



**AQUINAS COLLEGE OF HIGHER STUDIES- COLOMBO 08**  
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**Test 01** (10 marks)

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Fill in the blanks with suitable words. (1x10 = 10 marks)

(Business, practice, showcase, earrings, manufacturing, decorative, products, work, industry, exhibitions)

Mundali village is popularly known as 'Moti Gaon' (village of beads). 80% people of this village are involved in bead- related 1. \_\_\_\_\_. Women of this village make beautiful tassels, bracelets, strings, 2. \_\_\_\_\_, and wall hangings with beads. Farhana and her daughters earn between Rs. 500 to Rs. 700 a day by working in this 3. \_\_\_\_\_. Akash, a handicraft artist makes 4. \_\_\_\_\_ items from beads using lace and jute. He earns close to Rs. 500 to Rs. 1000 per day. He wants to set up his own 5. \_\_\_\_\_ unit one day. But this business demands patience and 6. \_\_\_\_\_ with speed. People of this village have picked up a good deal of expertise in bead work with their hard work. This 7. \_\_\_\_\_ has also brought prosperity and employment to this village. Administration provides the artisans platform to exhibit their work and 8. \_\_\_\_\_. These 9. \_\_\_\_\_ are attended by buyers and exporters. This helps the artisans to 10. \_\_\_\_\_ their talent to the world.

**Test 02**

Cloze reading- fill in the blanks with appropriate words from the words given below.

(1/2x20= 10 marks)

(Contact, range, confirmed, immediate, shipped, unnoticed, species, lungs, outbreak, breathing, severe, viruses, believed, touching, identified, symptoms, animals, source, common, market)

By now, most of us are aware of the 1. \_\_\_\_\_ of the disease started in Wuhan, China, caused by a new 2. \_\_\_\_\_ of virus called Novel Coronavirus. They belong to a member of the Corona virus family that was first 3. \_\_\_\_\_ in the 1960s. they are responsible for causing a 4. \_\_\_\_\_ of diseases in humans, including the 5. \_\_\_\_\_ cold and more severe and life- threatening forms like SARS and MERS.

But the crucial question is, how did the recent outbreak occur? Well, like other Coronaviruses, it has come from 6. \_\_\_\_\_ too and is a form of zoonotic disease. Many of those infected patients either worked or frequently 7. \_\_\_\_\_ in the Hunan seafood wholesale 8. \_\_\_\_\_ in the center of the Chinese city, which sells meat and live animals. It is 9. \_\_\_\_\_ that the virus might have been transmitted through direct 10. \_\_\_\_\_ between human and animals either by 11. \_\_\_\_\_ those animals or consuming them, and it can also spread via the air like other cold- causing 12. \_\_\_\_\_. However, the actual 13. \_\_\_\_\_ of this disease isn't 14. \_\_\_\_\_ yet, and scientists are still trying to figure it out.

But what we know so far is its 15. \_\_\_\_\_ and how it effects humans. Yes, a person infected from this disease may suffer from dry cough, mild fever, and 16. \_\_\_\_\_ issues, which may go 17. \_\_\_\_\_ at first. But as the virus spreads its legs inside the person's body, the patient might develop a 18. \_\_\_\_\_ case of viral pneumonia, an infection that inflames the air sacs in the 19. \_\_\_\_\_ and can cause them to fill with fluid or pus and need 20. \_\_\_\_\_ medical attention.

### Test 3

Read the poem and answer the questions.

(2x10= 20 marks)

Whenever I was upset  
I wrote my thoughts as a note,  
I let the words come out my hands,  
So, they wouldn't come out my throat,  
I wrote out all my secrets,  
I left my soul bare,

I spilled everything I knew,  
Everything I didn't not care to share,  
I wrote things I overheard,  
Secretes I was forced to keep,  
Thoughts that ran around my head,  
Like prancing little sheep,  
My soul was written in notes.  
As my blood turned into ink,  
I wrote until my hands were black,  
And I could not bear to think,  
So, if you meet a me one day,  
The girl with blood like night,  
As me about my secrets  
The ones I was forced to write.

1. When the poet was upset, what did she do?

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2. Write three things she wrote.

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3. How does the poet describe about the thoughts that run in her head?

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4. Until when she wrote notes?

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5. To what does the poet compare her blood?

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6. Why did she write notes?

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7. Write a synonym for the word "divide" from the poem.

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8. Write an antonym for the word "came" from the poem.

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9. Write two sets of rhymes you can find in the poem.

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10. Match 'A' with 'B'.

A	B
Secrets	Unclothed
Upset	Encounter
Bare	Untold
Meet	disturb

**Test 04**

**A) Read the different passages and write suitable subheadings for each of the paragraphs selecting from the list given. (2x5= 10 marks)**

**(the story of the film, cinematography and the visuals, actors and actresses, introduction, global recognition)**

1. ....

