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F.A.-1,

Class : VIII
Subject : English

Time : 1½ hrs
Max Marks : 40

SECTION-A (Reading)

I. Read the passage carefully:

1x5=5

Agnes Bojakhiu was born in skopje, Yugoslavia, of Albanian parents. Her father was a prosperous merchant. She was attracted to the life of a missionary in India at a very early age. At eighteen, taking the name of Teresa in memory of Little Flower of Lisieux, she entered the Missionary Order of the Loreto Sisters and on January 20, 1931, she stepped off a steamship onto the quay at Calcutta, then the largest city in the Empire after London. For sixteen years, she taught Geography to the daughters of well-to-do British and Bengali society in one of the most prestigious convents in Calcutta. One day in 1946, however, during a train journey to Darjeeling, a town on the slopes of the Himalayas, she heard a voice. God was asking her to leave the comfort of her convent, to go and live among the poorest of the poor in the vast city beyond. Having first obtained permission from the pope, she changed into a plain white cotton sari and founded a new religious order whose vocation was to relieve the misery of the most neglected of men. In 1950, the Order of the Missionaries of Charity was born, a congregation which thirty-five years later would have two hundred and eight-five thousand charitable foundations throughout India and all the other continents, including countries behind the Iron Curtain.

Now complete the following on the basis of your reading of the passage:

- i) Mother Teresa was formerly called.....
- ii) After joining the Missionary Order of the Loreto Sisters, Teresa.....
- iii) Mother Teresa left the comforts of the convent because.....
- iv) Mother Teresa headed the Missionaries of Charity whose aim was
.....
- v) Find out words from the passage which have the same meaning as
 - (a) A persons trade or profession.
 - (b) Successful.

II. Read the poem and answer the questions by choosing the correct option. **1 x 5=5**

WHOSE woods these are I think I know.
His house is in the village though;
He will not see me stopping here
To watch his woods filled up with snow.
My little horse must think it queer
To stop without a farm-house near
Between the woods and frozen lake
The darkest evening of the year.
He gives his harness bells a shake
To ask if there is some mistake.
The only other sound's the sweep
Of easy wind and downy flake
The woods are lovely, dark and deep.
But I have promises to keep,
And miles to go before I sleep,
And miles to go before I sleep.

.... Robert Frost

Now answer the following questions by choosing correct options:

- (i) In the last stanza of the poem there is a repetition of the line; 'And miles to go before I sleep.' The poet has repeated the line to
- (a) make the poem interesting
 - (b) emphasize his responsibilities
 - (c) attract the readers
 - (d) express the idea of the poem more forcefully.
- (ii) When the poet says "But I have promises to keep"; he means that
- (a) he has to make his life successful
 - (b) he has certain duties which he must discharge
 - (c) he has to follow what he has said to his friends
 - (d) he has to make people happy.
- (iii) The woods are covered with
- (a) snow
 - (b) yellow leaves
 - (c) sand
 - (d) fallen trees.
- (iv) Who gives the harness bells a shake ?
- (a) Horse
 - (b) Poet
 - (c) Horse - rider
 - (d) Elephant
- (v) The word queer means
- (a) sometimes
 - (b) familiar
 - (c) strange
 - (d) abnormal

Section -B(Writing)

III. Write a letter to your friend, telling him/her the best birthday gift you received mentioning the reason you consider it the best:

-5M

IV. Write a Paragraph on any one topic:

-5M

1. Wars are not a good way to end conflicts
or
2. Effects of Tsunami.

Section-C (Grammar)

**V. Fill in the blanks using the correct form of the verbs:
(Past & Earlier Past)**

1x6=6M

- At 9Am I _____(go) to the office
- and _____(find) that the lock was
- broken. Thieves _____(plunder) the
- drawers and cabinets. I _____(call) the
- police. After Observing they _____(say) that
- about five men _____(enter) the building.

VI. Rearrange the words and Phases to form meaningful sentences.

1x2=2

Marks

(i) The cold / was wearing / to keep out / an overcoat / the old men.

(ii) a / took out / Rabbit / small / watch / beautiful / golden / the

Section - D (Literature)

VII. Read the extract and choose the correct answer.

1x4=4

At last by starvation and famine made bold
All dripping with wet, and all trembling with cold,
Away he set off to a miserly ant,
To see if, to keep him alive, he would grant

1. Who was suffering from starvation and famine ?
(a) the ant (b) the Cricket
(c) the poet (c) a man.
2. Why was he 'dripping with wet' ?
3. (a) It was raining hard. (b) He had dived in a pond
(c) He had no shelter (d) He had taken a bath
4. What did he expect to get from the miserly ant ?
(a) Good advice (b) food
(c) shelter (d) food and shelter
5. What does the word 'grant' mean ?
(a) kind (b) generous
(c) take (d) give.

VIII. Answer the following questions:**2x4=8**

- (a) What is Connie's Christmas present ? Why is it " the best Christmas present in the world" ?
- (b) What jobs did Hans Wolf and Jim Macpherson have when they were not soldiers ?
- (c) What, according to the Djinn, was the use of the "humph" ?
- (d) How are Meghna and Almas's stories similar ?

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