mrs Andrews advice to Susan's father?
  - (d) Why did Red Chief refuse to go home?
  - (e) How can one demonstrate good leadership skills ?
2. Answer **any one** of the following questions in about 150 words:
- a. What type of a person do you think Duke de Hardimont is? **5**
- Or**
- b. Define Emotional Intelligence (EQ). Explain the four factors of EQ.
3. Read the lines from the poem and answer **any two** questions that follow:
- I. *Let them not make me a stone and let them not spill me. Otherwise kill me.*
- (a) Who is the speaker here? **1**
  - (b) What does 'stone' signify here? **1**
  - (c) What is better than to be swayed by the world? **1**
- II. *What heart heard of,ghost guessed:  
It is the blight man was born for,  
It is Margaret you mourn for.*
- (a) What is the 'blight' that the poet is talking of ? **1**
  - (b) Who is mourning for Margaret? **1**
  - (c) What has the heart, 'heard' of? **1**

- III. *Forward, the Light Brigade!*  
*Charge for the guns! He said:*  
*Into the valley of death*  
*Rode the six hundred.*
- (a) 'Forward , the Light Brigade!' Who says this? 1  
 (b) What do the words 'valley of death' highlight? 1  
 (c) What poetic device is used here? 1
4. Analyse the definition of Love as Shakespeare sees it in 'Let Me not to the Marriage of True Minds'. 4
5. *The evil that men do lives after them;*  
*The good is oft interred with their bones;*  
*So let it be with Caesar.The noble Brutus*  
*Hath told you Caesar was ambitious:*  
*If it were so,it was a grievous fault,*  
*And grievously hath Caesar answer'd it.*
- (a) What was Brutus' main grievance against Caesar? 1  
 (b) How has Caesar answered for his 'fault'? 2  
 (c) Why does Antony appear to be agreeing with Brutus? 2
6. Answer **any two** of the following questions in about 150 words: **5x2=10**
- (a) Why had the Canterville family not lived in 'Canterville Chase' for sometime?  
 (b) What are the punishments that the Ghost plans for each member of the Otis family?  
 (c) Describe the Canterville Ghost as a ghost story. How is it different from traditional ghost stories?

### SECTION –B (Reading)

7. Next to worry probably one of the most potent causes of unhappiness is envy. Envy is, I should say, one of the most universal and deep-seated of human passions. It is very noticeable in children before they are a year old, and has to be treated with the most tender respect by every educator. The very slightest appearance of favouring one child at the expense of another is instantly observed and resented. Distributive justice, absolute, rigid, and unvarying, must be observed by anyone who has children to deal with. But children are only slightly more open in their expressions of envy, and of

jealousy (which is a special form of envy), than are grown-up people. The emotion is just as prevalent among adults as among children. Take, for example, maid-servants: I remember when one of our maids, who was a married woman, became pregnant, and we said that she was not to be expected to lift heavy weights, the instant result was that none of the others would lift heavy weights, and any work of that sort that needed doing we had to do ourselves. Envy is the basis of democracy. Heraclitus asserts that the citizens of Ephesus ought all to be hanged because they said, 'there shall be none first among us'. The democratic movement in Greek States must have been almost wholly inspired by this passion. And the same is true of modern democracy.

Have you ever praised a politician to another politician of the same party? Or, been imprudent enough to praise an artist to another artist? If you have, it is a hundred to one that you will have produced an explosion of jealousy. In the correspondence of Leibniz and Huyghens there are a number of letters lamenting the supposed fact that Issac Newton had become insane. These two eminent men, in one letter after another, wept crocodile tears with obvious relish. As a matter of fact, the event which they were hypocritically lamenting had not taken place, though a few examples of eccentric behavior had given rise to the rumour.

Of all the characteristics of ordinary human nature envy is the most unfortunate; not only does the envious person wish to inflict misfortune and do so whenever he can with impunity, but he is also himself rendered unhappy by envy. Instead of deriving pleasure from what he has, he derives pain from what others have. If he can, he deprives others of their advantages, which to him is as desirable as it would be to secure the same advantages himself. If this passion is allowed to run riot it becomes fatal to all excellence, and even to the most useful exercise of exceptional skill. To many questions envy finds no answer. Fortunately, however, there is in human nature a compensating passion, namely that of admiration. Whoever wishes to increase human happiness must wish to increase admiration and to diminish envy.

The habit of thinking in terms of comparisons is a fatal one. When anything pleasant occurs it should be enjoyed to the full, without stopping to think that it is not so pleasant as something else that may possibly be happening to someone else. You can get away from envy by enjoying the pleasures that come your way, by doing the work that you have to do, and by avoiding comparisons with those whom you imagine, perhaps quite falsely, to be more fortunate than yourself.

