

SECTION A

Question 1:

Choose the correct answers to the questions from the given options:

[10]

1. Banku Babu visited lawyer Sripati Majumdar's house to spend the evenings with other regulars.

Here 'regulars' means

- people who visited Sripati Majumdar's house
- people Banku Babu was acquainted with
- selected group of people who frequented Sripati Babu's house frequently
- group of people Banku Babu interacted with at Sripati Babu's house

2. One particular evening, the topic of conversation was space because

- Russia had launched a satellite called Khotka or Photka
- Nidhu Babu had seen a moving point of light.
- The newspaper had published an article on space-science.
- A visit by Ang had made the people curious.

3. 'What! This creature, barely four feet tall, with such thin limbs and a weird face ...'

The use of the word '**creature**' for Ang speaks of Banku Babu's

- affection for Ang
- surprise at Ang
- disdain for Ang
- self-satisfaction before Ang

4. Why did Banku Babu say he would **not** come to the 'addas' at Sripati Babu's house any more?

- He had lost interest in these gatherings.
- He had been insulted.
- He was getting transferred.
- He was a changed man.

5. Choose the option that lists the sequence of events from Satyajit Ray's short story 'Banku Babu's Friend'.

- Ang had jumped into his spaceship, risen over bamboo grove and disappeared.
- The crickets started chirping again.
- Ang did not want to waste his time on earth.
- Banku Babu could not complete his sentence.

a. 4,3,2,1

b. 1,2,3,4

c. 3,4,1,2

d. 3,1,4,2

6. Which of the given options contains the figure of speech that appears in the following line from the poem 'Skimbleshanks'?
- He will watch you without winking and he sees what you are thinking***
- For who can bear to feel himself forgotten?
 - The king was pleased, / And him releas'd. '
 - I've a balm for bruised hearts, brother, sleep for aching eyes,
 - I heard a fly Buzz – When I died
7. Why were the passengers frantic to a man?
- because the Night Mail was late in coming
 - because it was 11.42 and the signal was nearly due
 - because the porters could not locate Skimbleshanks
 - because the Cat of the Railway Train was nowhere to be seen
8. What were the passengers doing when Skimbleshanks was busy greeting the stationmaster?
- dozing
 - snoring
 - sleeping
 - lolling
9. Skimbleshanks maintains discipline in the railway compartments by
- prompt guarding
 - alert patrolling
 - keen observation
 - quick measuring
10. Select the option that shows the **correct relationship** between Statements (1) and (2) from T.S. Eliot's poem 'Skimbleshanks'
- Statement 1: Passengers know that they won't be bothered by mice.
- Statement 2: In the watches of the night Skimbleshanks is always fresh and bright.
- Statement 2 is the reason for Statement 1.
 - Statement 1 is independent of Statement 2.
 - Statement 2 is false, Statement 1 is true.
 - Statement 1 and 2 are similar in meaning.

SECTION B

Question 2:

Read the extracts given below and answer the questions that follow:

A. 'Before him stretched an endless expanse of snow, dotted with large hillocks, also covered with ice and snow.'

- Narrate what Banku Babu sees immediately after this extract? Which aspect of Nature do you observe in this view that Banku Babu had? [3]
- How do you think Sripati Babu and others might have reacted to Banku Babu's sudden transformation? [2]
(You may refer to **any two** responses of **any two** characters)

B. Oh, it's, very pleasant when you have found your little den

- Mention the various facilities a passenger experiences when he travels in the Sleeping Car Express. [3]
- Why does a passenger not have to wait at Gallowgate? [2]