

M.N.U. JAYARAJ NADAR HIGHER SECONDARY SCHOOL

NAGAMALAI, MADURAI 19

TIME : 1 ½ HOURS

XII STANDARD

MARKS: 50

Part – I / Section – 1

I Read the following sets of poetic lines and answer any four from it.

(4 X 2 =8)

01. *“LIKE a huge Python, winding round and round
The rugged trunk, indented deep with scars”*

- a) What is the creeper compared to?
- b) Identify the figure of speech in the first line.

02. *“The giant wears the scarf, and flowers are hung
The crimson clusters all the boughs among”*

- a) Why is the scarf colourful?
- b) Identify the poem and poetess name.

03. *“A gray baboon sits statue – like alone
Watching the sunrise; while on lower boughs”*

- a) What is a baboon?
- b) Identify the figure of speech.

04. *“What is that dirge – like murmur that I hear
Like the sea breaking on a shingle-beach?”*

- a) What is a ‘dirge’?
- b) Identify the figure of speech in the second line.

05. *“But not because of its magnificence; Dear is the casuarina to my soul”*

- a) Why does she consider the tree dear to her soul?
- b) Who is the speaker?

06. *“A creeper climbs, in whose embraces bound”*

- a) What is a creeper?
- b) Pick out the alliteration.

Section – 2

Answer any three of the following questions.

(3 X 2 = 6)

07. **Report the following dialogue :**

Manager : Did you check the pending files?

Clerk : Yes, I checked the pending files.

08. He did not run fast. He was not selected. **(Combine using ‘If’)**

09. **Change the following sentence into active voice.**

His book was lost by him in the school.

10. The boy was very hungry and so he ate the whole cake. **(Change into a simple sentence)**

Part – II / Section – 1

II Explain any two of the following with reference to the context.

(2 × 3 = 6)

11. “ It is the tree’s lament, an eerie speech”

12. "The water-lilies spring, like snow enmassed"
13. "Dear is the casuarina to my soul"

Section – 2

Answer any two of the following questions in about 30 words each.

(2 × 3 = 6)

14. What was Lucia suffering from?
15. What were the various jobs undertaken by Nicola and Jacopo?
16. What made the boys work so hard?

Answer any three of the following:

(3 × 3 = 9)

17. You are Raja, the secretary of the laughter club. Your club is inaugurating a laughter club. Write a notice about the inauguration of a laughter club in your school.
18. You are the sports captain of your school. Draft a mail to vasy@gmail.com to the Physical Director, requesting him to be present during the football team selection scheduled for tomorrow.
19. Describe the process of making coffee.
20. **Complete the proverbs using the words given below.**
(a) Knowledge is _____. (soul, power, mind)
(b) _____ makes waste. (haste, beauty, problem)
(c) Experience is the _____ teacher. (best, better, wise)

Part – III

III Answer the following questions:

(3 × 5 = 15)

Answer in a paragraph in about 150 words.

21. **Answer in a paragraph on any one of the following in about 150 words.**
How was the family affected by the war?

(OR)

Justify the title of story 'Two Gentlemen of Verona'?

22. **Answer in a paragraph on any one of the following in about 150 words.**

Bring out the message of the poem, "Our Casuarina Tree"?

(OR)

How does nature communicate with the poet?

23. **Write a paragraph in about 150 words by developing the following hints.**

Ivan Dmitrich Aksionov – merchant in Vladimir – goes far on business – meets another merchant – retire separately – stopped by the police – charged of murder and robbed – 26 years in jail – Maker Semyonich – admits his crime – Aksionov dies.