

2. Answer any eight from the following questions briefly (each within 50 words) $2 \times 8 = 16$
- (a) How did the English romantic poets react to the French Revolution?
 - (b) Why did the Irishman choose to take the job of an airman?
 - (c) What are the different steps of a formal report, according to Shirley Taylor?
 - (d) Discuss briefly the points to be kept in mind while writing a precis.
 - (e) Why, according to Falder's lawyer, Falder should not be prosecuted?
 - (f) What is a Tragedy? What does it depict?
 - (g) What is the central idea of the poem 'Tears, Idle Tears'?
 - (h) What kind of themes and language are typical of Wordsworth?
 - (i) What brings tears to the poet Tennyson's eyes?
 - (j) What is a 'transferred epithet'?

3. Answer any five from the following questions (each within 100 words) 4×5 = 20

- (a) Recount the story of the poem 'Simon Lee' in your own words.
- (b) How does the prosecution Counsel Cleaver prove that Falder was to be punished by the law?
- (c) Discuss the significance of the title of the play *Justice*?
- (d) Explain what prompted the Irish airman to take part in the war.
- (e) Explain briefly the circumstances that had led Falder to forge the cheque.
- (f) What did Simon Lee use to do in his 'proud days'?
- (g) Write a precis of the following passage and add a suitable title to it.

When a child is empowered by the parents, he or she gets transformed into a responsible citizen. When the teacher is empowered with knowledge and experience, good young human beings with value system take shape. When an individual or a team is empowered with technology, transformation to higher potential for achievement is assured. When the leader of any institution empowers his or her people, leaders are born who can change the nation in multiple areas. When women are empowered, society with stability gets assured. When political leaders empower the people through visionary policies, the prosperity of the nation is certain. When religion transforms into a spiritual force, the people become enlightened citizens with a value system.

4. Answer any two from the following questions (each within 250 words) 8×2 = 16
- (a) Write a newspaper report on the recently-concluded North-East Book Fair organized by All Assam Publishers & Book Sellers Association in the month of November, 2014.
 - (b) As the captain of your class you are required to submit a monthly report about the academic activities of the students to the Principal of your college. Write a detailed report about your class highlighting the regularity and punctuality of the students as well as the overall discipline of the class.
 - (c) What do you mean by the term 'Comprehension'? What are the different steps to be followed to write answers to an unseen passage?

5. Answer any two from the following questions (each within 300-500 words) $10 \times 2 = 20$
- (a) Write a detailed summary of the poem 'An Irish Airman Foresees his Death'.
 - (b) What is a problem play? What social problems does Galsworthy bring out in the play *Justice*? Give a detailed answer.
 - (c) "The poem 'Tears, Idle Tears' is about the feeling of sadness but the cause of the sorrow is difficult to define." Discuss.