

2. Heights of Harmony

Heights of Harmony - Mending Wall

Que 1: Read the following poem. Compare the theme of the poem 'Walls and Fences' with that of 'Mending Wall' and prepare a critical appreciation *Marks : (8)*

Walls and Fences

Walls and fences

All around

Creating boundaries

Both inside and out

Every word spoken

Just adds on

Building this wall

That cannot be undone

Pause and reflect

On the cost one bears

To put this wall up

That isn't even there

Its about time

That we realize

These walls and fences

Are just malice

Not far behind

Lived on the plains

Where walls and fences

Were nowhere to be seen

**Oh what I would give
To go back to them days
Where soul, heart and body
Were all one and at peace...**

Mien Bless

Ans: Analysis of theme, message, tone, mood and poetic devices

Cohesion of ideas

Clarity of expression

Que 2: “Centuries of human effort is destroyed in a minute of natural fury”. How far this statement is true in the light of the context of 'Mending Wall' and the disaster that affected Kerala recently.

Marks :(5)

Ans: Comprehensiveness of the content

Appropriateness of language

Clarity of ideas

Que 3: Read the following lines from the poem “Mending Wall” by Robert Frost.

“He is all pine and I am apple orchard

Marks :(4)

My apple trees will never get across

And eat the cones under his pines,

I tell him”

Bring out the difference in attitude between the poet and his neighbour

Ans: Comprehensiveness of the content

Appropriateness of language

Clarity of ideas

Que 4: “Good fences make good neighbours”. Bring out the symbolic significance of the wall in the poem “Mending Wall”

Marks :(5)

Ans: Comprehensiveness of the content

Appropriateness of language

Clarity of ideas

Que 5: “Something there is that doesn’t love a wall”, says Robert Frost. The relationship between man and nature is often at odds. Substantiate your views in relation to the recent floods in a paragraph.

Marks :(5)

Ans: Comprehensiveness of the content

Appropriateness of language

Clarity of ideas

Heights of Harmony - Amigo Brothers

Que 1: The daily newspaper reported - "They remain champions to each other." Prepare a detailed newspaper report about Amigo Brothers' fight at Tompkins Square Park. Marks :(6)

Ans: Format (title) - 1

Comprehensiveness of the content - 2

Relevance of content - 1

Organisation of ideas - 1

Language and style – 1

Que 2: Every chance they had, the boys worked out, sometimes at the boy's club and sometimes at the gym. The two boys continued to run together along the river drive. But even when joking with each other they sensed a wall rising between them. Marks :(6)

a) Who are the boys referred here? (1)

b) Write the circumstances which led to the rising of the wall between them? (2)

c) Comment on the opening and ending of the play "Amigo Brothers"? (3)

Ans: a) Antonio Cruz and Felix Vargas - 1

b) Relevance of the points - 1

Clarity of presentation - 1

c) Relevance of the points - 2

Clarity of presentation - 1

Que 3: "There is nothing on this earth more to be prized than true friendship"... Do you agree with this comment? Comment on this on the basis of the story "Amigo Brothers" Marks :(5)

Ans: Comprehensiveness of the content - 2

Appropriateness of language - 1

Clarity of ideas - 2

Que 4: "Ladies and Gentlemen, the moment we have all been waiting for, the main event between two fine young Puerto fighters has come." imagine that you got a

chance to announce a football match held in your locality. Prepare a script for the announcement.

Marks :(3)

Ans: Comprehensiveness of the content - 1

Relevance of ideas - 1

Clarity of expression - 1

Que 5: There are some errors in the following passage. Edit the passage

Bangalore have become a hell for a decade. Every kind of dirt welcome all at every place. All around the colonies is seen as slum clusters. Hawkins have also contribute their power in making a beautiful city in an ugly place. Marks :(4)

Ans: Accuracy - 1

Grammatical correctness - 3

Heights of Harmony - The Hour of Truth

Que 1: The following is a conversation between Evie and Martha in the one act play “The Hour of Truth”. John overhears and reports this to Baldwin. Report the following conversation.

Marks :(4)

Evie : Why did Mr. Gresham send for him?

Martha : He wanted to talk to him

Evie : What about? Mr. Gresham has been arrested. They’re going to try him tomorrow. What can he want with Father?

You may begin: Evie asked ...

Ans: Accuracy 1

Grammatical correctness 3

Que 2: All individuals are tempted by money at one point or other in life and they easily forget their moral values and principles while tempted. In the light of the one act play “The Hour of Truth,” express your opinion in a paragraph

Marks :(5)

Ans: Comprehensiveness of the content - 2

Appropriateness of language - 1

Clarity of ideas - 2

Que 3: Baldwin refused a hundred thousand dollars offered by Gresham to tell a lie in the court to save him. How do you justify Baldwin’s action? Write it in a paragraph Marks :(5)

Ans: Comprehensiveness of the content - 2

Appropriateness of language - 1

Clarity of ideas - 2

Que 4: You are selected to introduce the play “The Hour of Truth” to the spectators. Prepare a script for it

Marks :(5)

Ans: Comprehensiveness of the content - 2

Relevance of ideas - 2

Clarity of expression - 1

Que 5: “Baldwin, if you feel like coming around to the Third National sometime this week, you will find a position waiting for you.” The character of Baldwin is impressive. Write his character sketch.

Marks :(5)

Ans: Contextual presentation of ideas - 2

Cohesion of ideas - 2

Language and style - 1