The "Pirates of the Caribbean" film series, steered primarily by directors Gore Verbinski and Rob Marshall, embarked on its maiden voyage in 2003 with "The Curse of the Black Pearl" and expanded across five thrilling installments. The franchise reached its pinnacle with the latest entry, "Dead Men Tell No Tales" making its way to audiences in 2017. Spanning these years, the series has embraced the captivating escapades of the witty and cunning Captain Jack Sparrow, brought to life brilliantly by Jonny Depp. Amidst a backdrop of curses, mythical adversaries, and a diverse ensemble cast:

2. ....

At its core, the series narrates a tale of adventure treasure, and supernatural encounters. The inaugural film, "The Curse of the Black Pearl," introduces Captain Jack Sparrow's pursuit to reclaim his beloved ship, the Black Pearl, from the clutches of the cursed crew, led by the formidable Captain Hector Barbossa. Subsequent films delve deeper into Jack's exploits, intertwining legendary artifacts, ghostly adversaries, and personal vendettas, weaving an intricate tapestry of high-seas intrigue and swashbuckling escapades.

3. ....

The "Pirates of Caribbean" franchise is fortified by an ensemble cast whose talents bring depth and charisma to the characters. Johnny Depp's portrayal of the idiosyncratic Captain Jack Sparrow stands as a linchpin of the series' success, his wit and charm catapulting Sparrow into an iconic figure within cinematic history. Alongside Depp, the series features stellar performances from Geoffrey Rush as the formidable Captain Barbossa, Keira Knightley as Elizabeth Swann, and Orlando Bloom as Will Turner, each adding their unique flair to the series' rich character dynamics.

4. ....

Famed for its blend of thrilling action, clever humor, and fantastical elements, the "Pirates of the Caribbean" franchise has captured global acclaim. Its universal appeal lies in its riveting storytelling, magnetic characters, and the perfect fusion of daring exploits and

supernatural phenomena. The series transcends cultural boundaries, enchanting audiences worldwide with its compelling narrative, catering to a wide spectrum of viewers, both young and old.

5. ....

The cinematography and visuals of the “Pirates of the Caribbean” series are a visual feast for audiences. The films present awe-inspiring imagery, from epic naval battles to vibrant, exotic landscaped, meticulously crafted with attention to detail and top-tier special effects. Seamlessly blending CGI and practical effects, the series crafts a visually immersive experience, capturing the grandeur and perils of life at sea while infusing each frame with a sense of magic and wonder. This visual extravaganza significantly contributes to the series’ enduring popularity and its visual allure across diverse audience around the world.

**B) Write complete sentences.**

**(2x10= 20 marks)**

1. When did the “Pirates of the Caribbean” film series start?

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2. What is the latest film of “Pirates of the Caribbean?”

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3. Who directed the series primarily?

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4. Who plays the character Captain Jack Sparrow?

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5. What is the main themes of the series?

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6. In the first film, what is Captain Jack Sparrow trying to reclaim?

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7. Who leads the cursed crew in “The curse of the Black Pearl?”

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8. Name three actors besides Johny Depp who appear in the series.

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9. What elements contribute to the global fame of the franchise?

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10. Write one sentence from the passages which describes on the cinematography and visuals in the series.

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**C) Write suitable word for each description choosing from the passage. (2x5= 10 marks)**

1. Became or made larger or more extensive - .....
2. Remarkable enough to be famous - .....
3. Compelling attractiveness that can inspire devotion in others -  
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4. A line which marks the limits of an area - .....
5. An event or occurrence which leaves an impression on someone-  
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**VOCABULARY**

**Test 01- underline the word with correct spelling. (1x10=10 marks)**

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|-------------------------------|---------------------------|--------------------------|---------------------------|
| 1. Euthentic                  | Othentic                  | Authentic                | Authentik                 |
| 2. Composition                | Composhition              | Composission             | Compossession             |
| 3. Krushal                    | Crushal                   | Cruchal                  | Crucial                   |
| 4. <del>Trancformashion</del> | <del>Transformation</del> | <del>Transfomation</del> | <del>Trancformation</del> |
| 5. Excellance                 | Excalance                 | Exsellence               | Excellence                |
| 6. Expectation                | Expectashion              | Expektassion             | Exceptation               |
| 7. Vission                    | wishion                   | Vision                   | vishon                    |
| 8. Prioryties                 | Priorities                | Prorities                | prioritees                |
| 9. Desceplene                 | Descipline                | Disceplene               | Discipline                |
| 10. Commitment                | Commitement               | Comitment                | Comitement                |

**Test 2 – Give the antonyms/ opposites of the following words. (1x10=10 marks)**

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| 1. Inside - .....  | 6. Enemy - .....      |
| 2. Many - .....    | 7. Cheap - .....      |
| 3. Clever - .....  | 8. Artificial - ..... |
| 4. Never - .....   | 9. Include - .....    |
| 5. Visible - ..... | 10. Even - .....      |