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Time : Three hours Maximum : 75 marks

SECTION A — (20 × 1 = 20 marks)

I. Answer ALL questions by chooing the correct answer :

1. Samuel Johnson took _____ years to compile the first dictionary of English language.

   (a) six (b) seven (c) eight (d) nine

2. _____ is a biography of saint, preacher, priest, founder, monk, nun or icon in any of the world's religion

   (a) hagiography (b) biopic (c) holypic (d) memoir

3. Hamilton describes early cave paintings _____ to the modern concept of biography.

   (a) Assyrian Palace reliefs (b) The Golden Stag (c) Epic of Gilgamesh (d) The Standard of Ur

4. _____ preceded Johnson in the task of drafting the dictionary.

(a) Nathaniel Bailey (b) Sir Philip Sidney (c) Sir Walter Raleigh (d) Thomas Wyatt

5. Malala Yousafzai was awarded the Nobel Peace Prize in _____.

(a) 2014 (b) 2015 (c) 2016 (d) 2017

6. Anne Frank called her diary _____.

(a) Elia (b) Kitty (c) Jesus (d) God

7. Florence Nightingale is known for her achievements in nursing and healthcare reform during _____.

(a) World War I (b) World War II (c) Spanish War (d) Crimean War

8. _____ is Anne's teacher who punished her often.

(a) Mr. Van Daan (b) Albert Dussel (c) Mr. Kleiman (d) Mr. Keesing

9. In a humorous way, Sarojini Naidu referred Gandhiji as _____.

(a) Tom (b) Harry Potter (c) Mickey Mouse (d) Mr. Bean

10. R.K. Narayan's anecdote on his courtship day includes his fascination for the girl in _____ saree.

(a) red (b) green (c) pink (d) yellow

11. _____ was the Guru of Salim Ali.

(a) Gandhiji (b) Erwin Stresemann (c) Wimsatt (d) Jesmyn Ward.

12. R.K. Narayan was a player of the local football team called _____.

(a) Fighting Sparrows (b) Jumping Stars (c) Ball Boosters (d) High Spirits.

13. _____ is known as the 'Milkman of India'.

(a) Tom Alter (b) C. Subramaniam (c) Dr. Verghese Kurien d. Atul Bhide

14. Laxman created a cartoon character called _____ to depict Indian experience.

(a) Swami (b) Suppandi (c) The English teacher (d) The common Man

15. "The cradle rocks above an abyss, and common sense tells us that our existence is but a brief crack of light between two eternities of darkness"– is the opening line of _____.

(a) The Man Who Made The Elephant (b) The Tunnel of Time (c) The Diary of a Young Girl (d) Speak, Memory

16. The chapter titled _____ discusses Nabokov's end of boyhood.

(a) Lodgings in Trinity Lane (b) Tamara (c) Curtain-Raiser (d) First Poem

17. Elizabeth Gilbert lived after her unhappy marriage in _____.

(a) Brazil (b) India (c) Paris (d) Bali

18. The title, 'Men We Reaped' was from a quote of _____.

(a) Barack Obama (b) Harriet Tubman (c) Abraham Lincoln (d) Maya Angelo

19. Greg Heffley describes about a local myth in his school related to _____

(a) cheese (b) ghost (c) vampire (d) chocolate

20. _____ is an antiquated term for alcoholism, and particularly a form of addiction in which a person has sudden-onset, overwhelming cravings for alcohol.

(a) hypomania (b) discomania (c) dispomania (d) drapetomania

SECTION B — (5 × 5 = 25 marks)

II. Answer any FIVE of the following in about 100 words each.

21. Discuss modern biography in public eye.

22. Write a short note on the challenges faced by Dr. Johnson in creating the dictionary.

23. How did generosity and greed blend during the time of war?

24. Describe R.K. Narayan as keen observer of society as found in his writings.

25. State the differences between sport hunter and a poacher.

26. Comment on the personal battles of Nightingale to achieve her goals.

27. What do the elephants symbolise in Tom Alter's "The Man Who Made The Elephant".

28. Justify the title 'Eat Pray Love' through the author's travel journey.

SECTION C — (3 × 10 = 30 marks)

III. Answer any THREE of the following in about 300 words each.

29. Elaborate on how Nigel Hamilton argues about biography as an artistic expression.

30. Briefly discuss on the rights of women and power of education from Malala's experiences.

31. Elucidate the crisis of environmental degradation through Salim Ali's biography.

32. Comment on Laxman's role in shaping the world of political cartoons in India.

33. "Solve one problem by creating another" – critically analyse the character, Mervyn Ondaatje.

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