

## MODEL EXAMINATION PT 1, JUNE 2021

### ENGLISH LANGUAGE & LITERATURE

**Class: X**

**M. Marks: 40**

#### **1. Read the passage given below.**

The 'Little Tramp', the unforgettable character Charlie Chaplin invented, was born purely by accident in 1915. While rushing to a film shoot in California, he grabbed clothes other people had left behind in the changing room. And when he emerged, he found he had created a personality everybody loved. A little guy in a bowler hat, a close-fitting jacket, a cane, outsize shoes and a brush-like moustache!

Before long, Chaplin found himself a star. That puzzled him, for he saw himself essentially as a shy British Music hall comedian. The U.S. acknowledged him as its king of silent film comedy. Soon, so did crowds all over the world.

But life wasn't always a laugh for Charles Spencer Chaplin. Both his parents were Music Hall artists, who separated when Charlie was very young. His childhood was very sad, for his mother never earned enough to look after Charlie and his older brother, Sydney. Sometimes, Chaplin had to sleep on the streets and forage for food in the garbage.

Charlie took his first bow on stage when his mother made her last appearance. It happened when her voice broke during a song. Her son stepped on stage and sang a popular song. That's when a star was born . Through all these years of success, Charlie never forgot his troubled childhood. It made him recall a Christmas when he was denied two oranges and his bag of sweets for breaking a rule at the orphanage he went to after his mother's death. It would have broken his heart, if the other children had not offered him a share of theirs. Spontaneously, the adult Chaplin gifted the orphanage with a motion picture machine and insisted that each child should have as many oranges and sweets as they pleased.

**On the basis of your understanding of the passage, answer the following questions: (8x1=8)**

**i.** Charlie see himself as a\_\_\_\_\_.

- a) super star
- b) king of silent film comedy
- c) shy British Music hall comedian.
- d) none of the above

**ii.**Chaplin had to sleep on the streets and forage for food in the garbage. It shows that\_\_\_\_\_

- a) his early life was very pathetic.
- b) his early life was very happy.
- c) his early life was full of adventure.
- d) his early life was organised.

**iii.** The phrase *forage for food* means \_\_\_\_\_ (para 3)

- a) eating food
- b) searching for food
- c) cooking food
- d) spoiling food

**iv.** Charlie took his first bow on stage \_\_\_\_\_.

- a) when his mother's voice broke during a performance.
- b) after his mother's death.
- c) purely by accident in 1915.
- d) none of the above.

**v.** Based on your understanding of the passage, choose the incorrect sentence from the following options.

- a) Charlie's parents were Music Hall artists.
- b) The U.S. acknowledged Charlie as its king of silent film comedy.
- c) Charlie never forgot his troubled childhood.
- d) Life was always a laugh for Charlie.

**vi.** The word 'acknowledge' in para 2 is closest in meaning to \_\_\_\_\_

- a) learn
- b) ignore
- c) admit
- d) reject

**vii.** 'But life wasn't always a laugh for Charles Spencer Chaplin', it means

- a) Charlie had a happy life.
- b) Charlie had difficulties in life.
- c) Charlie always laughed at life.
- d) none of the above

**viii.** An unforgettable character Charlie Chaplin invented is \_\_\_\_\_

- a) The super star
- b) The 'Little Tramp'
- c) Music hall comedian.
- d) none of the above

**2. Read the extracts given below and answer the questions that follow.**

**A.**Lencho showed not the slightest surprise on seeing the money; such was his confidence, but he became angry when he counted the money. God could not have made a mistake, nor could he have denied Lencho what he had requested. **(3x1=3)**

**I.** Why was Lencho angry when he counted money?

- a) it was not the full amount that he had demanded from the postmaster.
- b) it was not the full amount that he had demanded from God.
- c) His crops were completely destroyed by the hailstorm.
- d) None of the above.

**ii.** Why was Lencho not surprised on seeing the money ?

- a) because expected money from the postmaster.
- b) because postmaster offered him the money.
- c) because he had firm faith in God.
- d) None of the above.

**iii.**How much money, does Lencho need ?

- a) 30 Pesos
- b) 75 Pesos
- c) 100 Pesos
- d) 70 Pesos

**B.**He should be lurking in shadow,  
Sliding through long grass,  
Near the water hole,  
Where plump deer pass.

**(3x1=3)**

**i.**Who is 'He' here?

- a) Tiger
- b) Crow
- c) The poet
- d) Seagull

**ii.** Which is the poetic device used in the first line of this stanza?

- a) simile
- b) metaphor
- c) personification
- d) oxymoron

iii. The word **lurking** means \_\_\_\_\_

- a) waiting
- b) hiding
- c) walking
- d) sleeping

**3. Fill in the blanks by choosing the correct options.**

**(3x1=3)**

i. One of my sisters \_\_\_\_\_ a teacher.

- a) are
- b) is
- c) were
- d) had

ii. The leader as well as his brothers \_\_\_\_\_ to the same tribe.

- a) don't belong
- b) have belonged
- c) belong
- d) belongs

iii. Cats and dogs \_\_\_\_\_ not get along.

- a) do
- b) does
- c) is
- d) has

**4. Read the passage given below and fill in the blanks by choosing the most appropriate words from the given options.**

**(3x1=3)**

Last month I (i) \_\_\_\_\_ my uncle. I (ii) \_\_\_\_\_ by my sister. She (iii) \_\_\_\_\_ her Masters from Delhi University.

- i) (a) was visited (b) visited (c) had visited (d) have visited
- ii) (a) were accompanied (b) am accompanied (c) was accompanied (d) accompanied
- iii) (a) is doing (b) have done (c) done (d) has doing

**5.** You are Aman/Amina studying in Bright School, Delhi. The road leading to your school is very congested and full of potholes. Students and parents are often caught in a traffic jam. In spite of several representations, the government has not done anything to improve the condition of the road. Write a letter to the Editor of The Times of India, drawing the attention of the government to this problem.

**(1x5=5)**

**6. Answer ANY THREE questions in 40-50 words each.**

**(3x3=9)**

- i. Why is the veterinary surgeon tempted to keep Tricki on as a permanent guest?
- ii. What is the underlying message for us in our hectic life with reference to the poem, 'Dust of Snow'?
- iii. Why did Lencho become angry when he counted the money? What did he write in his second letter?
- iv. Why is Mrs. Pumphrey worried about Tricki? How does the veterinary surgeon treat the dog?

**7. Answer ANY ONE of the following in 100-120 words.**

**(1x5=5)**

**(A)** At the beginning of his speech, Mandela mentions "an extraordinary human disaster". What does he mean by this? What is the "glorious human achievement" he speaks of at the end?

**OR**

**(B)** Do you think parents like Mrs. Pumphrey spoil their children in the name of love and care?  
Why or why not?

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