

" VIJAYASREE" - PALAKKAD

First Mid Term Assessment - August 2018

Std X

ENGLISH

Time 1 hr/ Score 20

I. Read the extract from the story ' Vanka ' and answer the questions that follow

Vanka raised his eyes to the dark window - pane , in which the reflection of the candle flickered , and in this imagination distinctly saw his Grandfather, Konstantin Makarich, who was a night watchman on the estate of some gentlefolk called Zhivarev. He was a small , lean, old man about sixty - five, but remarkably lively and agile, with smiling face and eyes bleary with drink. In the daytime he either slept in the back kitchen, or sat joking with the cook and the kitchen-maids, and in the night , wrapped in a great sheepskin coat, he walked round and round the estate, sounding his rattle. After him, with drooping heads, went old Kashtanka and another dog, called Eel, on account of his black coat and long, weasel - like body. Eel was wonderfully respectful and insinuating, and turned the same appealing glance on friends and strangers alike , but he inspired confidence in no one. He was an adept at stealing up to snap a foot, creeping to in the ice - house, or snatching a peasant's chicken.

1. Write a short description of grandfather, Konstantin Makarich? 2
2. What did Konstantin Makarich do during daytime and at night ? 1
3. How is Eel described in the passage? 1
4. Pick out a word from the passage that means ' skilled at doing something'. 1

II. Read the following lines.

She wheeled the dung in a wheel barrow
Along a stretch of road
But she always ran way and left
Her not - nice load.
And hid from anyone passing
And then she begged the seed
She says she thinks she planted one
Of all things but weed.

1. Pick out an example for a visual image.
2. Why did she leave her not nice load?
3. How is the load described? Why do you think the poet has described it so?
4. And she hid from anyone passing. What do you know about the girl from the given line? (4 X 1=4)

III. The doctor in the story ' **The Snake and the Mirror** ' ran for all his worth after his encounter with the snake. The next day, he wrote his experience in his diary. Prepare the diary. **(1 x 5 = 5)**

IV. Prepare a short profile of Vaikom Muhammed Basheer using the hints.

Name : Vaikom Muhammed Basheer

Born : 19, January, 1908

Place : Thalayolaparambu, Vaikom, Kottayam.

Occupation : Freedom Fighter , Author

Major works: Premalekhanam, Balyakalasakhi , Janmadinam,
Shabdhangal, Mathilukal Etc...

Called us : Beypur sulthan

Awards : Sahitya acadmy award 1970, Padmashri 1982, Kerala Sate Film
Award 1989, Vallathol Award 1993

Death : 5 July 1994 **(1 x 6= 6)**