

FIRST MID TERM EXAMINATION 2014-15

ENGLISH

Std-X

Time: 1 hr.  
Total Marks: 25

I. Read the following passage and answer the questions that follow:

And then Swami gave a lurid account of Samuel's violence; how when he started caning he would not stop till he saw blood on the boy's hand, which he made the boy press to his forehead like a vermilion marking. Swami hoped that with this his father would be made to see that he couldn't go to his class late. But Father's behaviour took an unexpected turn. He became excited. What do these teachers mean by beating our children? They must be driven out of service. I will see...

The result was that he proposed to send Swami late to his class as a kind of challenge. He was also going to send a letter with Swami to the headmaster. No amount of protest from Swami was of any avail. Swami had to go to school.

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| 1. | Why did Swami give a lurid account of Samuel's violence?   | 1 |
| 2. | "But father's behaviour took an unexpected turn" How?  | 1 |
| 3. | They must be driven out of service. I will see...<br>What does Swami's father want to make sure? | 1 |
| 4. | Pick out the phrase which means "of no use or unsuccessful"?                                     | 1 |

II. Read the following extract and answer the questions that follow:

My father, sceptic, rationalist,  
trying every curse and blessing,  
powder, mixture, herb and hybrid.  
He even poured a little paraffin  
upon the bitten toe and put a match to it.  
I watched the flame feeding on my mother.  
I watched the holy man perform his rites  
to tame the poison with an incantation.  
After twenty hours  
it lost its sting.

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| 1. | Was the father desperate? How can you say?      | 1 |
| 2. | What did the holy man do to save the mother?    | 1 |
| 3. | How was the father different from the peasants? | 1 |
| 4. | Pick out two instances of alliteration.         | 1 |

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III. Suppose Mira realized how rude she was to Ravi and felt sorry for him. If she were to write a diary expressing her sympathy with Ravi, what she might have written in it? Prepare the possible form of the diary. (5 Marks)

IV. Swami felt an impulse to run home and beg his father to take back the letter. Suppose he went home and confessed everything to his father. Prepare the possible form of their dialogue. (4 Marks)

V. Prepare the profile of Octavio Paz, the famous Mexican writer and diplomat using the hints given below: (4 Marks)

Name: Octavio Paz (1914-98),

Date of birth: 31 March 1914

Place of birth: Mexico City.

Popularity: Writer, Poet and Diplomat

Favourite Subjects: Politics, Economics, Aztec art and Anthropology.

Works: Luna Silvestre ( Wild Moon) 1933, Cabellera, The Labyrinth of Solitude.

Awards: Miguel de Cervantes Prize 1981, Nobel Prize for Literature in 1990.

Death: April 19, 1998

VI. Read the following dialogue and answer the questions below: (2 Marks)

The Second Man : Why do you call out the name Teresa?

The First Man: If it is an issue, we can call another name.

- a) What did the Second man ask?
- b) What was the First man's reply?

VII. Fill in the blanks with suitable form of the phrasal verbs from the box below: (2 Marks)

Feeling very hot inside the author.....(a).....his mind to go out. He . ...(b)..... his shirt and went downstairs.

At the door, the hotel keeper .....(c)...requesting him not to go out in the night. But he.....(d).....his request and went out of the hotel.

[put out, turn down, put on, make up, go on]