

Time: 3 hrs.

F.M. 90

SECTION- A

**READING COMPREHENSION[SEEN]**

**1. Read the following paragraphs and answer the questions that follow:**

Full thirty days after Ramzan comes Id. It is a glorious morning. Trees look greener, the fields more luxuriant, the sky more colourful. Look at this morning's sun. How lovely, fresh-looking! As if they all were congratulating the world on this day of Id. The village is full of excitement. People are getting ready to go to the Idgah. One man needs a button on his kurta; he rushes to the neighbor for a needle and thread. Another finds that the leather of his shoes has hardened; he runs to the grocer for some oil. There is a rush to feed the cattle; it will be late getting back from the Idgah. A walk of three miles, greeting hundreds of people; it will be impossible to return before noon!

The boys are the happiest.

But the happiest of the lot is Hamid. This boy is four or five years old, thin and lean. His father had died of cholera the previous year and his mother also died soon after that. Hamid now lives with his old grandmother, Amina, and is just as happy as ever. He thinks his father has gone away to earn some money; that he would come back with a bag full of it. That his mother has gone to heaven to bring beautiful presents for him. That is why he is so happy. Hope is a wonderful thing and that too, a child's! Hamid has no shoes on his feet and his cap is soiled and tattered; its gold thread has turned black. Nevertheless he is happy. Poor Amina sits in her hovel and cries. Today is Id and she has no food, much less sweets, to offer.

Hamid enters the hut and tells his grandmother, " You must not worry, Amma. I'll come back before anyone else. Don't be afraid for me. "

Amina feels a tightening around her heart. Other children in the village are all going with their father. The only person Hamid has is Amina. How can she send him alone to the crowded fair? If he gets lost, who will help him?

**A] Write the correct alternative to complete the following sentences in the given spaces:**

1x5=5

- a] After Ramzan comes Id in  
i] full thirty days ii] full sixty days iii] full ninety days d] full forty days
- b] It is a glorious morning ,when  
i] The trees look greener and sky more colourful ii] ponds look full iii] seas look wavy iv] houses look newer
- c] People are getting ready to go to the  
i] playground ii] war-field iii] Idgah iv] office
- d] Hamid's father died of  
i] pneumonia ii] cholera iii] malaria iv] encephalitis
- e] The only person Hamid has is  
i] Saleha ii] Amina iii] Rabeya iv] Ruksana

**B]Complete the following sentences with information from the text: 1x3=3**

- a] Hamid is happy as his mother

c] Hamid thinks that his father has gone away\_\_\_\_\_.

**C] a] State whether the following statements are True or False. Write 'T' for True and 'F' for False statements. Provide sentences/ phrases/ words in support of your answer:** 2x2=4

i] Idgah was a walk of five miles.

Supporting Statement:

ii] Hamid is four-five years old and of thin build.

Supporting Sentence:

**OR**

b] **Fill in the chart with information from the text:**

2x2=4

Statement

Reason

There is a rush to feed the cattle

Poor Amina sits in her hovel and cries

**2] Read the extract of the poem given below and answer the questions that follow:**

My country! In thy day of glory past  
A beauteous halo circled round thy brow.  
And worshipped as a deity thou wast.  
Where is that glory, where that reverence now?  
Thy eagle pinion is chained down at last,  
And groveling in the lowly dust art thou  
Thy minstrel hath no wreath to weave for thee  
Save and sad story of thy misery!  
Well—let me dive into the depths of time.

**A] Write the correct alternative to complete the following sentences: 2x2=4**

a] The poet is talking about his country in its

i] present times ii] long past iii] future days iv] days of glory past

b] In those times, its brow was circled round by

i] a beauteous halo ii] an orb iii] sunshine iv] fire ring

c] He asks about the loss of the past

i] glory and reverence ii] glory and lustre iii] sheen and brilliance iv] glory and charm.

d] He wants to take a dive into the

i] water ii] pond iii] sea iv] depths of time.

**B] Answer the following questions:** 2x2=4

[a] With which bird does the poet compare his country?

[b] What did the minstrel weave for India in the past years?

### READING COMPREHENSION[UNSEEN]

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

Kolkata: The way leading to Burrabazar from Strand Road is dotted with sundry shops, which cause trouble to the people who walk on the kerb. It is so chock-and-block with buyers and sellers that it is difficult to make way through the maze of makeshift shops. Again, people love these shops to remain there. Say, a pin or a ribbon or a cutter-knife or a headphone or a big kerchief, you have it all here, and that too at a damn cheap price. Again, you can haggle with the seller. The seller will settle the price somewhere in the midway. You are the ultimate winner.

Last Monday, however, these shops got a notification from the Corporation, that,, no plastic

The message is loud and clear. After the devastating fire at Gariahat, the ministers have unanimously gone against the use of these plastic sheets, being used to protect these roadside stalls from sun and rains. Anyway, they are trying to find an alternative to it.

Use of cloth does not serve the same purpose as the plastic sheets. Rubber sheets are too costly. The poor sellers, most of them living in hand-to-mouth plight, are in real trouble to solve this problem. They are doing away with any kind of protective covers. But how long will it go without any solution? They look up to the corporation people for a solution instead. Let us wait for a solution: cost-effective and handy!

**A) Write the correct alternative to complete the following sentences:** 1x6+6

a) The way to Burrabazar from Strand Road is:

i] narrow ii] dirty iii] dotted with shops iv] very broad.

b) The people want the shops :

i] to remain ii] to be abolished iii] to be renovated iv] to be whitewashed

c) These shops deal with:

i] sewing machines ii] refrigerators iii] inverters iv] pins, cutter-knives, headphones, big kerchiefs.

d) The shoppers got a notification from the Corporation:

i] Last Tuesday ii] one month ago iii] a week back iv] Last Monday.

e) The devastating fire broke out at:

i] Hatibagan ii] Gariahat iii] Taratala iv] Sarsuna

f) The problem is being solved with:

i] Cloth ii] rubber sheets iii] staying without cover iv] Shifting the shop elsewhere.

**B) Each of the following sentences is either 'True' or 'False'. Write T for True and F for False on the right hand side. Also pick the suitable line from the text in support of your answer:** [1+1] x3=6

i] The ministers are supporting the use of plastic sheets.

Supporting Sentence:

ii] The sellers are welcoming the decision of the Corporation.

Supporting Sentence:

iii] The plastic sheets are replaced by cloth.

Supporting Sentence:

**C) Answer the following questions:**

2x4=8

a) Why do the people support the stalls on the kerb though they face trouble walking through them?

b) Why are the shoppers not using the rubber sheets instead of plastic sheets?

c) Whom do the shop-owners look up to, for a solution to the problem?

d) Tick the most appropriate title for the passage:

i] Banning the use of Plastic Sheets

ii] Fire and the use of Plastic Sheets

iii] No to Plastic Sheets

SECTION-B

**GRAMMAR AND VOCABULARY**

