

Assignments for First Term

General Instructions:

1:Solve Ques I & II in English composition copy ; Ques III & IV in the text book itself; Ques V in English Grammar copy

2:For the essays from Onward with English text book ,opt for either Descriptive or Narrative topics. Do not attempt Picture study topic.

Ques I) Composition: Select and write 2 essays from Onward with English from Test paper 1 to Test paper 6.

Ques II) Letter writing: Select and write 2 formal letters and 2 informal letters from Test paper 1 to Test paper 6 from Onward with English text book.

Ques III) Passage: (Ques 4 from Onward with English text book) : Solve Q4 (a &b) from Test paper 1 to Test paper 6.

Ques IV) Solve Q 5 (a & b) from Test paper 1 to Test Paper 6 from Onward with English text book.

Ques V: Grammar Section from Joseph and Myall text book:

1. Tenses and their uses (Chap:17) : Ex 3 & 4

2. The Infinitive (Chap 19) : Ex 2

3. The Preposition (Chap 25) : Ex 1 to 5

4. Transformation of Sentences (Chap 40)

a) Removal of Adverb "too" : Ex 1 (a , b & c)

b) Interchange of Degrees of Comparison : Ex 2

c) Interchange of One Part of Speech for another : Ex 3 (a , b , c & d)

d) Interchange of Exclamatory and Assertive Sentences : Ex 5 (a & b)

e) Interchange of Interrogative and Assertive Sentences : Ex 6 (a & b)

f) Interchange of Affirmative and Negative Sentences : Ex 7 (a & b)

Ques VI) Learn the meanings of Phrasal verbs (chap: 33): From "Bear" to "Go"

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Book recommended – New Aster Advanced (8)

Answer the following questions in the English Literature copy.

Chapter 1 – The Shoemaker

I) Answer the following questions in a sentence:

- 1) What led Charles Dickens to become the voice of the poor and the working class?
- 2) Name any two popular novels of Charles Dickens.
- 3) What did the shoemaker answer when his name was asked?
- 4) Who had come to visit the shoemaker ?

II) Answer the following questions in two or three sentences :

- 1) What was peculiar about the faintness heard in the shoemaker's voice?
- 2) Where was the shoemaker ? What did the broad ray of light from the half-open door reveal about his tools and work ?
- 3) Discuss about the physical appearance of the shoemaker.
- 4) What were the shoemaker's clothing and why had it become dull and faded ?

III) Answer the following questions in five or six sentences :

- 1) "I said, couldn't you describe the kind of shoe, for monsieur's information ?"
What information was given about the kind of shoe by the speaker?
- 2) Who were the people and the things Mr. Lorry wanted Monsieur Mannette to recall ? What was Monsieur Mannette's expression ?
- 3) Who was the young lady who came to visit Mannette ? What were her repeated expressions on seeing Monsieur Mannette ?

- 4) How did the shoemaker react when he raised his eyes to glance at the young lady's face?

Chapter – 3 Thank You , Jeeves

I) Answer the following questions in a sentence:

- 1) Who is the author of “Thank You, Jeeves”?
- 2) What was Jeeves thanked for ?
- 3) What was the profession of Sir Roderick Glossop ?
- 4) Which musical instrument was Bertram Wooster interested in playing ?
- 5) With whom was Bertram Wooster to be engaged with ?

II) Answer the following questions in two or three sentences:

- 1) Who do you think the character Jeeves was ? What type of personality did he possess?
- 2) Who had bunged a monkey wrench into the wedding plans of Bertram Wooster ? What reasons did the person give for doing so ?
- 3) By whom was Bertram inspired with at the night in Alhambra?
- 4) Who was George? Who came to visit him and why ?

III) Answer the following questions in five or six sentences :

- 1) Who was asked to be certified and why ?
- 2) What reactions followed when Sir Roderick was greeted by Bertram ? What did Bertram conclude ?
- 3) What was the argument about Mrs. Tinker Moulke between Sir Roderick and Bertram?
- 4) How was Sir Roderick related to J. Washburn Stoker ? What did he persuade Stoker about ?

