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**ENGLISH(CORE.)**

**(Compulsory)**

**Full Marks-100**

**Pass Marks-33**

**Time- 3 Hours**

**Candidates are required to give their answer in their**

**Own words as far as practicable.**

**Figures in the right margin indicate full marks.**

**All questions are compulsory.**

**General Instructions:**

- i) This question paper contain 12 (Twelve) questions altogether in 3 (three) Section.
- ii) All the answers must be correctly numbered as in the question paper.
- iii) All the parts of a question must be written together.
- iv) Strictly adhere to the word limit , if given in each question.
- v) Answer of the questions must be in the context of the instructions Given therein.



## Section-A

(Marks-20)

### (Reading Comprehension and Note Making)

(1) Read the following passage carefully and answer the questions that follow:

The Titanic, in its watery grave, is a great museum of human history and is at risk of being lost forever because of curious voyagers and treasure hunters, fears Bob Ballard, who first discovered the remains of the iconic ship in 1985. Famous for discovering the great ship, Ballard is a former US Navy Officer and a professor of oceanography.

"Titanic is a museum of human history without door and guard. I am deeply concerned about not only the Titanic but all the ancient history that is now at risk. If we cannot save this iconic ship, then there is very little hope we can save ancient ships. The world should realize that you don't have to go down and take everything and you do not have to do a treasure hunt. This is a common heritage of all of us and if we really

want to take steps to preserve human history in the ocean, we need to start with Titanic," Ballard said in a telephonic interview from London.

Ballard, as part of a tie-up, is presenting a documentary called "Save the Titanic" on the 100<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the sinking of the great ship – April 15, 1912. The ship and her fate continue to fascinate, largely because of the horror that took place that night, with 1,522 passengers and crew losing their lives.

Ballard says that despite being on the ocean floor for 100 years, the ship is full of human footprints. "You will find pairs of shoes everywhere. The sea and the life below has claimed everything but they do not know what to do with shoes so you will find a pair of mother's shoes next to her little daughter and that's their gravestone. At her wreckage, we almost felt that we were surrounded by the lifeboats of all the people that were in the water at that spot".

Ballard says that the fate of Titanic continues to fascinate so many years after it sank because it is "irony personified in history". "The story has all the ingredients to make it timelessly fascinating. You have this revolutionary ship that's unsinkable, and carrying a cross section of people in society. And then, it goes and hits an iceberg and sinks on its maiden journey. It's an irony personified in history".

Talking about his discovery, which came after great research and 75 years later, Ballard, says it was a somber moment when they first spotted the boiler of the Titanic. "In the 90s, advanced technology gave us double diving capabilities in the Atlantic Ocean. I knew that the Titanic was sitting at almost 12,000 feet. What led me to her discovery was a simple technique that I followed. We decided to look for the debris trail instead of the ship".

Ballard says the ship, if preserved well and not subjected to constant submarine journeys, will last for a long time on the Atlantic floor. "The deep sea, because of its darkness, its cold temperatures and its great pressure, creates a high state of preservation. With a little caution, we can protect the Titanic for future generations to visit."



Ballard has also connected to the people of Belfast, who refused to talk about the tragedy "The ship's construction took place at Belfast. After the tragedy, families of the workers refused to talk about it because of the shame and sadness in the loss of life involved".

- (a) What happened on April 15, 1912? 2
- (b) Who is Bob Ballard and what did he discover? 2
- (c) Why does Bob Ballard call it a museum of human history? 2
- (d) Why did the people of Belfast refuse to talk about Titanic? 2
- (e) What did Ballard do as part of the 100<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the sinking of the Titanic? 2
- (f) Find the words from the passage which mean the same as:- 2  
first of its kind (para 5)

very solemn or serious (para 6)

- (2) Read the passage given below and answer the questions that follow: Residents of the Bhirung Raut Ki Gali, where Ustad Bismillah Khan was born on March 21, 1916, were in shock. His cousin, 94-year-old Mohd Idrish Khan had tears in his eyes. Shubhan Khan, the care-taker of Bismillah's land, recalled: "Whenever in Dumaraon, he would give rupees two to the boys and rupees five to the girls of the locality". He was very keen to play shehnai again in the local Bihariji's Temple where he had started playing shehnai with his father, Bachai Khan, at the age of six. His original name was Quamaruddin and became Bismillah only after he became famous as a shehnai player in Varanasi. His father Bachai Khan was the official shehnai player of Keshav Prasad Singh, the Maharaja of the erstwhile Dumaraon estate, Bismillah used to accompany him. For Bismillah Khan, the connection to music began at a very early age. By his teens, he had already become a master of the shehnai. On the day India gained freedom, Bismillah Khan, then a sprightly 31 year-old, had the rare honour of playing from Red Fort. But Bismillah Khan won't just be remembered for elevating the shehnai from an instrument heard only in weddings and naubatkhana to one that was appreciated in concert halls across the world. His life was a testimony to the plurality that is India. A practicing Muslim, he would take a daily dip in the Ganga in his younger days after a bout of kusti in Benia Baga Akhada.

