



FIRST TERM EXAMINATION (2021-22)

Subject: ENGLISH
Grade: XII

Max. Marks: 40
Time: 1 ½ hour

General Instructions:

1. The Question Paper contains *THREE* sections.
2. Section A-READING has 18 questions. Attempt a total of 14 questions, as per specific instructions for each question.
3. Section B-WRITING SKILLS has 12 questions. Attempt a total of 10 questions, as per specific instructions for each question.
4. Section C-LITERATURE has 30 questions. Attempt 26 questions, as per specific instructions for each question.
5. All questions carry equal marks.
6. There is no negative marking.

SECTION -A

Reading Comprehension (14 Marks)

I. Q1. Read the passage carefully.

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1. A large majority of the elderly in India do not get long-term and palliative care, revealed a study conducted for the United Nations. The survey of more than 10,000 respondents across northern, southern, western, eastern, and central India during May-June 2018, showed that 62.1% of the elderly did not get such care. More than half of these people, 52.4%, said they primarily need traditional family support, says a study by Age well Research and Advocacy Centre.

2. Older people in India often face problems such as disability, restricted mobility, loneliness, poverty and lack of awareness on accessing old-term care. With a fast-growing population of older people, the ever-increasing gap between generations and the fast and demanding lifestyle of young people, for a majority of older people, life is still a struggle for independence.

3. "According to 64% of elderly respondents, loneliness, marginalization, and isolation are the most critical issues faced by bedridden, elderly patients as they cannot visit, meet or interact with their relatives, friends and neighbours," said Himanshu Rath, founder of Age well Foundation.

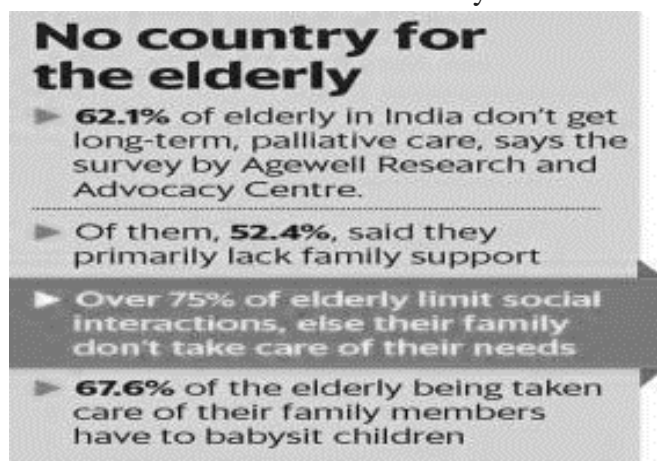
4. The elderly have to compromise and make adjustments in their lifestyle according to the wishes of the younger members of their families to ensure they are cared for, the study revealed. It highlighted that 67.6% of the elderly being taken care of by their family members have to look after the children of the families. They have to perform tasks such as babysitting in return for proper care and support.

5. "Around 73.7% said they have to take care of the house and other properties of their younger family members to ensure long-term and palliative care in old age," the study report said. "Over 75% of respondents have to limit their personal social interactions as their family members direct them to do so, otherwise their family members can avoid providing their basic needs of food and medicines. "Most elderly respondents (68.5%) said breaking up of the joint family system is one of the biggest factors for the challenges they face in getting long-term, palliative care.

6. Healthcare equipment such as wheelchairs, relief material such as adult diapers and care-giving service should be provided on a regular basis to destitute older people, who are bedridden and suffering from acute mobility issues, the report said.

7. "Though providing long-term and palliative care to older persons comes in the purview of family responsibilities in India, it is observed that older people, who are financially independent, have a high net worth or hold property entitlements, are treated comparatively well by their family members" said Rath.

8. "Managing home care for the elderly is a massive challenge as multiple service providers—nursing agencies, physiotherapists and medical suppliers—are small scale and unorganized and, therefore, provide incomplete care," he said. "In India, health insurance coverage is essentially limited to hospitalization. The concept of geriatric care has remained a neglected area of medicine so far in the country."



On the basis of the understanding of the passage, answer any eight out of the questions given below with the help of the options that follow. (1x8= 8 Marks)

(1) According to the passage what is the primary need of all elders in India?

- a) Long term care
- b) Traditional family support
- c) Independence
- d) Proper healthcare

(2) Pick the option that lists the statements that are NOT TRUE according to the passage.

