

# RASI ENGLISH GUIDES 2023-24

## MARATHON TEST – 8

### 1. ONCE UPON A TIME

STD: XI

SUB: ENGLISH

I. Read the following sets of poetic lines and answer the questions.

7x1=7

*But now they only laugh with their teeth  
While their ice-block-cold eyes  
Search behind my shadow.*

1. Who are 'they'?
2. Explain: ice-block- cold eyes.
3. Identify the figure of speech used here.
4. Find out the words in alliteration.

*'Most of all, I want to relearn  
How to laugh, for my laugh in the mirror  
Shows only my teeth like a snake's bare fangs!'*

5. Whom does the poet want to relearn from?
6. What do the snake `s bare fangs denote?
7. Mention the figure of speech used here.

II. Explain the following with reference to the context.

1x3 =3

8. *But that's gone, son  
Now they shake hands without hearts*

III. Answer the following in a paragraph of about 150 words.

1x5 =5

9. 'Face is the index of the mind'. Does this adage concur with the views of Gabriel Okara?

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**ANSWER KEY**

1. Modern people
2. Modern man's eyes are devoid of emotion like a block of ice.
3. Metaphor
4. Search-shadow
5. From his son
6. The poet's artificial smile
7. Simile

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## MARATHON TEST – 9

### 2. CONFESSIONS OF A BORN SPECTATOR

STD: XI

SUB: ENGLISH

I. Read the following sets of poetic lines and answer the questions.

7x1=7

*With all my heart I do admire*

*Athletes who sweat for fun or hire*

1. Whom does the poet admire?
2. For what reason do the athletes sweat?

*Well, ego it might be pleased enough*

*But zealous athletes play so rough----*

3. What pleases the ego?
4. Why are athletes often rough during play?

*When officialdom demands*

*Is there a doctor in the stands?*

5. Why are doctors called from stands by the sponsors?
6. Why does the poet make such an observation?

*One infant grows up and becomes a jockey,*

*Another plays basketball or hockey*

7. Who is a 'jockey'?

II. Explain the following with reference to the context.

1x3 =3

6. *And reassure myself anew*

*That you are not me and I'm not you.*

III. Answer the following in a paragraph of about 150 words.

1x5 =5

6. You are the School Pupil Leader. Mention some qualities that can be drawn from the field of sports to improve your leadership skills.

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**ANSWER KEY**

1. **The athletes**
2. Athletes sweat for **fun** or **for financial benefits**.
3. **Exchanging position with the athletes** pleases the ego.
4. As the athletes **play for victory**, they play roughly.
5. Doctors are called from stands **when players get injured**.
6. **Since the poet is not willing to take part in the game**, he makes such an observation.
7. Jockey is a **horse rider**.

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## MARATHON TEST - 10

STD: XI

**DERIVATIVES**

SUB: ENGLISH

**I. Answer the following.**

5x1=5

1. Choose the proper derivative for "**compose**".  
a. composition      b. composedly      c. uncompose      d. composer
2. Choose the proper derivative for "**frequent**".  
a. defrequent      b. frequention      c. frequently      d. frequenting
3. Choose the proper derivative for "**perfect**".  
a. perfectable      b. perfectee      c. perfecting      d. perfection
4. Choose the proper derivative for "**interrupt**".  
a. ininterrupt      b. interruption      c. interruptness      d. interruptly
5. Choose the proper derivative for "**admit**".  
a. deadmit      b. admitless      c. admition      d. admission

**II. From two derivatives for each of the following words.**

10x1=10

1. gravity
2. observe
3. predict
4. valid
5. develop
6. kind
7. calculate
8. humour
9. hope
10. magic

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**ANSWER KEY**

I. 1. d                      2. c                      3. d                      4. b                      5. d

- II. 1. gravitation, gravitational  
2. observation, observer  
3. prediction, predictable  
4. validate, validity  
5. development, developing  
6. kindness, kindly  
7. calculation, calculative  
8. humourous, humourously  
9. hopeful, hopeless  
10. magical, magician