

TIME : 2 Hrs

Sub – ENGLISH

Marks – 50

Q.1] Read the extract and complete the activities given below.

–(16M)

The nut vendor blew out his flare and rose to go home. This was a signal for the astrologer to bundle up too, since it left him in darkness except for a little shaft of green light which stayed in the from somewhere and touched the ground before him. He picked up his cowrie shells and paraphernalia and was putting them back into his bag when the green shaft of light was blotted out. He looked up and saw a man standing before him. He sensed a possible client and said: “You look so careworn. It will do you good to sit down for a while and chat with me.” The other grumbled some reply vaguely. The astrologer pressed his invitation; whereupon the other thrust his palm under his nose saying; “You call yourself an astrologer?” The astrologer felt challenged and said tilting the other’s palm towards the green shaft of light: “Yours is a nature....” “Oh stop that,” the other said. “Tell me something worthwhile...” Our friend felt piqued. I charge only three *pies* per question, and what you get ought to be good enough for your money...” At this the other withdrew his arm, took out an *anna*, and flung it out to him, saying “I have some questions to ask. If I prove you are bluffing, you must return that anna to me with interest.”

“If you find my answers satisfactory, will you give me five rupees?”

“No.”

“Or will you give me eight annas?”

“All right, provided you give me twice as much if you are wrong,” said the stranger. This pact was accepted after a little further argument. The astrologer sent up a prayer to heaven as the other lit a *cheroot*. The astrologer caught a glimpse of his face by the matchlight.

A1} Complete the Flow chart.

- 2M

The astrologer picked up his equipment.



He saw.....



He invited.....



The pact was accepted.....



The astrologer demanded..... as charge finally.

A2} Match the information given in “A” with “B”.

– 2M

A	B
1] Signal to end the work for astrologer	a] Said the stranger.
2] Astrologer saw a stranger standing before him	b] The nut vendor blew out his flare.
3] “Tell me something worthwhile”	c] Said the astrologer.
4] “Yours is a nature”	d] A possible client.

A3} Find proof.

-2M

The stranger didn’t respect the astrologer. Find its instances from the extract.

**A4} Personal response -2M**

Write the qualities those are essential to become a successful astrologer.

**A5} Language study [ Do as directed] -2M**

1] The nut vendor blew out his flare and rose to go home. - [Make simple sentence]

2] He picked up his cowrie shells and paraphernalia. - [ Identify the tense]

**A6} Vocabulary - [ Find the words from the extract which mean – ] -2M**

a] Unclear              b] Complained              c] Agreement              d] Worried

**B1} Non-textual grammar - [ Do as directed] -3M**

a] He is very handsome. - [ Make exclamatory sentence]

b] Sonal visits the Post office. - [ Change the voice]

c] ..... Earth revolves around ..... Sun. – [ Use appropriate articles ]

**B2} Spot the error. -1M**

a] There are no many water in the bucket.

**Q2} Read the extract and complete the activities given below. [Unseen extract] -(15M)**

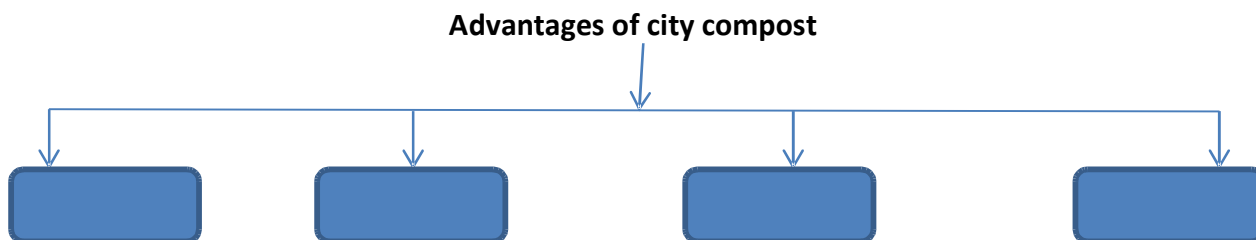
Keeping cities clean is essential for keeping their residents healthy. Our health depends not just on personal hygiene and nutrition, but critically also on also how clean we keep our cities and their surroundings. The challenge of processing and treating the different streams of solid waste, and safe disposal of the residuals in scientific landfills, has received much less attention in municipal solid waste management.