- A. Older people in India often face problems.
- B. The elderly has to compromise and make adjustments in their lifestyle.
- C. Healthcare equipment such as wheelchairs, adult diapers, etc. should not be provided on a regular basis.
- D. Managing home care for the elderly is a small challenge.

- a) A and B
- b) B and C
- c) A and C
- d) C and D

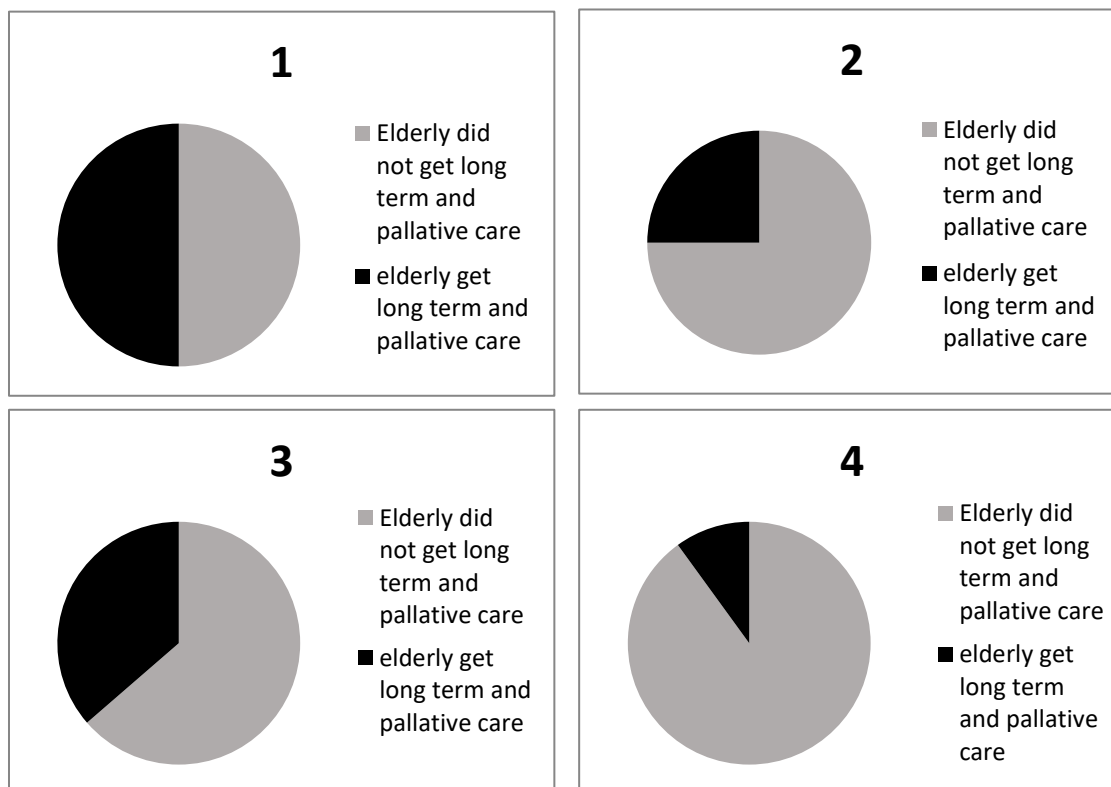
(3) The word 'acute' as used in para 6, means the same as

- a) deserving
- b) poor
- c) serious
- d) intermittent

(4) How does an elder get the proper care and support?

- a) By babysitting.
- b) By transferring their properties to the family members.
- c) By shifting into a old age home.
- d) By taking care of the household.

(5) Based on the data given in the picture passage, choose the option that correctly states the outcomes of the survey during May-June 2018.



- a) Option 1
- b) Option 2
- c) Option 3
- d) Option 4

(6) Choose the option that DOES NOT mean 'geriatric'

- a) Ancient
- b) Infantine
- c) Elderly
- d) Senior

(7) The passage specifically focuses on

- a) All old people in old age homes
- b) Elderly with mental disorder
- c) Bedridden old people
- d) All old people

(8) In India, the responsibility of the elders lies on

- a) Family systems
- b) Old age centers
- c) Government
- d) Hospitals

(9) According to the report, what is an essential requirement for older people suffering from mobility issues?

