Model Question

Class : 9

Subject : English **Time : 3 Hours** **P.M. : 75**

Students are required to answer the questions in their own words as far as practicable. Figures in the margin indicate full marks.

Attempt All the Questions

1. Read the poem and answer the given questions. [5x1= 5]

Leisure

What is this life, if full of care,
We have no time to stand and stare?

No time to stand beneath the bough,
And stare as long as sheep and cows.

No time to see, when woods we pass,
Where squirrels hide their nuts in grass,

No time to see in broad daylight,
Streams full of stars like skies at night.

No time to turn at Beauty's glance,
And watch her feet how they can dance.

No time to wait till her mouth can,
Enrich that smile in her eyes began?

A poor life this if full of care,
We have no time to stand and share.

-WH. Davies

a. Who can be the speaker in this poem?
b. Why is our life so miserable, according to the poet?
c. What kind of life does the poet condemn?
d. Who are 'we' in this poem?
e. Where do squirrels hide their nuts?

2. Read the text and do the tasks that follow

Paulo Coelho is a well-known Brazilian author and lyricist. He was born on 24 August 1947 in Rio de Janeiro, Brazil He had always loved writing and dreamed of being a writer from an early age. He was, however, discouraged by his parents who wanted him to become a lawyer. During adolescence, Coelho was sent three times to a mental hospital by his parents because of his dream to become a writer. In his twenties, he was arrested and tortured in Brazil, but always kept dreaming of becoming a writer. After his release from prison, Coelho was enrolled in law school and abandoned his dream of being a writer. One year later, he dropped out and lived life as a hippie, travelling through South America, North Africa, Mexico, and Europe, and started using drugs in the 1960s.

He changed his life radically at the age of 36, after a pilgrimage to Santiago de Compostela in Spain, where he experienced a spiritual awakening and felt inspired to write the book, The pilgrimage 1987. Only one year later, he wrote The Alchemist in the course of a two-week spurt of creativity. The Alchemist was his breakthrough as an international author. The allegorical novel is about a shepherd boy who follows a mystical trek to his heart's desire, in which he learns to speak "The language of the World " and thus receives his heart's desire. The book attracted little attention at first until a French language translation suddenly leapt onto the bestseller lists in France in the early 1990s. New translations followed, and soon the *Alchemist* became a worldwide Phenomenon. The book has sold roughly 35 million copies and is now the most translated book in the world by any living author.

Since then, he has published books at the rate of about one every two years. In 2013, approximately 150 million copies of his books were published in at least 71 languages. Several of his books are autobiographical in nature and deal with spirituality and faith, societal impacts on individuals, and love. His 26 books have sold more than 65 million copies in at least 59 languages.

Besides *The Alchemist*, his other notable works include *Veronika Decides to Die"* (1998), which mines the perceived mental instability of his youth. *The Devil and Miss Prym* (2000) is an investigation of the essential nature of humankind, and *Elven Minutes* (2003) explores the boundaries

between love and sex through the story of a prostitute. These books made Coelho very popular.

A. **State whether the following sentences are True or False.[5x1= 5]**

a. Paulo Coelho experienced a spiritual awakening in Spain.
b. Coelho dreamed of being a lawyer since his childhood.
c. The book 'Alchemist' is about a musician boy who follows a mystical journey.
d. Several of the books of Paulo Coelho are autobiographical.
e. In his twenties, Coelho was arrested and tortured in France.

B. **Answer the following questions.** **[5x1=5]**

a. Why is the book 'Alchemist' special?
b. Which places did Coelho travel to being a hippie?
c. In what subject does his book deal with?
d. How many copies have the books sold roughly worldwide?
e. When was the book 'Elven Minutes' written?

3. Read the following advertisement and answer the given questions.

VACANCY ANNOUNCEMENT

A reputed newly established Bank is seeking a dynamic professional for the following posts in its Merchant Banking Unit. The person shall be responsible to set up the Merchant Banking Unit and making it the best.

1. **Post** : Market Officer
   Age : Not exceeding 30 years
   Qualification: MBA degree with a minimum of 4 years working experience
2. **Post**: Senior Accountant
   Age: Not exceeding 25 years
   Qualification: MBA degree with a minimum of 3 years
   Deadline for Application: 31 November, 2025
   Salary : As per the policy of the bank

Only those people who love to take on challenges are advised to apply together with their complete bio-data and testimonials at the address mentioned below. Shortlisted candidates will be called for the selection test

Kamana Sewa Bank
Devdaha, Khaireni, Nepal

A. Match the words with their meanings. **[5x1=5]**

a. Deadline	i. CV/Personal details
b. Reputed	ii. last point in date
c. Renumeration	iii. seeking
d. Seeking	iv. famous
e. Bio-data	v. salary

B. Answer the following questions. **[5x1=5]**

a. What are the vacant posts?
b. Mention the age bar of the candidate.
c. Who can apply for the post?
d. What is the required academic qualification of the candidate?
e. When is the last date to apply for the post?

4. Read the text and perform the task as follows.

Book: The Kite Runner
Author: Khaled Hosseini
Published: Bloomsbury
page: 324

In this appearance, the first Afghan novel is written in English, and two motherless boys who learned to crawl and walk side by side are destined to destroy each other across their tribal differences in a country of dried mulberries, sour oranges, rich pomegranates, and honey.

