

KARIMGANJ COLLEGE, KARIMGANJ

ENTRANCE TEST FOR ENGLISH HONOURS, 2016

Time: 2 hrs

Name of the student:

Marks: 50

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Invigilator's Signature

1. Read the passage and fill in the blanks with the correct form of the verb given in the brackets:

1x20 = 20

I have always been (always be) a reader; I have read (read) at every stage of my life, and there has never been a time when reading was not (not be) my greatest joy. And yet I cannot pretend that the reading I have done (do) in my adult years matches (match) in its impact on my soul the reading I did (do) as a child. I still believe (believe) in stories. I still forget (forget) myself when I am (be) in the middle of a good book. Yet it is not the same. Books are, for me, it must be said, the most important thing; what I cannot forget is (be) that there was (be) a time when they were (be) at once more banal and more essential than that. When I was (be) a child, books were (be) everything. And so there is (be) in me, always, a nostalgic yearning for the lost pleasure of books. It is not a yearning that one ever expects (expect) to be fulfilled. And during this time, these days when I read all day and half the night, when I slept (sleep) under a counterpane strewn with books, when my sleep was (be) black and dreamless and passed (pass) in a flash and I woke (wake) to read again—the lost joys of reading returned to me.

2. Complete the sentence with the correct word:

1x5=5

- i. It is comforting to know you will be there.
a. comfort b. comforting c. comfortable
- ii. The soothing music has calmed her stressed nerves.
a. soothe b. soothingly c. soothing
- iii. She was not a success as a singer.
a. successful b. success c. succeed
- iv. For some inexplicable reasons Edward left his job.
a. inexplicable b. explicable c. inexplicably
- v. The patient mistakenly believed that his disease was terminal.
a. mistake b. mistakenly c. mistaken

3. Choose the correct alternative to complete the sentence: 1x5=5
- i. It clearly covered all the pertinent points of the case.
a. sanguine b. select c. splendid d. pertinent
 - ii. Many of the engineers left the service for more lucrative jobs abroad.
a. lavish b. legitimate c. lucrative d. loyal
 - iii. She was an eloquent speaker with a beautiful voice.
a. elegant b. eminent c. exciting d. eloquent
 - iv. The plan is designed to encourage employees to work more efficiently.
a. dissuade b. encourage c. discourage d. operate
 - v. They only publish novels which cater to mass market.
a. clamour b. care c. compare d. cater

4. Apply tick (✓) to choose a synonym for each of the following words: 1x5=5
- i. APTITUDE
a. hunger b. ✓ability c. shortcoming d. mistake
 - ii. SYMPATHY
a. sorrow b. joy c. hatred d. ✓pity
 - iii. ECCENTRIC
a. familiar b. similar c. ✓strange d. reputed
 - iv. COMMEND
a. ✓praise b. censure c. agree d. allow
 - v. MELANCHOLY
a. ecstatic b. elevated c. ✓mournful d. muted

5. Write a paragraph on any two of the following topics (**within 150 words each**): $7\frac{1}{2} \times 2 = 15$
- a. Your favourite colour
 - b. The best birthday gift you had
 - c. Your most cherished memory
 - d. How you met your best friend?
 - e. Things you like and dislike about yourself
 - f. If you could be someone else
 - g. Things that upset you
 - h. The first time you lied

