

ESKPXII-XXVI (I)

ENGLISH PART-II

Time: 2 Hours 40 Minutes

SECTION "B"

Marks: 50

Note: Read the following passage carefully and answer the questions given at the end. Note: Your answers must be logical, well-organized, and written in your own words. Mere reproduction of the passage will not be credited.

The Muslim army was busy in gathering Mal-e-Ghanimat, utterly oblivious of everything else. Suddenly they were startled by the charge of enemy's cavalry in rear. Abu Sufyan also noticed the manoeuver of Khalid and the bewilderment of Muslims. He rallied his troops, returned to the scene of action and launched a frontal attack upon them. The Muslims found themselves caught in a pincer movement of the enemy, and they panicked. In a short time the tables were turned on them and victory was wrenched out of their hands. The Rasool (ﷺ) had given the banner of Islam to Mus'ab ibn Umayr (رضى الله عنه). He was martyred by the enemy and the banner of Islam fell on the ground. But Hazrat Ali (رضى الله عنه) seized the sacred banner and bore it aloft amidst the storm of battle. As Mus'ab (رضى الله عنه) resembled the Rasool (ﷺ) in appearance, a shout was put up by the enemy that Hazrat Muhammad (ﷺ) God forbid, was martyred. The morale of the polytheists of Makkah was beefed up this shout but demoralized the Muslim army.

- Q.1** Why were the Muslims caught off guard? (25 words) 3+2
- Q.2** What strategy did the enemy use against the Muslims? (25 words) 3+2
- Q.3** What was the result of the pincer movement? (25 words) 3+2
- Q.4** What role did Hazrat Ali (رضى الله عنه) play in the battle? (25 words) 3+2
- Q.5** How did the false news affect both armies? (25 words) 3+2
- Q.6** Write the meaning of these words: (oblivious, manoeuver, rallied, pincer, morale) 1+1+1+1+1
- Q.7** Pick one sentence and divide it into subject and predicate, explaining each part. 2+3
- Q.8** Identify three adjectives from the passage. 3
- Q.9** Identify two adverbs from the passage. 2

Note: Attempt question No.10 or question No.11.

- Q.10** Explain the following stanza with reference to the context. 2+1+2

Will no one tell me what she sings?-
Perhaps the plaintive numbers flow
For old, unhappy, far-off things,
And battles long ago:
Or is it some more humble lay,
Familiar matter of to-day?
Some natural sorrow, loss, or pain,
That has been, and may be again?

OR Q.11 If you can make one heap of all your winnings
And risk it on one turn of pitch-and-toss,
And lose, and start again at your beginnings
And never breathe a word about your loss;
If you can force your heart and nerve and sinew
To serve your turn long after they are gone,
And so hold on when there is nothing in you
Except the Will which says to them: 'Hold on!'

Note: Attempt question No.12 or question No.13.

- Q.12** Paraphrase the following stanza. 2+2+1

So when that night I pray'd
To God, I wept, and said:
Ah, when at last we lie with tranced breath,
Not vexing Thee in death,
And Thou rememberest of what toys
We made our joys,
How weakly understood,
Thy great commanded good.

OR Q.13 With eyes severe and beard of formal cut,
Full of wise saws and modern instances;
And so he plays his part. The sixth age shifts
Into the lean and slipper'd pantaloon,
With spectacles on nose and pouch on side;
His youthful hose, well sav'd, a world too wide
For his shrunk shank; and his big manly voice,
Turning again toward childish treble, pipes

SECTION "C"

Marks: 30

Note: Question No.14 is Compulsory. Attempt any Two from the remaining Three questions.

- Q.14.** Write an essay of about 250 words on one of the given topics. (Marks will be awarded for content, structure and organization, language proficiency, layout and presentation). 3+3+2+2

- The Importance of Hard Work in Achieving Success
- Energy Crisis and its Impact on National Progress
- The Effects of Mobile Phone Use on Students

- Q.15.** a) Change the narration of the following Sentences. 05

- He said, "I wish I had listened to your advice."
- She said, "Hardly had I reached the station when the train left."
- The captain said, "You must obey the orders without question."
- He said, "What does this symbol signify?"
- She said, "How wonderful the performance was!"

- b) Use the following pairs of words in sentences of your own to clearly show the difference in their meanings. 05

- Elicit / Illicit
- Imminent / Eminent
- Flair / Flare
- Moral / Morale
- Tortuous / Torturous

- Q.16.** In 'Lingquan Gorge', discuss how a sense of duty shape a person's character and destiny. 6+2+2

- Q.17.** In 'Lord of the Flies', discuss how the desire for power influences the behavior of the boys. 6+2+2