

# 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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