

2022-26

Full Marks : 100

Time : 3 Hours

Candidates are required to give their answer in their own words as far as practicable. Their figures in the margin indicate full marks.

Group - A

1. Answer in very short the following questions :

1×10=10

- (i) Who has written the poem "Where the Mind is without Fear" ?
- (ii) What does "The Road" signify in Frost's poem "The Road Not Taken" ?
- (iii) Name the writer of the poem "Palanquin Bearers".

- (iv) Who was the best friend of Swami in the novel "Swami and Friends" ?
- (v) With what does the poet compare himself to in the poem "The Daffodils" ? Choose the **correct** option :
- (a) A piece of lonely cloud
 - (b) A host of golden daffodils
 - (c) A lake
 - (d) The trees
- (vi) Who has written the story "The Imp and the Peasant's Bread" ?
- (vii) Name the **two** main characters of the story "Kabuliwallah".
- (viii) The novel "Swami and Friends" is set in the fictional town named
- (ix) What was Jim's gift to Della in the story "The Gift of the Magi".
- (x) Who has written the poem "The Hollow men" ?

2. Write in short the moral message of the story
"The Imp and the Peasant's Bread". 5

OR

Write a short note on the sonnet.

3. Write a short note on the theme of the poem
"The Road Not Taken". 5

OR

Write a short note on the theme of the poem
"Where the Mind is without Fear".

Group - B

4. Answer any **four** of the following questions :

20×4=80

- (a) Attempt a critical appreciation of the poem
"The Daffodils".
- (b) Attempt a character analysis of Swami, the
protagonist, in the novel "Swami and
Friends".

- (c) Write a critical appreciation of the poem "Ode On solitude".
- (d) Evaluate R. K. Narayan as a story writer with reference to "An Astrologer's Day".
- (e) Write a note on the nature of relationship among Swami and his friends in "Swami and Friends".
- (f) Summarize R. N. Tagore's story "Kabuliwallah".
