



1. a) Answer the following question in about 150 words :
Why did Stephen Leacock decide against keeping money in a bank ? 8

OR

Sketch the character of Gangu.

- b) Answer the following questions in about 75 words each **any two**. 8
- i) Describe the family background of Kalam in which he was born.
- ii) What was Jade Snow's idea of academic training before it was made clear to her at mills college ?
- iii) How did the author deposit and withdraw money ?
- iv) What is the idea of morality that Gangu seems to represent in the story 'The Child' ?

2. a) Answer the following question in about 150 words : 8
- How would you state the central idea of the poem 'No men are Foreign' ?

OR

Describe the conflict in the mind of the poet in 'Stopping by Woods on a Snowy Evening'.

- b) Answer the following questions in about 75 words each **any two**. 8
- i) Comment on the patriot's view of world peace.
- ii) Why did the horse find it queer when his master stopped ?
- iii) Why does the poet say 'No men are strange in the poem 'No men are Foreign' ?
- iv) What does Ezekiel say about modern generation ? Describe in detail.

3. a) Read the following passage carefully and answer the questions given below : 10

About twenty miles from Agra there is Fatehpur Sikri. At the village of Sikri in Akbar's time, there lived a saint of great renown. His name was Sheikh Salim Chisti. Now Akbar longed for a son and when he visited the saint, he spoke to him of his longing. The saint told Akbar that his wish would soon be granted. When a son was born to the great Mughal, he named him Salim. Many years after, when salim become emperor, he took the name of Jahangir.

Akbar was so pleased at having his wish fulfilled that he decided to build a new capital city at Sikri. Quickly the great walls arose and wonderful places and Mosques took shape. Akbar called the city Fatehpur Sikri or 'The City of Victory'.

Questions :

- i) Why did Akbar visit the great saint ?
- ii) What did the saint tell Akbar ?
- iii) What did Akbar decide to do after his wish was fulfilled ?
- iv) What happened when Salim became emperor ?
- v) What kind of construction began to take place in Fatehpur Sikri ?

- b) Write a paragraph of about ten lines on the basis of given points.

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Indian farmer ----- poor ----- innocent ----- helpless ----- depends on rain ----- sometimes shortage of rain ----- sometimes excess of rain ----- heavy loss inspite of hardwork ----- compelled to borrow money from different sources ----- unable to repay on account of insufficient or no crop ----- pitiable condition.

4. a) Write a letter of inquiry to Shyam sports, Chandrapur about availability of various sports material for your club.

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OR

Write a letter of order for competitive exam books to Civil services times, New Delhi for Mahatma Jyotiba Fule public library, Nagpur.

- b) Write a letter to Mr. Pravin Rathi offering him a job of Asstt. Manager in your company. Give details of terms and conditions of service.

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OR

Write a letter of complaint to the Manager, Samsung Electronic products, New Delhi. Complaining about the unsatisfactory working of your LED T.V.

5. Answer the following questions in one sentence or not more than three lines each.

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- i) How much money does Leacock want to withdraw from the bank ?
- ii) What does Nissim Ezekiel mean by 'Ram Rajya' ?
- iii) What lessons did Jade Snow learn from her instructor ?
- iv) What happens when wars break out ?
