

SECOND TERMINAL EXAMINATION 2080

Subject: ENGLISH

GRADE XII

F.M.: 75

Time: 3:00 hrs.

SET B

P.M.: 30

I. Read the passage and answer the questions that follow:

Robert Capa is a name that has for many years been synonymous to war photography. Born in Hungary in 1913 as Friedmann Endre Ernő, Capa was forced to leave his native country after his involvement in anti-government protests. Capa had originally wanted to become a writer, but after his arrival in Berlin had first found work as a photographer. He later left Germany and moved to France due to the rise of Nazism. He tried to find work as a freelance journalist and it was here that he changed his name to Robert Capa, mainly because he thought it would sound more American.

In 1936, after the breakout of the Spanish Civil war, Capa went to Spain and it was here over the next three years that he built his reputation as a war photographer. It was here too in 1936 that he took one of his most famous picture *The Death of a Loyalist Soldier*. One of Capa's most famous quotes was "If your pictures aren't good enough, you're not close enough." And he took his attitude of getting close to the action to an extreme. His photograph *The Death of a Loyalist Soldier* is a prime example of this as Capa captures the very moment the soldier falls. However, many have questioned the authenticity of this photograph, claiming that it was staged.

When World war II broke out, Capa was in New York, but he was soon back in Europe covering the war for *Life* magazine. Some of his most famous work was created on 6th June 1944 when he swam ashore with the first assault on Omaha Beach in the D-Day invasion of Normandy. Capa, armed only with two cameras, took more than one hundred photographs in the first hour of the landing, but a mistake in the darkroom during the drying of the film destroyed all but eight frames. It was the images from these frames however that inspired the visual style of Steven Spielberg's Oscar-movie *Saving Private Ryan*. When *Life* magazine published the photographs, they claimed that they were slightly out of focus, and Capa later used this as the title of his autobiographical account of the war.

Capa's private life was no less dramatic. He was a friend to many of Hollywood's directors, actors, and, actresses. In 1943, he fell in love with the wife of actor John Austin. His affair with her lasted until the end of the war and became the subject of his war memories. He was at one time lover to actress Ingrid Bergman. Their relationship finally ended in 1946 when he refused to settle in Hollywood and went off to Turkey.

In 1947, Capa was among a group of photojournalists who founded Magnum Photos. This is a cooperative organization set up to support photographers and help them retain ownership of the copyright to their work.

Capa went on to document many other wars. He never attempted to glamorize war though, but to record the horror. He once said, "The desire of any war photographer is to be put out of business."

A. Read the text and find the words that match the given definitions: 5×1=5

- The quality of being genuine or real
- To mark exact or precise
- A statement or action expressing disapproval of or objection to something
- A threat or attempt to inflict offensive physical contact or bodily harm on a person
- Make (something) seem charismatic or desirable

B. Write True, False, or Not Given for these statements: 5×1=5

- Robert Capa adopted his name because he wanted to become an American.
- The images that Capa took in Omaha Beach were damaged.
- Capa's private life was less dramatic than his professional life.
- Capa was famous for his war images.
- Magnum Photos was founded in Paris.

C. Answer the questions based on your reading. 5×1=5

- What is the original name and actual designation of Robert Capa?
- Why did Capa leave Germany?
- What evidence is given in the text to prove that Robert Capa was a frontline photographer?
- Which famous photographic agency did Capa co-found? And for what purpose was it established?
- What is the purpose of this text?

2. Give short answers to the following questions: 5×2=10

- a. What role does the theatre house as a part of setting play in 'A Matter of Husbands'?
- b. What does the speaker mean when she says that she was playing a game of hide and seek with her being? (I Was My Own Route)
- c. How does the rhyme scheme of the poem reinforce its message? (Every Morning When I Wake)
- d. How did Varma couple make sacrifices for their son's higher education? (A Devoted Son)
- e. Why do you think the author did not characterize the persons in the story with proper names? (Neighbours)

3. Give detailed answers to the following questions. 2×5=10

- a. Men associated with theatre use the theatre actresses to make their estranged wives jealous so as to woo them back. Do you agree with the argument? Why? Why not? (A Matter of Husbands)
 - b. Sketch the character of Gouvernail and contrast it with Gaston. (A Respectable Woman)
4. Write a short autobiography (biography of your own life so far). 7

5. Voltaire says, "Even if the God didn't exist, it would be necessary to invent him." Write an essay highlighting the importance of the God in the society. 8

6. Write a news article elaborating the idea of 3Rs (reduce, reuse and recycle) in garbage management. 10

7. Do as instructed in the brackets. 10×1=10

- a ✓ You think your friend's father has arrived from the US but you are not sure. Your father.....,? (Complete the sentence and add a question tag.)
- ✗ You think it's funny, but I think it's pathetic. (Use an appropriate modal verb to fill in the blank.)
- c ✓ Around 2 billion liters of human and industrial wastes are dumped into it day. (Fill the blank with either **each** or **every**.)
- d. He does not like alcoholic drinks but takes some wine. (now and then) (Put the adverb in appropriate place.)
- e. She got the idea from **a story**. (Make 'wh-question' so that the word in bold become the answer.)
- f. Mrs Smith was right because she had said that we'd see snow the next day (Punctuate this line with appropriate punctuation marks.)

- g. She has very good accent in English. She failed the interview of news reader. (Use 'despite' to join the sentences together.)
- h. I'd like to know how much this motorcycle costs these days. (Change this indirect question into direct one.)
- i. I forgot whether the singers or the actress (be) given the Film Fair Award last year. (Rewrite the sentence with the correct form of verb.)
- j. He has hidden something in his mind, so he does not look fresh. (Change the following sentence into 'If sentence')

8. Do as instructed: 5×1=5

- a. How many syllables are there in the word 'undertaking'?
- b. Choose the synonym of laughter.

i) Whoop	ii) Moan
iii) Scowl	iv) Grown
- c. Make a sentence using the word 'enduring'.
- d. In your own words, define the term 'chronicle'.
- e. The word 'that' can be categorized under.

i) Quantifier	ii) Demonstrative
iii) Possessive	iv) Interrogative

Good Luck