- a) Care giving services
- b) Wheelchairs
- c) Adult diapers
- d) All of these

(10) Arrange the given data from the survey from the least accepted to the most observed problem faced by the elderly, from the following

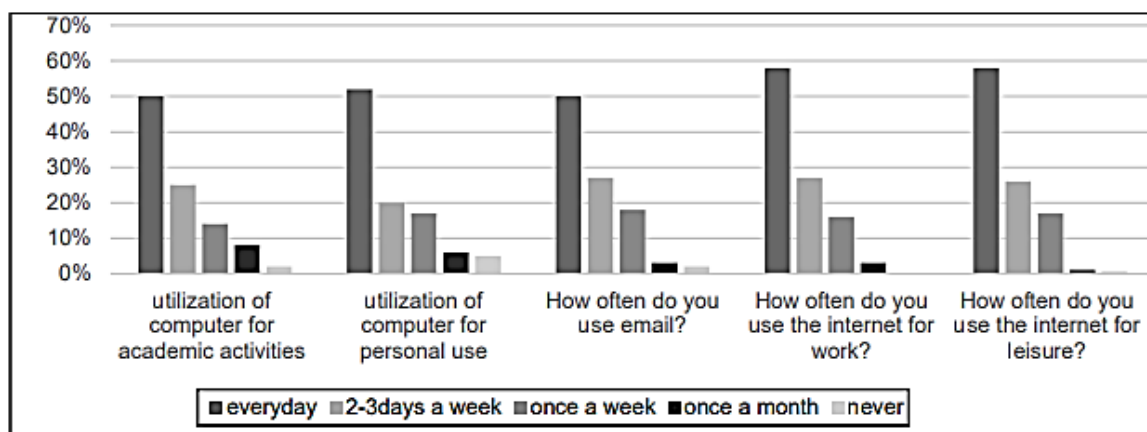
- A. Lack of traditional family support.
- B. Limited personal social interactions.
- C. Loneliness, marginalization, and isolation.
- D. Compromise for proper care and support.

- a) C, D, B, A
- b) D, C, A, B
- c) B, D, C, A
- d) A, D, B, C

II. Read the passage carefully-

6 M

The present generation is well updated in the use of internet and computers. The rapid development in computer technology and increase in accessibility of the internet for academic purposes has changed the face of education for everyone associated with it. Let's look at the data arising out of a recent survey that was done to ascertain the time spent on utilisation of the computer and internet:



2. At present, many schools and universities have been implementing internet-based learning, as it supplements the conventional teaching methods. The internet provides a wide variety of references and information to academics as well as 0% 10% 20% 30% 40% 50% 60% 70% utilization of computer for academic activities, utilization of computer for personal use How often do you use email? How often do you use the internet for work? How often do you use the internet for leisure? Everyday 2-3days a week, once a week once a month, never as scientific researcher. Students often turn to it to do their academic assignments and projects.

3. However, research on the Net is very different from traditional library research, and the differences can cause problems. The Net is a tremendous resource, but it must be used carefully and critically.

4. According to a 2018 Academic Student e-book Experience Survey, conducted by LJ's research department and sponsored by EBSCO, when reading for pleasure, almost 74% of respondents said they preferred print books for leisure whereas, 45 % of respondents chose e-books rather than the printed versions, for research or assignments.

5. When asked what e-book features make them a favourite for research, the respondents were clear. Having page numbers to use in citations, topped the list (75%); followed by the ability to resize text to fit a device's screen (67%); the ability to bookmark pages, highlight text, or take notes for later reference (60%); downloading the entire e-book (57%); and allowing content to be transferred between devices (43%) were the varied responses.

Based on your understanding of the passage, answer any six out of the eight questions by choosing the correct option-

(11) According to the passage, one of the reasons for the recent transformation of education is the:

- a) techno-efficiency of the present generation.
- b) expanse of courses on technology.
- c) simplification of the teaching and learning- method.
- d) easy availability of the internet.

(12) Pick the option that lists statements that are NOT TRUE according to the passage.

