

Answers to this Paper must be written on the paper provided separately.

You will not be allowed to write during first 15 minutes.

This time is to be spent in reading the question paper.

The time given at the head of this Paper is the time allowed for writing the answers.

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

(Attempt all questions)

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### Question 1

Choose the correct answers to the questions from the given options:

[2]

- (i) Which part of the country is 'Blue Umbrella' story based on?  
(a) Kerala (b) Guwahati (c) Garhwal (d) Madhya Pradesh
- (ii) Most of the people in the village were a little envious of Binya's blue umbrella because.....  
(a) It is very expensive (b) It was just so bright and blue  
(c) No one else had ever possessed one like that (d) It was really cool
- (iii) What was the first lesson the narrator learnt from his father?  
(a) To never misuse public facilities. (b) To respect the jeep driver  
(c) To read the newspaper daily (d) To create a bloom in the desert
- (iv) What was Subroto Bagchi's father's occupation?  
(a) Government clerk (b) District employment officer  
(c) Civil Services examiner (d) Retired Government employee
- (v) In 'If', Kipling advises the reader to keep their head when all about them are doing what?  
(a) Doubting (b) Lying (c) Losing (d) Dying
- (vi) 'If you can dream and not make dreams your master', what does he mean by this?  
(a) Dreams are good to have so don't allow them to slip away  
(b) Dreams are evil so be careful about following them  
(c) It is good to have dreams, but not let your dreams control you  
(d) None of the above answers
- (vii) What is the name of the cricket club in the story 'MCC'?  
(a) Indian Cricket Club (b) Local Cricket Club  
(c) Malgudi Cricket Club (d) National Cricket Club
- (viii) Who is the captain of the MCC team?  
(a) Rajam (b) Mani (c) Swami (d) None of them

### Question 2

Give meanings for the following words:

[3]

- (i) Knaves      (ii) Obligated      (iii) Unravel      (iv) Swishing  
(v) Appendage      (vi) Huddling

### Question 3

Give one word for the given meanings:

[3]

- (i) Make glad or happy  
(ii) Agreed to do something after having refused earlier  
(iii) Sat on something high  
(iv) A feeling of intense pleasure or joy  
(v) Those who pretend to be somebody else in order to deceive people  
(vi) feeling or expressing resentment, disappointment or anger

### Question 4

Make sentences in your own words with the following:

[2]

- (i) Precious      (ii) Disagreement

### Question 5

Copy and complete the lines of the poem:

[4]

'If you can.....  
.....dreams your master;'

### Question 6

Answer the following in one or two sentences:

[3]

- (i) What three things did the speaker's mother continue to do even after she went blind?  
(ii) Describe Binya's life in the village.  
(iii) Where did the MCC members find the pitch to play?

### Question 7

Answer the following with reference to the context:

[8]

- (i) 'What a tribute!'  
(a) Why did they receive the tribute and who sent it to them?  
(b) What were the other 'implications' of the letter with which the tribute came?
- (ii) 'If you can fill the unforgiving minute  
with sixty seconds worth of distance run,'  
(a) Why does the speaker call the minute 'unforgiving'?  
(b) How does the speaker propose to fill the unforgiving minute?

(iii) 'We do not need a house of our own. I already own five houses.'

(a) Why do you think he referred to his sons as houses?

(b) What lesson did the speaker and his siblings learn from this comment?

(iv) 'She could not crawl back with it in her hands.'

(a) Who is the narrator speaking about in this line? What is the person holding?

(b) Why could the person not crawl back with the thing in her hands?

### Question 8

Answer the following briefly:

[9]

(i) Give a description of how the umbrella came to be stuck in the branches of the cherry tree.

(ii) How did the opinion of the speaker's parents about India's ability to govern itself differ from each other?

(iii) With what did the MCC members finally play? Describe the arrangements made.

### Question 9

Think and answer:

[6]

(i) Kipling has given us invaluable rules to live by in the poem 'If'. Based on the poem list five rules that you think are the most important.

(ii) It was the first day of your new school. Make a diary entry describing your first-day experience in your school.

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