

SECTION C - LITERATURE		40
v	Reference to the Context	10
1	Attempt ANY ONE of two extracts given.	5
1.A	<p>“Hey, a tea garden!” Rajvir cried excitedly. Pranjol, who had been born and brought up on a plantation, didn’t share Rajvir’s excitement. “Oh, this is tea country now,” he said. “Assam has the largest concentration of plantations in the world. You will see enough gardens to last you a lifetime!” “I have been reading as much as I could about tea,” Rajvir said. “No one really knows who discovered tea but there are many legends.”</p> <p style="text-align: right;"><i>(Glimpses of India)</i></p>	
i.	<p>Why was Pranjol not as excited as Rajvir about the tea gardens?</p> <p>A. He disliked looking at tea gardens. B. He had worked in tea gardens himself. C. He had grown up in and around tea gardens. D. He was bored with tea gardens.</p>	1
ii.	<p>What does Pranjol mean by saying that Assam has the largest concentration of plantations in the world?</p>	1
iii.	<p>Fill in the blank with ONE WORD only.</p> <p>Pranjol’s _____ comes through clearly when he exclaims, “You will see enough gardens to last you a lifetime!”</p>	1
iv.	<p>How according to Rajvir does the world know about the discovery of tea?</p> <p>A. Historical places B. Traditional tales C. Authentic anecdotes D. Popular publications</p>	1
v.	<p>Select the option that correctly captures the application of the word ‘cried’ as used in line 1 of the extract.</p> <p>A. Jaspreet <u>cried</u> a lot in spite of winning second place in a competition. B. Jaspreet <u>cried</u> out loud when she saw a white tiger in the sanctuary. C. Jaspreet <u>cried</u> for hours when the police were unable to find her lost pet. D. Jaspreet has barely <u>cried</u> since she was three years of age.</p>	1
OR		
1.B	<p>OMEGA: It shall be done, Sir. Remove vitamins. (Crew takes vitamins from boxes on their belts.) Present vitamins.</p>	

	<p>(They hold vitamins out in front of them, stiffly.) Swallow vitamins. (They pop the vitamins into their mouths and gulp simultaneously. They open their eyes wide, their heads shake, and they put their hands to their foreheads.)</p> <p>THINK-TANK: Excellent. Now, decipher that code.</p> <p>ALL: It shall be done, Sir. (They frown over the book, turning pages.)</p> <p>OMEGA: (brightly) Aha!</p> <p>IOTA: (brightly) Oho!</p> <p>OOP: (bursting into laughter) Ha, ha, ha.</p> <p>THINK-TANK: What does it say? Tell me this instant. Transcribe, Omega.</p> <p style="text-align: right;"><i>(The Book that Saved the Earth)</i></p>	
i.	<p>Select the option that correctly captures the usage of the word 'present' from line 1 of the extract.</p> <p>A. Oops received a nice <u>present</u> from Think Tank.</p> <p>B. Iota needs to <u>present</u> his opinion firmly.</p> <p>C. Omega must focus on the <u>present</u> and leave the past behind.</p> <p>D. Oops didn't know anyone even though a crowd was <u>present</u>.</p>	1
ii.	<p>Complete the analogy by selecting the suitable word from the text</p> <p>frown: smile:: gloomily: _____</p>	1
iii.	<p>Select the option that displays the reason why all crew members were asked to have vitamins.</p> <p>In order to -</p> <p>A. boost their physical energies.</p> <p>B. adapt to their circumstances.</p> <p>C. quickly turn all the pages.</p> <p>D. accomplish a specific task.</p>	1
iv.	<p>According to the extract, what did THINK-TANK most likely want OMEGA to do when he said 'Transcribe...?'</p> <p>1. read aloud</p> <p>2. translate</p> <p>3. make notes</p> <p>4. interpret</p> <p>5. record reactions</p> <p>Select the correct option.</p> <p>A. 1 & 3</p> <p>B. 2 & 4</p> <p>C. Only 3</p> <p>D. 1, 4 and 5</p>	1

v.	<p>The playwright places certain words and sentences in brackets in the given extract. List any ways these benefit both the director and actors.</p> <p>i) _____</p> <p>ii) _____</p>	1
2	Attempt ANY ONE of two extracts given.	5
2.A	<p style="text-align: center;">The trees inside are moving out into the forest, the forest that was empty all these days where no bird could sit no insect hide no sun bury its feet in shadow the forest that was empty all these nights will be full of trees by morning.</p> <p style="text-align: right;"><i>(The Trees)</i></p>	
i.	<p>Complete the sentence appropriately.</p> <p>It is clear that Personification is the poetic device used for 'No sun bury its feet...' because _____. (<i>Clue: explain how personification applies here</i>)</p>	1
ii.	<p>The poet has used a poetic device in the given lines. What effect does she wish to create by its use?</p> <p><i>...no bird could sit no insect hide no sun...</i></p> <p>A. emphasis B. comparison C. rhyme D. humour</p>	1
iii.	<p>State whether the following statement is TRUE or FALSE:</p> <p>The extract uses trees as a symbol for conservative people.</p>	1
iv.	<p>Select the appropriate option to complete the sentence, according to the extract.</p> <p>The idea of a forest that has been 'empty all these days' is _____.</p> <p>A. unnatural B. scary C. magical D. legendary</p>	1

