

SECTION A

(Attempt all questions from this Section)

Question 1

Read the following questions and choose the most appropriate response from the choices given below (Please do not copy the question-simply write out in correct serial order the appropriate option along with its answer.)

[1x16=16]

1. Which of the following did Holmes **NOT** witness during his involvement with Irene Adler?
 - (a) Her wedding to Mr. Godfrey Norton
 - (b) Her retrieving the hidden photograph during the fire
 - (c) Her publicly exposing the photograph to the King
 - (d) Her escaping the country with the photograph
2. What does the phrase “festival sheet” suggest about the sky in the poem ‘The Call of Spring’?
 - (a) It is dull and full of life
 - (b) It is vibrant and celebratory
 - (c) It is dark and threatening
 - (d) It is confusing and chaotic
3. Which of the following statements is ‘False’?
 - (a) Mr. Chips made tea mixing careful spoonfuls from different caddies.
 - (b) Mr. Chips would ask the new boys where they lived.
 - (c) Mr. Chips always ordered a walnut cake with green icing from Reddaway’s.
 - (d) Mr. Chips house was small but very comfortable.
4. What does Holmes deduce from the paper used in the mysterious letter?
 - (a) It is manufactured in Germany and is expensive.
 - (b) It is recycled and likely from a London office.
 - (c) It is cheap, showing the sender is trying to hide wealth.
 - (d) It is handwritten on parchment used only in legal firms.
5. How does Mrs. Wickett support Mr. Chips’ connection to Brookfield?
 - (a) By delivering school papers to him
 - (b) By encouraging him to visit the classrooms
 - (c) By organizing school events in his home
 - (d) By providing a home where he can see and hear the school activities nearby.
6. At the end of the story, what does Holmes’s request to the king for Irene Adler’s photograph reveal about him?
 - (a) He is secretly in love with her.
 - (b) He admires her cleverness and wants a memento of her.
 - (c) He wants to use the photograph for future blackmail.
 - (d) He wants to frame her for the failed mission.
7. What accident leads to Mr. Chips meeting Katherine?
 - (a) He gets caught in a storm.
 - (b) He falls while climbing and sprains his ankle.
 - (c) He faints from exhaustion on a mountain trail.
 - (d) His bicycle crashes into her.

8. In 'A Scandal in Bohemia', what ultimately happens to the compromising photograph?
- (a) It is published in the newspaper
 - (b) It is returned to the King
 - (c) Irene Adler keeps it but promises never to use it
 - (d) Holmes burns it
9. How old is Katherine Bridges when she meets Mr. Chips?
- (a) twenty
 - (b) twenty-five
 - (c) thirty
 - (d) thirty-five
10. What mood is created by the repeated phrase "Come out, come out" in the poem 'The Call of Spring'?
- (a) A tone of urgency and command
 - (b) An inviting and cheerful tone
 - (c) A feeling of despair
 - (d) A mood of confusion
11. What does Katherine's admiration for teaching suggest about her personality?
- (a) She is deeply idealistic and values meaningful work.
 - (b) She is dismissive of traditional roles.
 - (c) She is focused only on personal success.
 - (d) She avoids intellectual conversation.
12. What significant item does the King bring during his visit to Holmes?
- (a) Irene Adler's photograph
 - (b) A bag of gold and cash
 - (c) A letter of warning
 - (d) a thick, pink-tinted note-paper
13. After being proven wrong, how does Jakanachari respond?
- (a) He demands the stranger be punished.
 - (b) He acknowledges the truth, stops threatening, and asks about the stranger's background.
 - (c) He starts building the temple in Kridapura.
 - (d) He ignores the stranger and continues his work recklessly.
14. What did the king offer Holmes as a reward?
- (a) An emerald scorpion ring
 - (b) A ruby snake ring
 - (c) A topaz snake ring
 - (d) None of the above
15. What tone is best reflected in Katherine's line about 'feeling like a new boy'?
- (a) Formal and respectful
 - (b) Angry and confrontational
 - (c) Affectionate and playful
 - (d) Cold and sarcastic
16. How did the peasants attempt to neutralize the scorpion's venom?
- (a) By pouring a little paraffin upon the bitten toe
 - (b) By chanting the name of God
 - (c) By administering herbal medicine
 - (d) By using cold compresses

**SECTION B
(PROSE)**

Question 2

'I am going, but bear in mind my warning.'

- (a) In your own words explain the character of Jakanchari as 'an artist' and as 'a father'. [3]
- (b) What bet was made between Jakanchari and the stranger publicly? [3]
- (c) What was the outcome of the bet? How did both Jakanchari and stranger react? What morals or lessons (Any 2) R.K. Narayan conveys through this story? [4]

Question 3

I carefully examined the writing, and the paper on which it was written.

- (a) What unusual visitor arrives at Holmes's apartment? Describe his appearance and nature of his visit. [3]
- (b) What is the main problem that the visitor (the King of Bohemia) presents to Holmes? What does he want Holmes to do? [3]
- (c) What quick deductions does Holmes make about Watson and the King? Do you think the King's request to Holmes is fair? Why or why not? [4]

Question 4

My friend tore it open and we all three read it together.

- (a) Who are mentioned as 'we all three'? What does 'it' stand for? Mention any one incident where Irene Adler outsmarts Sherlock Holmes? [3]
- (b) 'To Sherlock Holmes she is always 'the woman'.' Why does Watson call Irene Adler 'the woman' in the beginning? [3]
- (c) What was the content of Irene Adler's letter to Sherlock Holmes? [4]

Question 5

'I am sure you could never guess how I employed my morning'

- (a) Why does Sherlock Holmes disguise himself as a groom in "A Scandal in Bohemia," and how does it help in his investigation? [3]
- (b) What does Sherlock Holmes find out about Irene Adler's routine? [3]
- (c) Describe how Sherlock Holmes entered Irene Adler's house in 'A Scandal in Bohemia-II'. [4]

SECTION C (POETRY)

Question 6

O'er hill side and valley, through garden and grove,

Such exquisite anthems are ringing

- (a) Why does the poet call out to children and not adults in the poem? What does this reflect? [3]
- (b) Imagine a world without spring. What would it feel like, and how does that help you understand the poet's message better? [3]
- (c) What is being described in the above lines, and what does the phrase "exquisite anthems" refer to? How do these lines contribute to the overall mood of the poem? [4]

Question 7

I watched the flame feeding on my mother.

I watched the holy man perform his rites to tame the poison with an incantation.

- (a) Name the poet. Explain the above lines. [3]
- (b) What was the mother's reaction in the poem? [3]
- (c) Describe the contrasting reactions of the villagers and the father in the poem "Night of the Scorpion". [4]

Question 8

For flower-like and fleet-footed maidens like you,

To share in the joy of its play-time

- (a) Why does the poet use the phrase "flower-like and fleet-footed maidens"? What is the colour of the lilies? What are 'sedges' and 'blossoming gold'? [3]
- (b) How does the poem reflect a sense of renewal or hope? In what ways can this message be relevant to modern readers like you? [3]
- (c) How Sarojini Naidu uses the actions and sounds of birds and animals to recreate the liveliness of spring? [4]

Section D

Question 9

Write the meaning of the following words :

[1x4=4]

1. incantation
2. condescend
3. borne
4. derisively

*******ALL THE BEST*******