City compost from biodegradable waste provides an alternative to farmyard manure [like cow-dung]. It provides an opportunity to simultaneously clean up our cities and help improve agricultural productivity and quality of the soil. Organic manure or compost plays a very vital role as a supplement to chemical fertilizers in enriching the nutrient deficient soils. City compost can be the new player in the field. Benefits of compost on the farm are well-known. The water holding capacity of the soil which uses compost helps with drought-proofing, and the requirement of less water per crop is a welcome feature for a water-stressed future. By making the soil porous, use of compost also makes roots stronger and resistant to pests and decay. Farmers using compost, therefore, need less quantity of pesticides.

City compost has the additional advantage of being weed-free unlike farmyard manure which brings with it the seeds of undigested grasses and requires a substantial additional labour cost for weeding as the crops grow. City compost is also rich in organic carbon, and soils are short in this. Farmers clearly recognize the value of city compost. If city waste was composted before making it available to the farmers for applying to the soil, cities would be cleaned up and the fields around them would be productive.

A1} Complete the tree diagram.

-2M



A2} True or false.

-2M

- i] There is a lack of organic carbon in city compost.
- ii] Use of compost helps to reduce the quantity of pesticides.
- iii] Clean surroundings of cities helps us to keep healthy.
- iv] The water holding capacity of the soil affects badly by using compost.

A3} Find out.

-2M

If city waste was composted, there would be –

- i] .....
- ii] .....

A4} Personal response.

-2M

Give two examples of the best items that can be made by using waste materials.

A5} Grammar.

-2M

i] It provides an opportunity to clean up our cities. – [ Identify the tense by choosing correct alternative ]

- i] Simple past      ii] Simple present      iii] Simple future

ii] Keeping cities clean is essential for keeping their residents healthy. – [ Rewrite by using infinitive ]

A6} Vocabulary - Find one word for the following from the passage:

-2M

- i] Derived from the living matter
- ii] Substance that provides nourishment
- iii] Removing unwanted plants
- iv] permeable

{B} Summary-

-3M

Write the brief summary of the above extract with the help of following points. Suggest suitable title.

Points : - Cities and cleanliness, Solid waste management, Benefits of compost, Agricultural productivity.

**Q3 A} Read the extract and complete the activities given below.**

**-10M**

Afoot and light-hearted I take to the open road,  
Healthy, free, the world before me,  
The long brown path before me leading wherever I Choose.  
Henceforth I ask not good-fortune, I myself am Good-fortune,  
Henceforth I whimper no more, postpone no more,  
need nothing,  
Done with indoor complaints, libraries, querulous criticisms,  
Strong and content I travel the open road.  
The earth, that is sufficient,  
I do not want the constellations any nearer,  
I know they are very well where they are,  
I know they suffice for those who belong to them.  
(Still here I carry my old delicious burdens,  
I carry them, men and women, I carry them with me  
wherever I go,  
I swear it is impossible for me to get rid of them,  
I am fill'd with them, and I will fill them in return.)

**A1} Complete the following table with the describing words used for them.**

**-2M**

Words	Describing words
1] World	
2] Road	

**A2} Locate any two lines showing 'Carefree mood' of the poet and write them down.**

**-2M**

**A3} Give any two problems which you may face during a journey. Suggest ways to overcome these problems.**

**-2M**

**A4} Name and explain the figures of speech from the following line.**

**-2M**

i] "Still here I carry my old delicious burdens.

ii] Give an example of Repetition from the extract.

**A5} Poetic creativity. - Compose a short poem in about four lines on "My Life".**

**-2M**

**Q3B} Read the extract carefully and do the activity that follows.**

Weavers, weaving at break of day,  
Why do you weave a garment so gay?....  
Blue as the wing of a halcyon wild,  
We weave the robes of a new-born child.  
Weavers, weaving at fall of night,  
Why do you weave the garment so bright?.....  
Like the plumes of a peacock, purple and green,  
We weave the marriage veils of a queen.  
Weavers, weaving solemn and still,  
What do you weave in the moonlight chill.....  
White as a feather and white as a cloud,  
We weave a dead man's funeral shroud.

**a} Write a poetic appreciation of the poem with the help of following points.**

**-4M**

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|----------------------|--------------------------|
| i] About poet / poem | ii] Theme of the poem    |
| iii] Poetic devices  | iv] Message of the poem. |

**Section IV - Novel**

**A1} Fill in the blanks with appropriate alternative.**

**-2M**

1] The word 'Novella' is originated from the ..... word 'nouvelle' .

[Spanish,Chinese, Italian ]

2] "Rajmohan's Wife" was written by ..... .

[ R.K. Narayan, Bankimchandra Chattopadhyaya, Raja Rao ]

**Writing skill**

**A1} Read the following proverb. Share your views and expand the ideas.**

**-3M**

" Unity is strength "