

**Maximum Marks: 80**

**Time Allowed: Three Hours**

*(Candidates are allowed **additional 15 minutes** for **only** reading the paper.  
They must **NOT** start writing during this time.)*

*Answer **all** questions in **Section A and Section B**.*

*The intended marks for questions or parts of questions are given in brackets [ ].*

**SECTION A – 20 MARKS**

**Question 1**

**[10]**

Choose the correct options for the following questions.

- (i) What is Lady Macbeth's reaction to the letter from Macbeth about the witches prophecies?  
(a) she is indifferent (b) she is furious (c) she is excited and begins plotting Duncan's murder (d) she tells Macbeth to ignore the prophecy
- (ii) Why does Duncan visit Macbeth's castle?  
(a) to confront him about the witches prophecy (b) to honour Macbeth for his bravery and loyalty (c) to flee from an impending attack (d) to punish Macbeth for treason
- (iii) What vision does Macbeth have before killing Duncan?  
(a) a crown floating in the air (b) a dagger pointing towards Duncan's chamber (c) the witches laughing at him (d) blood on his hand
- (iv) Why does Macduff refuse to attend Macbeth's coronation?  
(a) he suspects Macbeth of foul play (b) he believes that Malcolm should become the king (c) he is grieving Duncan's death (d) he plans to leave Scotland immediately
- (v) The lady asks Roger to \_\_\_\_\_.  
(a) return her pocket book (b) go to shop (c) wash his face (d) be in the jail
- (vi) People declared Hamaguchi as God, and called him \_\_\_\_\_ thereafter.  
(a) Gohei (b) Tamatsu (c) Choja (d) Daimyojin
- (vii) Once, the \_\_\_\_\_ jumped into a dish of soy sauce on the table at dinner.  
(a) shark (b) water buffalo (c) goat (d) deer
- (viii) Suddenly the black night showed its \_\_\_\_\_ in a flash of lightening.  
(a) face (b) mouth (c) image (d) teeth
- (ix) The theme of the poem 'Death of a Naturalist' is \_\_\_\_\_.

(a) childhood innocence (b) dying time and culture (c) love and compassion (d) futility of war

(x) According to the poem, 'Strange Meeting' the greatest fear is \_\_\_\_\_.

(a) death (b) hopelessness (c) life (d) none of the above

### Question 2

[10]

Complete the following sentences by providing a reason for each in brief. Do not write the question.

(i) Duncan calls the sergeant 'bloody' because \_\_\_\_\_.

(ii) Lady Macbeth could not herself kill Duncan because \_\_\_\_\_.

(iii) An English tailor got to hell because \_\_\_\_\_.

(iv) Duncan's body was being carried to Colmekill because \_\_\_\_\_.

(v) In the story, 'Thank You, Ma'am' the woman's bag was heavy because \_\_\_\_\_.

(vi) The people of the village officially called Hamaguchi 'Choja' because \_\_\_\_\_.

(vii) Mom made a new shark for Jack, this time out of tin foil because \_\_\_\_\_.

(viii) Upagupta did not accept the invitation from the girl because \_\_\_\_\_.

(ix) The speaker would fill jars of frogspawn and carry it to his home as well as to the school because \_\_\_\_\_.

(x) The place where the speaker reaches through the dull tunnel in the poem, 'Strange Meeting' is gloomy because \_\_\_\_\_.

### SECTION B – 60 MARKS

#### ***The Tempest: William Shakespeare***

### Question 3

(i) Comment on Lady Macbeth's behaviour on the discovery of Duncan's murder. [5]

(ii) How does the sergeant describe the battle between Macbeth and Macdonwald? [5]

(iii) (a) Discuss Lady Macbeth's hospitality towards Duncan during the latter's visit to her castle. [10]

OR

(b) Give the dramatic significance of Act 2 Scene 4 in which the murder of Duncan is reported.

## **ECHOES: PROSE**

### **Question 4**

- (i) Describe the scene of the attempted theft and the way Mrs Jones takes Roger to her house. [5]
- (ii) What happens when Jack watches a documentary about sharks for a second time. [5]
- (iii) (a) In the light of the sacrifice made by Hamaguchi, discuss his character traits. [10]  
OR  
(b) How did the famine and the cultural revolution in China change the life of Jack's mother and her parents?

## **REVERIE: POETRY**

### **Question 5**

- (i) What did the dead soldier tell about his unfulfilled desires? [5]
- (ii) Comment on the use of imagery in the poem ' Abhisara'. [5]
- (iii) (a) What caused the death of a naturalist in the speaker? [10]  
OR  
(b) How does the poem, 'Strange Meeting' bring about the pity and horror of war?

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