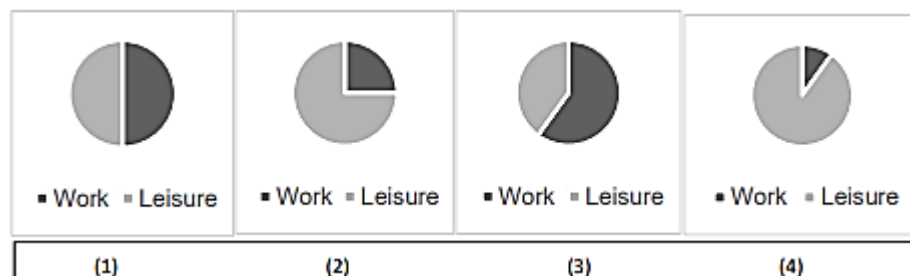
- A. Internet-based education can only complement familiar methods. of education.
- B. Net-based learning will replace face-to-face education.
- C. The resources that the net provides are a danger to the education system.
- D. The current times has seen a rise in the convenience of using the internet for academic purposes.

- a) A & B
- b) C & D
- c) B & C
- d) A & D

(13) The word 'tremendous', as used in paragraph 3, means the same as

- a) 'expensive'.
- b) 'renowned'.
- c) 'innovative'.
- d) 'incredible'.

(14) Based on the graphical chart in the passage, choose the option that correctly states the depiction of internet usage for work and for leisure, for once a month.



- a) Option (1)
- b) Option (2)
- c) Option (3)
- d) Option (4)

(15) "... but it must be used carefully and critically." The idea of being careful and critical while using the internet, is mainly a reference to

- a) hardware malfunction.
- b) plagiarism.
- c) troubleshooting.
- d) virus threats.

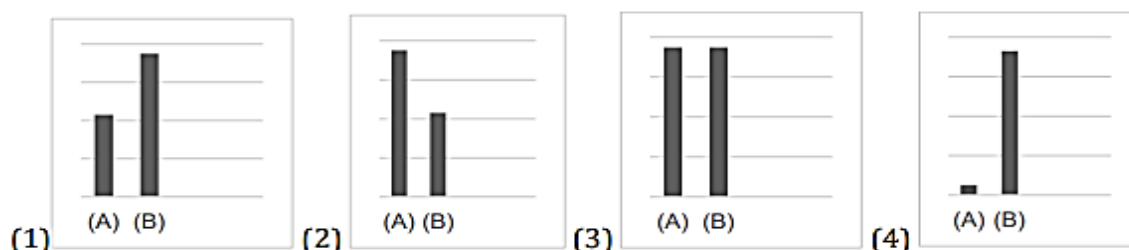
(16) Which of the following statements is NOT substantiated by information in paragraph 4?

- a) About three-quarters of the respondents preferred print books for recreational reading.
- b) A little less than a 50% of the respondents voted for e-books for research or assignments.
- c) More than 50% respondents stated enjoying both versions of books for leisure reading.
- d) The survey was intended for understanding the e-book experience among students.

(17) According to the 2018 survey, which is the option that correctly displays the features of -

(A) page numbers for use in citation and

(B) content transfer between devices respectively.



- a) Option (1)
- b) Option (2)
- c) Option (3)
- d) Option (4)

(18) Arrange the given e-book features preferred for research from the least favourite to the most favourite, from the following –

- A. downloading the entire e-book.
- B. choosing page numbers in citations.
- C. highlighting text.
- D. resizing text to fit screen.

- a) A, C, D, B
- b) C, B, A, D
- c) B, D, C, A
- d) D, A, B, C

SECTION B

SHORT WRITING TASK

III. Answer any four out of the five questions given, with reference to the context below. 4M

This is to inform _____ that an inter school fancy dress competition is being organized at the Tagore Theater.

19. Choose the most appropriate option for the title of the notice-

- a) Inter school fancy dress competition

- b) Fancy Dress competition
 - c) Competition at Tagore Theater
 - d) Either (i) or (ii)
20. What would **NOT** be included in this kind of notice-
- a) Personal details
 - b) Simple language
 - c) Date, time, venue
 - d) Signatures
21. Whom should be contacted for further details? (Choose the most appropriate)
- a) The Principal
 - b) The Supervisors
 - c) The Head Girl
 - d) The Administration
22. Which statement *will follow* the above sentence?
- a) Those willing to take part in our school event must come for selection
 - b) Those willing to take part must note the date and timings.
 - c) Those willing to take part must arrange their own costume
 - d) Those willing to take part must contact the undersigned
23. What is the target group here?
- a) The parents
 - b) The whole staff
 - c) The teachers and students
 - d) The teachers

LONG WRITING TASK

6M

IV. Answer **any six of the seven** questions given, with reference to the context below.

The city of Delhi is getting contaminated water from the river Yamuna. The residents are to be blamed for this. They pollute the river with garbage, sewage, and filth. The river water is full of bacteria, plastic, chemicals, and other waste materials. It is unfit for consumption. The people have been demanding a Water Treatment Plant. The authorities have not yet responded to the repeated requests.

