

14. (a) What brought Lomov to Choobukov's house?

Or

(b) What is the theme of the play 'Waterloo'?

15. (a) What do you know of Milton from his sonnet 'On his Blindness'?

Or

(b) How did Haria save Narwa?

SECTION C — (40 marks)

GROUP A

Answer each of the following in about 300 words.

(3 × 8 = 24)

16. (a) How does A.G. Gardiner argue for the preservation of the art of letter writing?

Or

(b) Why does C.V. Raman conclude that water is the elixir of life?

17. (a) Sketch the character of the village school master.

Or

(b) How does Ulysses persuade his mariners to join him in his last adventure?

18. (a) Describe the tragedy in the play 'Riders to the sea'.

Or

(b) Write an appreciation of the play 'The New Hangman'.

GROUP B — (16 marks)

19. Read the following passage carefully and answer the questions given under : (8 × 1 = 8)

Playing games in the open air makes one healthy and strong. Apart from making us healthy and fit, games have many other advantages. Consider the Olympics, the premier sports event of the world. It brings all nations together and develops comradeship and friendship among nations. There is a healthy competition. Matchers are played, lost or won in a happy atmosphere. These athletes and players are the real ambassadors of the participating nations.

(a) What are the advantages of playing games in the open air?

(b) Which is the premier sports event of the world?

(c) Who are the real ambassadors of Nations?

(d) There is a \_\_\_\_\_ competition in the Olympics. (healthy/unhealthy)