





# ENGLISH ELECTIVE / LITERATURE SSC-II

Time allowed: 2:40 Hours

Total Marks Sections B and C: 60

NOTE: Answer any nine parts from Section 'B' and any three questions from Section 'C' on the separately provided answer book. Use supplementary answer sheet i.e. Sheet-B if required. Write your answers neatly and legibly.

## SECTION – B (Marks 36)

Q. 2 Attempt any NINE parts. The answer to each part should not exceed 40 to 50 words. (9 x 4 = 36)

- (i) State the theme of the poem "The Brook".
- (ii) The joy of life is in finding music amidst hardships of life. Explain with reference to the poem "The Little Dancers".
- (iii) How can we tell that Cowper, when attacking the way of life of the city dwellers, has the rich in mind rather than the poor?
- (iv) State the qualities of the Saracens J. Flecker has glorified in the poem "The War Song of the Saracens".
- (v) Why is Hippocrates called "The Father of Medicine"?
- (vi) What are sedimentary rocks? Where are they found?
- (vii) State the ancient custom of sending the news of victory.
- (viii) Compare and contrast the old and the new theory regarding the formation of the nine planets.
- (ix) Discuss James Watt's contribution to the development of the steam-engine.
- (x) What, according to Professor Henry, is the secret to a successful invention?
- (xi) Give a brief description of Mrs. Meldon's looks.
- (xii) How will Henry Corrie's invention 'revolutionize' warfare?
- (xiii) Why does Mrs. Meldon suggest thirty pieces of silver to Henry as his reward?

## SECTION – C (Marks 24)

Note: Attempt any THREE questions. All questions carry equal marks. (3 x 8 = 24)

Q. 3 Explain with reference to the context any ONE of the following stanzas in 70 – 100 words:

- a. I have looked upon those brilliant creatures,  
And now my heart is sore.  
All's changed since I, hearing at twilight,  
The first time on this shore,  
The bell-beat of their wings above my head,  
Trode with a lighter tread.
- b. The voice of my education said to me  
He must be killed.  
For in Sicily the black, black snakes are  
innocent, the gold are venomous.  
And voices in me said, if you were a man  
You would take a stick and break him now,  
and finish him off.

Q. 4 In what kind of world will our descendants live? Discuss with reference to the article "The Future".

Q. 5 Professor Henry Corrie believes that he is performing a 'highly patriotic act' in offering his bomb formula to his country. Do you agree with him?

Q. 6 Why did Binyon write "For the Fallen"? Discuss its relevance in the world of today.