24. In the above letter to the editor, which paragraph would these lines be included in?
- a) First Paragraph
 - b) Second Paragraph
 - c) Third Paragraph
 - d) Fourth Paragraph
25. The proper sequence of the complimentary close should be -
- a) Sender's name, signature & designation
 - b) Sender's name & designation
 - c) Signature, Sender's name & designation
 - d) Designation, sender's name, and signature
26. What should be the most appropriate opening of the letter?
- a) Through the column of your newspaper
 - b) Through the column of this newspaper
 - c) This is to bring to your notice
 - d) This is to inform everyone
27. What other details can be included in the above paragraph?
- a) Details about the person writing the letter
 - b) Suggestions to resolve the issue
 - c) Present arguments
 - d) None of the above

28. How would you give suggestions to curb this issue?
- Appealing to the authorities to take action
 - Mentioning the future disaster
 - Critical comments on the policies made
 - None of the above
29. The best option for the subscription here is-
- Your's Truly
 - Yours Truly
 - Yours truly
 - Your's truly
30. Choose the most appropriate option- 'The letter is to – '
- Create awareness
 - Raise an issue
 - Give an opinion
 - Present an argument

SECTION -C LITERATURE

This section has sub-sections: V, VI, VII, VIII, IX. There are a total of 30 questions in the section.

Attempt any 26 questions from the sub-sections V to IX. V.

Read the given extract to attempt questions that follow

- V. *All at once the church-clock struck twelve. Then the Angelus. At the same moment, the trumpets of the Prussians, returning from drill, sounded under our windows. M.Hamel stood up, very pale, in his chair. I never saw him look so tall.*

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31. What does 'Angelus' refer to?
- Sermon by the priest
 - Roman song
 - Sound of thanksgiving
 - Prayer sung in a church.
32. What does the trumpets of the Prussians imply?
- Igniting patriotic feeling
 - Playing the band to reduce war stress.
 - People of Alsace are now enslaved.
 - Prussians cheering up the victory over France
33. Why is M. Hamel pale?
- Feels emotional and heart broken.
 - He is unwell.
 - He is annoyed.
 - He doesn't like the sound of the trumpets
34. 'I never saw him look so tall.' What did Franz mean here?
- He had never noticed him.
 - M. Hamel seemed confident.
 - He wore his fine clothes that day.
 - None of the above.
35. Which country did the author belong to-
- Germany
 - France
 - Prussia
 - None of the above

VI Read the extract below and answer the questions that follow-**5M**

Dr Sadao's house was built on a spot of the Japanese coast where, as a little boy he had often played. The low, square stone house was set upon rocks well above a narrow beach that was outlined with bent pines. As a boy he had climbed the pines, supporting himself on his bare feet, as he had seen men do in the South Seas when they climbed for coconuts. His father had taken him often to the islands of those seas, and never had he failed to say to the little brave boy at his side, "Those islands yonder, they are the steppingstones to the future for Japan." "Where shall we step from them?" Sadao had asked seriously. "Who knows?" his father had answered. "Who can limit our future? It depends on what we make it"

36. Who is referred to as 'he' in the above lines?
- a) Dr Sadao Hoki
 - b) The father
 - c) White soldier, Tom
 - d) Old gardener
37. What kind of a person was his father?
- a) Educated person
 - b) Serious person
 - c) Both (i)& (ii)
 - d) None of the above
38. What was his chief concern about Sadao?
- a) His marriage
 - b) Japanese culture and tradition
 - c) Sadao's education
 - d) Patriotism and nationalism
39. Which word in the passage is the antonym of 'coward'?
- a) Yonder
 - b) Valorous
 - c) Recreant
 - d) Craven
40. The author of the above lines-
- a) Anees Jung
 - b) Louis Fischer
 - c) Kalki
 - d) Pearl. S. Buck

VII. Read the following extract and answer the questions below.**5M**

1. *It would be an exotic moment
without rush, without engines;
we would all be together
in a sudden strangeness.
Fishermen in the cold sea
would not harm whales
and the man gathering salt
would not look at his hurt hands.*

