

3 (Sem-5) ENG L 2

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ENGLISH
(Elective)

Paper : 5.2

Full Marks : 80

Time : 3 hours

*The figures in the margin indicate full marks
for the questions*

- 1. Write an essay on any one of the following topics : 20**
- (a) Fairs and Festivals of Assam**
 - (b) Science and Superstition**
 - (c) The role of Mass Media in Transforming the Society**
 - (d) Industrialization in Assam : Problems and Prospects**
 - (e) The Negative Impact of Mobile Phone on the Student Community**

2. Write the substance of the following poem and add your comments on the underlined words : 10

Where the voice of the wind calls our
wandering feet,Through echoing forest and echoing street,
With lutes in our hands ever-singing we roam,
All men are our kindred, the world is our home.
Our lays are of cities whose lustre is shed,
The laughter and beauty of women long dead.
The sword of old battles, the crown of old kings,
And happy and simple and sorrowful things.
What hope shall we gather, what dreams
shall we sow?Where the wind calls our wandering
footsteps we go.
No love bids us tarry, no joy bids us wait :
The voice of the wind is the voice of our fate.

Wandering Singers by Sarojini Naidu

3. Write a précis of the following passage and add a suitable title to it : 8+2=10

Constitution of a country lays down the basic structure of the political system under which its people are to be governed.

It establishes the main organs of the State—the legislature, the executive and the judiciary, defines their powers, demarcates their responsibilities and regulates their relationships with each other and with the people.

In a democracy, sovereignty vests in the people and ideally the people govern themselves. But with the growing complexities of administration and the size of the Nation-States, direct democracy is no more feasible. In the modern representative democracies, people exercise their inalienable right to decide how and by whom they should be governed. The very first and the most fundamental application of their sovereignty by the people is in giving to themselves a constitution which outlines the ground rules under which certain powers are transferred to different organs of the State and are to be exercised by them.

The Constitution of a country may also be described as its foundational law which ordains the fundamental of its polity and on the altar of which all other laws and executive acts of the State are to be tested for their validity and legitimacy.

Every Constitution represents the vision and values of its founding fathers and is based on the social, political and economic ethos and faith and aspirations of the people.

It is wrong to regard a country's Constitution as a mere inert document. For, Constitution is not only what is written in the text of the Constitution. Constitution is a living organism of functioning institutions. It keeps constantly growing, evolving. Every Constitution gets meaning and content only from the manner in which, and the people by whom, it is operated, the effects it acquires from how it is interpreted by courts of the land and the conventions and practices that grow around it in the actual process of its working.

4. Expand the idea contained in any *one* of the following : 10
- (a) If winter comes, can spring be far behind?
 - (b) Make hay while the sun shines.
 - (c) Everything looks yellow to a jaundiced eye.
 - (d) Every cloud has a silver lining.

5. Write a report in about 200 words on any *one* of the following topics : 10
- Recently you attended a programme sponsored by the District Administration of 'Swachh Bharat Abhiyan' in your locality. Write a report of the entire programme to be published in a leading English daily. Sign yourself as X.

Or

Prepare a report on a debate competition held in your college recently.

Hints :

- (i) Date and time

(6)

- (ii) The motion of the debate
- (iii) Selection of the speaker
- (iv) Participants for and against the motion
- (v) Motion put to vote

6. Write a letter to the Editor of an English daily complaining about the poor condition of roads and waterlogging in your locality. 10

Or

Write a letter to your younger brother advising him to inculcate the habit of reading newspapers everyday as they are very informative and entertaining with valuable editorials, articles, stories, poems, puzzles along with supplements, etc. You are Rahim/Reeta.

7. Write a dialogue to indicate the exchange between two persons in any one of the following situations : 10

- (a) Two conscious citizens/teachers discussing about the use and abuse of social network

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- (b) Two conscious persons who hold contrary views on the benefits of the publication of NRC in Assam
- (c) A grocery dealer and a valued customer discussing the impact of Goods and Services Tax (GST) on common people