It is a Shakespearean beginning to an epic tale that spans lives lived across two continents amid political upheavals; however, dreams wither before they bud, and the search for a child finally makes a coward, not a man. The Kite Runner is the shattering first novel by Khaled Hosseini, an Afghan doctor who received political asylum in 1980 as civil conflict devastated his homeland. Whatever the truth of the claim to be the first English language Afghan novel, Hosseini is certainly the first Afghan novelist to fictionalize his culture for a western readership, melding the personal struggle of ordinary people in the terrible historical sweep of a devastated country in a soul-searching narrative.

Over the last three decades, Afghanistan has been ceaselessly battered by Communist rule, Soviet occupation, the Mujahedin, and democracy that became a terror. It is a history that can intimidate and exhaust an outsider's attempts to understand, but it simply and quietly turns into an intimate account of love, honor, guilt, fever, and redemption that needs no dry history book or atlas to grip and absorb.

Amir is a privileged member of the dominant Pashtun tribe growing up in affluent Kabul in the seventies. Hassan is his devoted servant and a member of the oppressed Hazare tribe whose first word was the name of his boy master. The book focused on the friendship between the two children and the cruel and shameful sacrifice the rich boy made to his humble, adoring late ego to buy the love of his own distant father. "I ran because I was a coward, "Amir realizes as he bolts from the scene that severs his friendship with Hassan, shatters his childhood, and haunts him for the rest of his life, "I actually aspired to cowardice."

The book starts with Amir's attempts to flee culpability for his act of betrayal, seeking asylum from his hellish homeland in California and a new life buried deep in black velvet portraits of Elvis. Amir's story is simultaneously devastating and inspiring. His world is a patchwork of the beautiful and horrific, and the book is a sharp, unforgettable taste of the trauma and tumult experienced by Afghans as their country buckled.
The Kite Runner is about the price of peace, both personal and political, what we knowingly destroy in our hope of achieving that, be it friends, democracy, or ourselves.

A. Find the opposite words to the following from the text. [5x1=5]

a. Peace b. enmity c. aggressive
d. bold e. kind

B. Choose and write the correct alternative. [5x1=5]

a. What has battered Afghanistan ceaselessly?
i. Communist rule ii. Soviet Occupation.
iii. Mujahidin iv. All of them

b. How is Amir's story?
   i. devastating. ii. uninspiring. iii. enjoyable iv. happy
c. When did Amri grow up?
   i. In the sixties ii. In the seventies.
   iii. in the eighties. iv. in the nineties.
d. Khaled Hosseini was a……..
   i. A soldier ii. Teacher iii. doctor iv. politician
e. Who Was Hassan?
   i. Amir's master ii. Amir's servant.
   iii. Amir's enemy iv. Amir's doctor

C. **Answer the following questions.** **[5x1=5]**

1. Who is Amir?
2. How is Amir's world?
3. Who is the protagonist of the story?
4. What is the relationship between Amir and Hassan?
5. How does Amir feel at the end of the novel?

5. Suppose that you are the Principal of XYZ School. Write a notice to be circulated to students about the cancellation of the prescheduled excursion due to the sudden change in the weather conditions. **[5]**

Excursion to the national museum……. scheduled for tomorrow……. temperature decreased to -3……./too cold to walk outside…..excursion cancelled

6. One of your school teachers has been awarded 'The Best Teacher Award' of the year 2081. Prepare a message of congratulations to be published in a newspaper using the clues in the box in about 100 words. [5]

Congratulations……..name of the teacher……name of the school,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,….The Best Teacher Award……..attributes of the teacher……..wish for the further success

7. Compose a dialogue between two friends talking about the movie they have recently watched in at least six exchanges. **[6]**

8. Many people believe that social networking sites, such as TikTok and Facebook, have negative impacts on both individuals and society, while others believe that they have connected people globally. What do you think? Write an essay expressing your opinions on "The Impacts of Social Media" in about 200 words. **[8]**

9. **Reproduce the following sentences as indicated in the brackets. [6x1-6]**
   a. Someone is following us,……? (Add a question tag)
   b. He sings too. (Change into a negative sentence)
   c. Nita read the novel loudly. (Change into 'how' question)
   d. The monitor banged on the door while the teacher …… (write) on the board. (Use the correct tense of the given verb)
   e. She said to me, "What is your name?" (Change into indirect speech)
   f. Farmers have to grow more rice. (Change into passive voice)

10. **Choose and copy the best answer for the numbered blanks below. Rewriting is not compulsory. [10x0.5=5]**

Once there was a well in a forest. One day, a fox was walking by……(a/an/the/no article) well. Suddenly, he slipped ……..(into/on/to/from) the well. The well was very deep,……(so/however/so that/therefore) he could not come out of the well. He made lots of efforts, ……(didn't he/don't he/doesn't he/isn't he)? At the same time, a thirsty goat……(has passed/pass/was passing/is passing) by the well and saw the fox in the well. The goat asked the fox……(what he was doing/was he doing/what he did/what he does) there. The clever fox replied that he had been there to drink water. He further said, the water there was very good. Hearing that, the goat……(jumped/was jumped/is jumped/jump) into the well at once. The fox stepped onto the back of the goat and jumped out of the well easily. The poor goat……(was/were/is/are) left to die there in the well. The persuasive words of the clever fox made the goat……(jimp/to jump/jumped/had jumped) into the well. If the goat had thought properly, it ……(would not have died/would die/will die/to die) there.

The End