Every morning, Bismillah Khan would do riyaz at the Balaji temple on the banks of the river. Even during his final hours in a Varanasi hospital, music didn't desert Bismillah Khan. A few hours before he passed away early on Monday, the shehnai wizard hummed a thumri to show that he was feeling better. This was typical of a man for whom life revolved around music. Throughout his life he abided by the principle that all religions are one. What marked Bismillah Khan was his simplicity and disregard for the riches that come with musical fame. Till the very end, he used a cycle rickshaw to travel around Varanasi. But the pressure of providing for some 60 family members took its toll during his later years.



a) On the basis of your reading of the above passage make notes using headings and sub-headings. Use recognizable abbreviations where necessary. (05 marks)

b) Make a summary of the above passage in not more than 80 words using the notes made and also suggest a suitable title. (03marks)

### Section -B

(Advanced writing skills)

(Marks:-35)

3. You are Ram/Ranvi, secretary, social service club Vivekananda Public school, Nagpur, Your club is organizing a health awareness camp for your school students. There will be a special focus on obesity among children. Draft a notice for your school notice board giving all relevant information about the camp, in not more than 50 words.

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OR

Namita/Namit has come out successful in the XII class examination. She /He has decided to have a party for her/his friends. Draft an invitation in about 50 words giving details of venue, time and date.

(4) You did not go home for Holi. you stayed back in the hostel because you had to study for the exams. Describe how much you missed Holi with your family members (125 words)

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OR

Last week in the morning, a bus coming at a great speed overturned when it braked suddenly. Senior students of your school rushed out and did everything to save the passengers. You were a part of the rescue efforts. Write a report in 150-200 words on the accident and your friends role for your school magazine.

(5) You are Sidhi/Sanjay of U-03 G Block, Bistupur, Jamshedpur. Write a letter to the Editor, Times of India, expressing your concern about the decrease in the number of birds in Jamshedpur.

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OR

You are Sumit/Savitri head boy/girl of J.P Inter college Dhanbad. Write a letter to the Principal of your school requesting him/her to arrange a career counselling for the senior secondary students.

(6) Over past few years there has been a constant rise in coaching institutes and private tuition centres all over India. Write an article in about 150-200 words highlighting the exploitation of young minds that seek sincere counselling and proper direction. You are Gurpreet, a student of class XII of Indira Public School, Jamshedpur.



OR

You are Raman /Geeta. Write an article on "Save and Love a girl child".

**SECTION-C**

**(Literature)**

**(Marks-45)**

(7) Read the following extract and answer the question that follow-

..... but after the airport's  
security check standing a few yards  
away . I looked again at her wan, pale  
As late winter's moon and felt that  
old familiar ache, my childhood's fear,  
but all I said was, see you soon Amma,  
all I did was smile and smile.....

- (a) Name the poem and the poet.
- (b) What did the poet do after the security check ?
- (c) What is her childhood fear ?

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OR

Surely, Shakespeare is wicked, the map a bad example  
with ships and sun and love tempting them to steal  
For lives that slyly turn in their cramped holes.  
From fog to endless night.

- (a) Name the poem and the poet.
- (b) Why is Shakespeare wicked ?
- (c) Why is the map a bad example ?

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(8) Answer any three in 35 words each.

2×3=6

- (a) What were the things on the wall of the class room ?
- (b) What according to Pablo Neruda would be an exotic moment ?
- (c) How is a thing of beauty joy forever ?

(d) What was on sale on the roadside stand ?

(9) Answer any five in 35 words each :

2×5=10

(a) What did Franz notice that was unusual about the school that day ?

(b) What is Saheb looking for in the garbage dumps ? Where is he and where has he come from ?

(c) What was the 'misadventure' that William Douglas speaks about?

(d) Who was Danny Casey ?

(e) How did the old crofter earn 30 kronors ?

(f) Which language would replace French in schools. Why ?

(10). Answer the following question in about 125 words.

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How did the instructor make Douglas a good swimmer ?

OR

Why do you think Gandhi considered the Champaran episode to be a turning point in his life ?

(11). Answer the following question in about 100 words.

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Who was the Tiger king ? How did he kill the hundredth tiger ?

OR

How did the little Bama learn about untouchability and caste system ?

(12). Answer any four in about 35 words each (2×4=8)

(1) Who was Dr. Sadao Hoki ?

(2) What was Charley's hobby ? Where did he find Sam's letter ?

(3) Why was Roger Skunk sad and miserable ?

(4) How did the Tiger king get his name ?

(5) Who was Zitkala sa ?

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