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FIRST SEMESTER

COURSE: FOUNDATION CORE - ENGLISH
PAPER: LANGUAGE THROUGH LITERATURE I

MAX MARKS: 50
TIME : 1 ½ HOURS

SECTION A

I. Read the following extracts and answer the questions that follow: (10 marks)

1. As well as developing a passion for strawberries, Achilles also developed a passion for human company. Let anyone come into the garden to sit and sun-bathe, to read or for any other reason, and before long there would be a rustling among the sweet williams, and Achilles's wrinkled and earnest face would be poked through. If you were sitting in a chair, he contented himself with getting as close to your feet as possible, and there he would sink into a deep and peaceful sleep, his head drooping out of his shell, his nose resting on the ground. If, however, you were lying on a rug, sun-bathing, Achilles would be convinced that you were lying on the ground simply in order to provide him with amusement. He would surge down the path and on to the rug with an expression of bemused good humour on his face. He would pause, survey you thoughtfully, and then choose a portion of your anatomy on which to practise mountaineering. Suddenly to have the sharp claws of a determined tortoise embedded in your thigh as he tries to lever himself up on to your stomach is not conducive to relaxation. If you shook him off and moved the rug it would only give you temporary respite, for Achilles would circle the garden grimly until he found you again. This habit became so tiresome that, after many complaints and threats from the family, I had to lock him up whenever we lay in the garden.

- a. According to the passage, what are the two things Achilles was passionate about? (1)
- b. In your own words, describe what Achilles would do if you were lying down on a rug in the garden. (2)
- c. How did the family react to Achilles' habit described in this passage? (2)
- d. Why was it very difficult to shake off Achilles? (2)
- e. Make sentences of your own with any three of the following words/phrases. Your sentences should bring out the meaning of the word as it is used in the passage. Do not copy the sentences from the passage. (3)

(i) to content oneself with	(ii) respite	(iii) embedded
(iv) survey	(v) tiresome	(vi) surge

SECTION – B

II. Answer any two of the following in about 150 to 200 words. (2x10=20 marks)

2. Why is Greek art considered the Sufi way in the poem “Chinese Art ad Greek Art”?
3. What aspects of Madras does “Homecoming” describe?
4. How do you think the four bridge players helped Queen Pulamvala?

SECTION – C

III.

5. Fill in the blanks with the correct form of the verb given in brackets.

(½ x10=5 marks)

Richard ____ (1) ____ (go) for a jog every morning in the park. He ____ (2) ____ (do) this for the past seven years. Last week, as he ____ (3) ____ (get ready) for his daily jog, he ____ (4) ____ (hear) a strange sound from his neighbour’s house. When he ____ (5) ____ (look) out of his window, he saw a tiny kitten running across his neighbour’s garden. Richard knew that Swaminathan was allergic to cats; in the last three years, Swaminathan ____ (6) ____ (show) allergic reactions to cats at least five times. Swaminathan ____ (7) ____ (tell) Richard that he would return by that afternoon from his vacation. “I can’t believe I ____ (8) ____ (do) this,” he sighed to himself and decided to go to Swaminathan’s house and get the kitten out. He ____ (9) ____ (walk) just a few steps when a shower of meteorites ____ (10) ____ (flash) across the sky and Swaminathan’s house began to glow a warm shade of gold.

6. Fill in the blanks with the correct verb from the list given in the brackets.

(5x1=5 marks)

- a. Both the boy and his parents _____ (is coming/are coming) to the meeting.
- b. That group of girls _____ (volunteer/volunteers) with the Blue Cross every weekend.
- c. All the information you have given _____ (are/is) wrong.
- d. The child whose parents are both dentists _____ (is studying/are studying) in my sister’s class.
- e. A majority of the class _____ (wants/want) to go for the picnic.

SECTION – D

7. Write any one of the following essays in about 150 to 200 words. (1x10=10 marks)

1. An essay describing the place you are sitting in right now.
2. An essay narrating an experience you had while shopping.