(Based on your reading of the passage, answer the following questions).

- I. (a) What is envy according to the author? **1**  
 (b) Give two examples to show that adults feel envious of one another. **2**  
 (c) How can human happiness be increased? **2**  
 (d) Why is envy called a 'most unfortunate' of human nature? **2**  
 (e) How can one get away from envy? **2**
- II. Give the synonyms of the words from the passage: **3x1=3**  
 (a) delicate  
 (b) reckless  
 (c) liberty

8. Read the following passage and prepare notes on the contents of the passage and summarize in about 80 words using the notes that you have made: **5+3=8**

One of the world's greatest educators, who looked up to a child as an individual and a very special human being, is Maria Montessori. She gave the very young children the stimulating kindergarden, where children grew in an atmosphere of freedom and confidence.

Maria Montessori was born in Chiaravalle near Ancona, Italy, in the year 1870. As a little girl, she was a dull student, unable to grasp and retain what her teacher taught her. At the age of ten, she suddenly changed. Beside her heightened interest in religion, she felt she had a long way to go.

Maria began topping her class, and her parents felt that she should become a teacher. But she was determined to become an engineer. At the age of 14, she attended a technical school for boys. After a year she took up biology and decided to study medicine. In spite of a strong opposition from her father, she went ahead with medicine.

Maria became the first Italian woman to receive a medical degree after she graduated from the University of Rome in 1896. After getting her degree, she joined the University's psychiatric clinic. As a part of her duty, she had to visit the city's mental asylum, where disabled children were housed with the insane. She watched the children shriek, stretching their hands out, with an urge to reach out or touch something. Maria felt they needed a normal and friendlier environment and a contact with the world. She worked out ways by which she could help the disabled children. Dr. Bacelli opened an experimental state school for disabled children with Maria Montessori as its head. Maria spent long hours, almost 12 hours of the day with

children observing them and finding out what could really help them. After 2 years of hard work, her students took the normal state school examination. Her children proved that they were not hopeless cases. In fact, many did as well as others. Later, Maria was appointed professor of anthropology at the university. After 7 years, she took up another important mission of her life. She started a kindergarten for the poor, normal children. She first taught them to become tidy, learn self-discipline and then taught them to read and write. In her colourful, stimulating kindergarten, she provided them with innovative learning objects, like cut out letters of sandpapers, etc. Many more such innovations made her system of education stimulating and even inspired educationists.

### SECTION-C (Writing)

9. The KFC is shortly opening an outlet in Kohima. As the Sales Manager create a promotional advertisement announcing discounts and special offers.

**Or**

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Dictators are out of fashion these days-everyone wants democracy instead. But does democracy work? At election time politicians make promises, once elected, they break them. Everyone knows that popular legislations are passed just before an election! Dictators may be good or bad, but they at least are free to do what they think needs to be done and not spend their time worrying about opinion polls.

Given above is a letter to a local newspaper expressing a controversial opinion. Write five sentences why you agree or disagree with the opinion.

10. Imagine yourself to be the Chief Guest of the Annual World Environment Day of Reus Junior High, Tuensang. Write a speech in about 200 words on how students can take the lead in keeping their town clean.

**Or**

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Write an article in about 200 words on the topic 'My dream for my State-Nagaland'.

11. You had made a prepaid purchase of a multi-purpose Victorinox Swiss army knife on Amazon. It's been ten days after the expected date of arrival of the product but you still haven't received it. On acquiring, Amazon denies any responsibility as their record shows that it has been dispatched on time. Write a letter to the Manager, Blue Dart, Guwahati inquiring about the parcel lost in transit.

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**SECTION-D (Grammar)**

12. Rewrite the following as directed: **3x1=3**
- We waited for twenty minutes. Then the train arrived. (Combine the sentences using Past Perfect Continuous )
  - They are going to play cards this evening.( Use Future Continuous Tense)
  - My friend\_\_\_\_\_(come) to see me yesterday.( Use the correct form of the verb in bracket)
13. Use the following idioms and phrases in sentences of your own: **3x1=3**
- Watch the clock
  - To bury the hatchet
  - As different as chalk and cheese
14. Fill in the blanks with correct modals: **4x1=4**
- Already as a child Jack \_\_\_\_\_play the piano beautifully.
  - I \_\_\_\_\_be able to pass the interview, but I am not sure yet.
  - Drivers \_\_\_\_\_stop when the traffic lights are red.
  - Students \_\_\_\_\_be late for class.

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