Chapter – 7 The Eyes Have It

I) Answer the following questions in one sentence :

- 1) When did the first passenger train run between Bori Bunder station in Bombay and Thane ?
- 2) Why was the speaker not able to tell what the girl looked like ?
- 3) How could the speaker tell that the girl was wearing slippers ?
- 4) According to the speaker, he made a mistake. What was it ?
- 5) Name the first novel of Ruskin Bond .

II) Answer the following questions in two or three sentences :

- 1) What did the speaker like about the girl?
- 2) How many carriages did the first train have ? How many passengers could it carry?
- 3) Name the three engines of the first train.
- 4) Why was the speaker prepared to sit in the train for any length of time ?
- 5) Name three of the most acclaimed works of Ruskin Bond .
- 6) Mention the sounds which were heard on the platform of the Saharanpur station.

III) Answer the following questions in five or six sentences :

- 1) Describe the journey of the Indian Railways as mentioned in the Cross- curricular connection of the story.
- 2) Who got into the compartment at Rohana? What instructions were given to him/her and by whom?
- 3) Why was the month of October the best time to visit Mussoorie?
- 4) What did the speaker imagine about the girl's hair when she was about to alight from the compartment of the train ?
- 5) Explain in detail the turning point of the story.

Chapter – 2 Ode to Autumn (Poem)

I) Answer the following questions in one sentence :

- 1) What do you mean by “thatch eaves” ?
- 2) With whom is the season conspiring?
- 3) What do you understand by “ garden croft”?
- 4) Which figure of speech is used for the season?

II) Answer the following questions in two to three sentences :

- 1) Mention the two “ close-bosom” friends.
- 2) What is the significance of the flowers for the bees?
- 3) How has summer season helped the bees?
- 4) Name two other odes composed by John Keats.

III) Answer the following questions in five to six sentences :

- 1)What does the poet talk about in the first stanza of the poem, “Ode to Autumn” ?
- 2) Lists the sounds of Autumn mentioned in the poem by Keats.
- 3) Enumerate the characterstic activities of autumn as emphasised in the second stanza of the poem.
- 4) The ending of the poem is artistically made to correspond with the ending of autumn season. Comment.

Book recommended : Tales From Shakespeare

(Do all the questions and answers in another literature copy)

The Merchant of Venice

I) Answer the following questions in one sentence:

- 1) Who is the protagonist of the play?
- 2) Name the rich lady whom Bassanio wished to marry . Where did she live ?
- 3) Who was Shylock ?
- 4) Name the two princes who came to woo the rich lady .
- 5) Who was the daughter of Shylock and with whom did she elope ?
- 6) Who was called the ‘Daniel’ and by whom ?

II) Answer the following questions in two or three sentences :

- 1) Why was Antonio much respected in Venice?

- 2) What type of person was Portia ? How was her wish of marrying the man of her own choice hampered?
- 3) Which caskets did Bassanio choose and reject ? What were the reasons behind his selection and rejection?
- 4) Why was the cheerful mood at Belmont short lived?
- 5) Why did the prince of Arragon reject the lead and gold casket? What made him choose the silver casket ?
- 6) What did Portia say about the quality of mercy ?
- 7) What reasons did Shylock give for not listening to the pleas of the Duke?
- 8) Whose help did Portia seek to save Antonio's life and how ?

III) Answer the following questions in five or six sentences :

- 1) What were the messages inscribed on the three caskets ? Who had designed the casket and why ?
- 2) Which casket did the Prince of Morocco choose and what was the outcome of his choice ?
- 3) How did Jessica plan to elope with Lorenzo ?
- 4) Why could Antonio not help Bassanio to present himself as a befitting suitor to Portia? How did he agree to help Bassanio indirectly?
- 5) What preparations were made by Bassanio to present himself as an eligible suitor at Belmont and who accompanied him? On what condition did Bassanio allow that person to accompany him?
- 6) Narrate Bassanio's confession to Portia after he received the news of Antonio's shipwreck.