

BCM SCHOOL, BASANT AVENUE, DUGRI ROAD, LUDHIANA
ASSIGNMENT 2
XI ENGLISH CORE (301)

(Literature)

I. Read the extract given below and answer the questions that follow:

**A. 1) “Then sleek as a lizard, and alert, and abrupt,
She enters the thickness, and a machine starts up
Of chitterings and a tremor of wings, and trilling
The whole tree trembles and thrills.”**

- i) How did the bird move to the other side of the branch?
(a) Like a lizard (b) Slowly (c) Smoothly (d) by flying
- ii) When did the death-like tree become alive?
(a) in the month of March (b) by the arrival monsoon season
(c) by the arrival of the Goldfinch bird (d) by the arrival of sparrows
- iii) Identify the poetic device used in the first line?(a)Personification (b)Alliteration.
(c)Simile (d) Onomatopoeia

Or

**2) “Where did my childhood go?
It went to some forgotten place,
That’s hidden in an infant’s face,
That’s all I know”**

- i. Where does the poet think childhood can be found?
a. Infant’s face b. Mother’s lap c. Childhood alleys d. Forgotten place
- ii. Through the given lines of the poem, the poet wants to convey that _____
a. Growing up involves maturity and logical thinking b. Imaginary places do not actually exist in the world c. Double-faced behaviour of the people in society d. Innocence of childhood disappears as one grows up
- iii. The tone of the poet in the given poem is _____
a. Contented b. Remorseful c. Jovial d. Happy

B

1) “FLAWLESS half-moon floated in a perfect blue sky on the morning we said our goodbyes. Extended banks of cloud like long French loaves glowed pink as the sun emerged to splash the distant mountain tops with a rose-tinted blush. Now that we were leaving Ravu, Lhamo said she wanted to give me a farewell present. One evening I’d told her through Daniel that I was heading towards Mount Kailash to complete the kora, and she’d said that I ought to get some warmer clothes. After ducking back into her tent, she emerged carrying one of the long-sleeved sheepskin coats that all the men wore.”

- i. Identify the figure of speech in “**FLAWLESS half-moon floated in a perfect blue sky on the morning**”
a. Refrain

- b. Alliteration
- c. Metaphor
- d. Simile

ii. Lhamo's farewell present to Nick Middleton highlights her _____

- a. simplicity
- b. hospitality
- c. jealousy
- d. greed

iii. Choose the option that displays the correct usage of the word 'ducking' in the above

- a. This ducking was the very thing he needed.
- b. He walked around the driver's side, ducking as he folded his tall frame into the car.
- c. The slower class of meteors ducking the earth have a velocity of about 8 to 10m.
- d. The movement of traffic was made impossible due to the ducking of tracks.

OR

2) "The first indication of impending disaster came at about 6 p.m., with an ominous silence. The wind dropped, and the sky immediately grew dark. Then came a growing roar, and an enormous cloud towered aft of the ship. With horror, I realised that it was not a cloud, but a wave like no other I had ever seen. It appeared perfectly vertical and almost twice the height of the other waves, with a frightful breaking crest"

i. Which word in the extract mean forthcoming?

- a. ominous b. growing c. roaring d. impending

ii. Why is the wind dropped?

- a. wind slipped out the hands of author b. wind started coming from below the ship c. wind fell down
- d. speed of wind greatly reduced

iii. Why had the sky become dark?

- a. lights of the ship were switched off b. a wave was approaching ship c. a cloud was approaching ship
- d. night was approaching

C.

1 "Good morning, son of my friends," he said. What is the name of your horse? My Heart, my cousin Mourad said in Armenian. A lovely name, John Byro said, for a lovely horse. I could swear, it is the horse that was stolen from me many weeks ago. May I look into his mouth? Of course, Mourad said. The farmer looked into the mouth of the horse. Tooth for tooth, he said. I would swear it is my horse if I didn't know your parents. The fame of your family for honesty is well known to me. Yet the horse is the twin of my horse. A suspicious man would believe his eyes instead of his heart."

1) May I look into his mouth?' What is the context of this statement?

- (a) Check the age of the horse (b) Check the similarity of his horse with theirs'
- (c) Just for fun (d) Count the number of teeth

2) What was special in the mouth of the horse?

3) Write the synonym of 'wary' from the extract.

4) Identify the figure of speech in the statement 'Tooth for tooth'?

OR

2. CYRIL: [moving to the table; annoyed] Why not?

MRS. PEARSON: [coolly] I couldn't bother.

CYRIL: Feeling off-colour or something?

Mrs. PEARSON: Never felt better in my life.

CYRIL: [aggressively] What's the idea then?

MRS. PEARSON: Just a change.

CYRIL: [briskly] Well, snap out of it, Ma-and get cracking. Haven't too much time.

i. What can you say about Cyril from the given lines?

a. He is dumb and acts superior in front of his mother b. He takes his mother for granted c. He is arrogant and egoistic d. He always disrespects his mother

ii. The phrase feeling off colour means

a. feeling sleepy b. feeling tired c. feeling ill d. feeling lazy

iii. Why does Cyril act aggressive?

a. Because he was getting late b. Because his mother had not made tea for him c. Because his mother was behaving

iv. The change referred to Cyril is a change in the way she is treated by the neighbor.

a. True b. False

II. Answer any two of the following questions in not more than 50 words.

a) What were the three phases of the author's relationship with his grandmother before he left the country to study abroad?

b) How did the realization that "he is master of his own mind" helped him? (Childhood)

c) Why does the speaker say 'silence surrounds us'? What is the poetic device used in 'Silence surrounds us'?

d) Why can't the father understand what his son speaks? (Father to Son)

III. Answer any one of the following questions in not more than 50 words.

a) Why did the narrator decided to forget the address?

b) Why does Doris say, "Mum-what's the matter with you?"

IV. Answer ANY ONE the following questions in 120-150 words.

a) The story '*We aren't Afraid to Die.....*' Is a story of human endurance, determination and courage in the face of adversity? Discuss

Or

b) Describe the author's grandmother's life in the village in contrast with the kind of the life she led in the city, highlighting her values.

V. Answer ANY ONE the following questions in 120-150 words.

a) Mrs. Fitzgerald's effort does not go in vain, as the family changes for better. Justify.

Or

b) Bookish knowledge is theoretical. It is practice and observation which makes a man perfect in his field. Dr Andrew did so in the chapter 'Birth', Elucidate.