v.	<p>How does the use of enjambment impact this extract?</p> <p>A. It forces frequent pauses. B. It simplifies the meaning. C. It builds momentum. D. It makes the lines lyrical.</p>	1
OR		
2.B	<p>But I can get a hair-dye And set such colour there, Brown, or black, or carrot, That young men in despair May love me for myself alone And not my yellow hair.”</p> <p style="text-align: right;"><i>(For Anne Gregory)</i></p>	
i.	<p>What is the poet’s tone in the extract?</p> <p>1. thoughtful 2. authoritative 3. agitated 4. insulting 5. argumentative</p> <p>Select the appropriate option.</p> <p>A. 1, 4 B. 3, 5 C. 2, 4 D. 1, 5</p>	1
ii.	<p>What causes the young men to ‘despair’, according to the extract?</p>	1
iii.	<p>Identify the reason for the speaker’s need to colour her hair, as per the extract.</p> <p>A. Her control over what makes her look beautiful. B. Her desire to be loved for inner beauty C. Her need to change people’s perception about beauty D. Her conviction that she is beautiful inside</p>	1
iv.	<p>Complete the analogy about the speaker’s hair. yellow: blonde :: _____ : carrot</p>	1
v	<p>Select the sentence in which the word ‘set’ is used in the similar manner as line 2 of the extract.</p> <p>A. I want to <u>set</u> him up and get my work done this time. B. Do you have another <u>set</u> of the books that I can read? C. The dessert needs to <u>set</u> for two hours before being served.</p>	1

	D. The <u>set</u> for the school play looked quite grand.	
VI	Answer ANY FOUR of the following in about 40-50 words each.	4*3=12
i.	Validate the given statement with reference to baby seagull's fear. 'Fear doesn't exist anywhere else other than one's mind.' <i>(His First Flight- Two Stories about Flying)</i>	3
ii.	Explain why the poet personally holds the conviction that the world will primarily end in fire? <i>(Fire and Ice)</i>	3
iii.	Valli's unique maiden bus ride experience could be possible because she belonged to a small village. Do you agree? Why? /Why not? (2 reasons) <i>(Madam Rides a Bus)</i>	3
iv.	Give one reason why ' <i>The Tale of Custard the Dragon</i> ' is more a fable than a ballad.	3
v.	How can we say that Natalya was continuously successful in maintaining an upper hand during her arguments with Lomov? (Any one example) <i>(The Proposal)</i>	3
VII	Answer ANY TWO of the following in about 40-50 words each.	2*3=6
i.	Dr. Herriot knew his patients as well as their owners really well. Discuss. <i>(The Triumph of Surgery)</i>	3
ii.	State one likely reason the writer of <i>The Midnight Visitor</i> chose to characterise Ausable as short and fat.	3
iii.	Validate the importance of small, fun learning tasks towards successful careers, in the context of Richard Ebright in <i>The Making of a Scientist</i> .	3
VIII	Answer ANY ONE of the following in about 100-120 words.	1*6=6
i.	Mijbil and the Tiger, both were looked after by humans. Assume they both meet each other in the zoo and have a conversation about their lifestyle and feelings. Write this conversation as per your understanding of <i>Mijbil the Otter</i> and <i>A Tiger in the Zoo</i> . You may begin like this <i>Tiger: Thanks for visiting me, though I don't usually like visitors.</i> <i>Mijbil: Oh? I would love visitors, I think.</i>	6
OR		
ii.	"Not from weeping nor from grieving will anyone obtain peace of mind". If you had to use the message of the given quote from the Buddha's sermon (<i>The Sermon at Benares</i>) to help the boy cope with the loss of his ball and what it signifies (<i>The Ball Poem</i>), what would you include in your advice? Also, evaluate why it might be difficult for him to understand the notion.	6
IX	Answer ANY ONE of the following in about 100-120 words.	1*6=6
i.	Fiction writers prefer creating grey characters rather than black and white. Analyse this in detail, with reference to both the characters of <i>The Thief's Story</i>	6

OR		
ii.	'Honour among thieves' is considered a popular code. Examine <i>A Question of Trust</i> as a story woven around this code.	6