

Assignment

Monthly Test – 2

Q1. (a) Choose the correct option of the following underlined words from Book-III Play: (2)

- (i) As if putting on these various hats somewhat expressed the quality of his soul, or suggested the range of it.

(A) cooker (B) power (C) scope (D) tone

- (ii) One week at the school has knocked me for a loop.

(A) Adjusted me (B) shocked me (C) excited me (D) enlightened me

(b) Choose the correct answer.

- (iii) What is Miss McCutcheon looking for?

(A) A chance to teach (B) a husband
(C) an oyster (D) the truth

- (iv) Who brings out the local paper?

(A) Wozzeck (B) Fenton Lockhart (C) the writer (D) Harry Van Dusen

(c) Choose the correct form of the verb:

(3)

- i) He (take) the examination by next year.

(A) would take (B) will take
(C) will be taking (D) will have taken

- ii) Time once gone cannot (recall).

(A) recall (B) recalls
(C) be recalled (D) be recalling

- iii) It (rain) continually for four days.

(A) has been raining (B) is raining

(C) was raining

(D) will rain

Q2. Answer in (3-5 lines/sentences) the following questions from Book III (One-Act Plays): (3x2=6)

(a) According to Harry, how does one bring merriment to the tired old human heart?

Ans: According to Harry, one brings merriment to the tired old human heart by adding humor and a light-hearted approach to life, bringing smiles and joy through simple acts of kindness and laughter. He describes a few ways this could be done; composing a symphony, painting a picture, writing a book and inventing a philosophy.

(b) What is Miss McCutcheon looking for? How does she feel about the children of the town?

Ans: Miss McCutcheon is looking for a chance to teach. She feels that the children of the town are least interested in their studies and are unruly. They are only interested in games and the sea.

(c) How does Harry describe the inhabitants of O.K. by the Sea?

Ans: Harry describes them as poor. He states them as people who cannot even pay for the haircuts he gives them, due to poverty. Some of them find jobs a couple of months every year and a few of them get pensions. Every family has a garden and a few chickens and they make a few dollars by selling vegetables and eggs. Yet they are golden-hearted people.

SECTION

– II

Q5.(a) Explain the following lines with reference to context:

(5)

We are the
hollow men
We are the
stuffed men
Leaning
together

Headpiece filled with straw.
Alas! Our dried voices,
when

We whisper together
Are quiet and
meaningless As
wind in dry grass

Or rats' feet over
broken glass In our
dry cellar

Ans:

Reference: These lines have been taken from the poem “The Hollow Men”, by T.S.Elliot.

Context: ‘The Hollow Men’ is an elegy on the twentieth century European Man. The poem laments the aimlessness, spiritual barrenness, materialistic attitude and moral degradation of the modern man. The poem depicts the modern man’s inability to take the right decision.

Explanation: The poet draws a vivid picture of the modern world. In the materialistic world of today, people have become soulless. They have no form or color and seem to have lost all strength. The poet states that those who have died would remember the living not as beings with ambitions and aspirations, but as mere puppets. In the modern, industrialized society, humans have also become machines, robotic and dead from within.

Punctuate the following passage:

(4)

do you not perceive answered the camel-man i wished to show you that what is good
for camels is not therefore good for poor old men and women

Ans: “Do you not perceive?” answered the camel-man. “ I wished to show you that
what is good for camels is not, therefore, good for the poor old men and women.”

Use the following pair of words in sentences:

(3)

(i) Proceed, Precede

(ii) Raise, Raze

(iii) Suit, Soot

Ans:

- i) **Proceed:** The teacher asked the students to proceed with their presentations.
Precede: Hard work must always precede success.
- ii) **Raise:** The workers plan to raise the building by adding two more floors.
Raze: The ancient castle was razed to the ground during the war.
- iii) **Suit:** He wore a black suit to the formal event.
Soot: The chimney was covered in thick soot after the fire.

Q6. Translate the following passage into Urdu:

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10) When he had overtaken them, he cried: "What foolish men you must be! I met an old woman who suffered from goitre just like your camel, and I tied a blanket round her neck and struck her with a mallet, but, instead of recovering like your camel, she died, and instead of getting a fee I was compelled to dig her grave!"

"It is not we who are stupid," answered the camel-men, "but you. We are not stupid at all. These animals are camels of prodigious size and strength. How was a feeble old woman to stand the blow of a mallet? No; it is you, and you only, who are stupid."

Translation:

جب وہ ان کے قریب پہنچا، وہ چلایا: "تم کتنے بے وقوف ہو! میں ایک بوڑھی عورت سے ملا جو تمہارے اونٹ کی طرح گلہڑ میں مبتلا تھی، اور میں نے ایک کمبل اس کے گلے کے گرد باندھا اور اسے ایک ہتھوڑی سے مارا، لیکن وہ تمہارے اونٹ کی طرح صحت یاب ہونے کے بجائے مر گئی، اور فیس حاصل کرنے کے بجائے، مجھے اس کی قبر کھودنی پڑی"

یہ ہم نہیں ہیں جو بے وقوف ہیں، "اونٹ بانوں نے جواب دیا، "بلکہ تم ہو۔ ہم " بالکل بے وقوف نہیں ہیں۔ یہ جانور غیر معمولی سائز اور طاقت والے اونٹ ہیں۔ ایک کمزور بوڑھی عورت ایک ہتھوڑی کے وار کو کیسے برداشت کر سکتی "تھی؟ نہیں؛ بے وقوف تم ہو، اور صرف تم ہی ہو۔