41. 'Keeping Quiet' uses fishermen to symbolize man's-
 - a) Persistent pollution of the natural environment
 - b) Rapid degradation of human values
 - c) Limitless exploitation of natural resources
 - d) Constant participation in the acts of terror
42. What does the poet mean by 'Exotic moment'?
 - a) Rare moment of calm and unity
 - b) Unusual moment of lethargy
 - c) A strange moment when there will be no rush and no vehicles.
 - d) All the above
43. What do 'hurt hands' refer to?
 - a) Growing needs of man
 - b) Growing greed of man
 - c) Unfulfilled desires
 - d) Growing insensitivity of man to pain
44. What is the poetic device used in 'Cold Sea'?
 - a) Oxymoron
 - b) Alliteration
 - c) Transferred Epithet
 - d) Simile
45. Name the poet of the above line-
 - a) Stephen Spender
 - b) Pablo Neruda
 - c) Kamala Das
 - d) Alphonse Daudet

VIII Read the following extract and answer the questions below.

Have you ever been there? It's a wonderful town still, with big old frame houses, huge lawns, and tremendous trees whose branches meet overhead and roof the streets. And in 1894, summer evenings were twice as long, and people sat out on their lawns, the men smoking cigars and talking quietly, the women waving palm-leaf fans, with the fire-flies all around, in a peaceful world. To be back there with the First World War still twenty years off, and World War II over forty years in the future... I wanted two tickets for that.

46. Whom does 'you' refer to-
 - a) Psychiatrist, Sam
 - b) The Reader
 - c) Charley's wife
 - d) No one in particular, it is a figure of speech
47. Choose the option that best describes the society represented in the above extract?
 - a) High spirited, peace loving
 - b) Leisurely, sentimental
 - c) Orthodox, upper class
 - d) Comfortable, modern
48. Who is the author of the above lines?
 - a) Pearl. S. Buck
 - b) Colin Dexter

- c) Jack Finney
- d) Susan Hill

49. ‘Tremendous trees whose branches meet overhead and roof the streets. ‘is NOT an example of-

- I. Imagery
- II. Metaphor
- III. Alliteration
- IV. Anachronism

- a) I&II
- b) I&III
- c) II&III
- d) II&IV

50. What is the significance of 1894 in the lesson?

- a) It was past
- b) Authors’ parents were alive
- c) Author’s childhood time
- d) Representing a peaceful time

IX. Answer each of the questions given below by choosing the most appropriate option.

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51. What do the parting words “See you soon, Amma” signify?

- a) Farewell to mother
- b) Her hopelessness
- c) Her weakness
- d) Her hope

52. Dr. Sadao was not sent to the battlefield because –

- a) Because he was educated in America
- b) He didn’t love his country
- c) He was supposed to take care of the General
- d) All the above

53. Who was Sam in the third Level?

- a) A Doctor
- b) A Friend
- c) Both I and ii
- d) None of the above

54. What do the boys appear like to the author in the “Lost Spring”?

- a) Morning crows
- b) Evening crows
- c) Morning birds
- d) Evening Birds

55. When Douglas regained consciousness, he-

- a) laughed at his experience
- b) Had 104° F fever
- c) Shook and cried and didn’t eat anything
- d) Told his mother about his misadventure

56. What two distinct worlds does the author see in the lives of the bangle makers?

- a) Policemen- bureaucrats

- b) Sahukars- Policemen
 - c) Middlemen-Poor people
 - d) Poor people- Influential people
57. Why has 'sour cream' been used in the poet to describe the walls of the classroom?
- a) To symbolize the sympathetic condition of the children.
 - b) To symbolize the reluctant attitude of the children
 - c) To symbolize the unmaintained school
 - d) To symbolize the neglect of the higher authorities.
58. Saheb's discarded and worn-out tennis shoes are
- a) an indication to procure different ones.
 - b) a dream come true.
 - c) a sign of his poverty.
 - d) an insult to the sport itself.
59. Then, as I hurried by as fast as I could go, the blacksmith, Wachter, who was there, with his apprentice, reading the bulletin, called after me, "Don't go so fast, bub; you'll get to your school in plenty of time!" -----
- Who was called bub?***
- a) M. Hamel
 - b) Wachter
 - c) Franz
 - d) Old Hauser
60. How does the poet perceive life in 'Keeping Quiet'?
- a) as stillness
 - b) As quietude
 - c) A noisy place
 - d) A continuous evolution of nature
