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FORMATIVE ASSESSMENT – I (PAPER PEN TEST) 2014–15

Class : X

Marks : 30

Sub : English

Time : 1 Hr.

Section – A

(Reading)

- I. Read the story and answer the questions that follow. Do take your time to think before answering. Try framing the answer in mind before writing:

The Man Next Door

1. It had been a long time since Rajeev had seen that old man who lived next door. A new job, focus career, and busy city life got in the way. In fact, Rajeev had moved across the country in pursuit of his dreams. There, in the rush of his busy life, Rajeev had little time to think about the past and often no time to spend with his mother and his wife. He was shaping his future and nothing could stop him.

Over the phone his mother told him, "Mr. Azad died last night. The funeral is Wednesday."

2. Memories flashed through his mind like an old newsreel as he sat quietly remembering his childhood days.

"Rajeev, did you hear me?"

"Oh sorry, Mom. Yes, I heard you. It's been so long since I thought of him. I'm sorry but I honestly thought he died years ago," Rajeev said.

"You know, Rajeev, after your Father died, Mr. Aazad stepped in to make sure you had a man's influence in your life," she said.

"He's the one who taught me carpentry," he said, "I wouldn't be in this business if it wasn't for him. He spent a lot of time teaching me things he thought were important. Mom, I'll be there for the funeral," Rajeev said.

Rajeev took the next flight to his hometown. Mr. Aazad's funeral was small and uneventful. He had no children of his own and most of his relatives had passed away.

Very next day, before returning, Rajeev and his Mom stopped by to see Mr. Azad's house next door one more time.

Standing in the doorway Rajeev paused for moment.

"What's wrong, Rajeev?" his Mom asked.

"The box is gone," he said.

"What box?" Mom asked.

"There was a small gold box that he kept locked on top of his desk. I must have asked him a thousand times what was inside. All he'd ever tell me was, 'The thing I value most'," Rajeev said.

It was gone. Everything about the house was exactly how Rajeev remembered it except for the box.

"Now I'll never know what was so valuable to him,".

3. It had been about two weeks since Mr. Aazad died. Returning home from work one day Rajeev discovered a note in his mailbox. "Signature required on a package. No one at home. Please stop by the main post office within the next three days," the note read. Next day, Rajeev retrieved the package. The package was old and looked like it had been mailed a hundred years ago. The handwriting was difficult to read, but the return address caught his attention.

"Mr. PR Aazad" it read.

Rajeev took the package out to his car and ripped it open. There inside was the gold box and an envelope. Rajeev's hands shook as he read the note inside.

"Upon my death please forward this box and its contents to Rajeev Saxena. It's the thing I value most in my life". A small key was taped to the letter. His heart raced as tears filled his eyes. Rajeev carefully unlocked the box. There inside he found a beautiful gold pocket watch.

Running his fingers slowly over the finely etched casing, he unlatched the cover. Inside he found these words engraved:

"Rajeev, Thanks for your time! – PR Aazad."

"The thing he valued most... was ... my time."

Rajeev held the watch for a few minutes, then called his office and cleared his appointments for the next two days. "Why?" Janet, his assistant, asked. "I need some time to spend with my mother," he said. "Oh, by the way, Janet, thanks for your time".

Answer the following questions:

6M

1. What role did Mr. Azad play in Rajeev's life?
2. What was the most significant thing he gave to Rajeev?
3. What lesson did Rajeev learn?
4. Why do you think Rajeev cancelled his meetings?
5. Find the words which mean the same
 - (i) tear it forcefully (para 3)
 - (ii) written (para 3)

Section – B

(Writing & Grammar)

- II. Write a letter to your school going younger brother who stays upto late night. Advise him to make changes in his daily routine in order to get the desired hours of sleep. **6M**
- III. **Complete the passage on hypertension by choosing the correct options from those given below.** **4M**

There are two kinds of hypertension: secondary and primary. Secondary hypertension has organic causes. It (a) _____ be caused by either obstructive kidney disease, tumours of the brain, thyroid or adrenal glands (b) _____ narrowing of the aorta. It is more common (c) _____ younger people and surgery usually (d) _____ the pressure to normal levels.

Primary hypertension, is a silent killer. It shows no obvious symptoms (e) _____ it is well advanced. (f) _____ the (g) _____ common contributory factors are obesity, diabetes, excessive salt intake, smoking, emotional stress and (h) _____ family history of high blood pressure.

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| a. (i) may | (ii) will | (iii) could | (iv) might |
| b. (i) and | (ii) or | (iii) but | (iv) so |
| c. (i) in | (ii) with | (iii) for | (iv) of |
| d. (i) restored | (ii) is restoring | (iii) restores | (iv) will restore |
| e. (i) until | (ii) while | (iii) unless | (iv) before |
| f. (i) Between | (ii) Of | (iii) Among | (iv) Besides |
| g. (i) many | (ii) more | (iii) some | (iv) most |
| h. (i) a | (ii) the | (iii) your | (iv) one's |

IV. Rearrange the following words and phrases to make meaningful sentences.

2M

- (a) pay / the / had to / poor farmers / high times / very
(b) natural disasters / farmers / share of taxes / even / pay / their / in times of / the / had to

Section – D
(Literature)

V. 1. Read the following exact and answer the questions given below:

1 x 4 = 4M

Ladies with tiaras glittering
In the interval sat twittering
And the frog observed them glitter
with joy both sweet and bitter.

1. Who are the ladies with tiaras?
2. What are tiaras?
3. How did the frog observe the ladies?
4. What is rhyme scheme in these lines?

2. Answer the following in 30 – 40 words each.

4 x 2 = 8M

1. Do you think the nightingale is 'brainless'?
2. Who are called 'liars' in the poem Mirror? Why does the woman turn to them inspite of calling them 'liars'?
3. Why does Mrs. Packletide wish to kill the tiger?
4. How does the story 'Two Gentlemen of Verona' promise new hope for society?