

# QUESTION BANK

## CLASS - B.A – PART III

### SEMESTER - VI

#### SUBJECT: COMPULSORY ENGLISH

##### Prescribed Textbook: Sands of Time

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#### MULTIPLE CHOICE QUESTIONS:

##### UNIT – 1:

Choose the correct answer from the options given below.

1. What prevented the narrator from visiting Gessler more often?

- a. His interactions with Gessler left him sad and guilty.
- b. Gessler's shoes were good but expensive.
- c. The shoes he bought lasted a long time.
- d. He was abroad very often.

2. What caused Gessler's death?

- a. tuberculosis
- b. starvation
- c. pneumonia
- d. heart attack

3. The price of Gessler's shoes ...

- a. reduced over the years.
- b. rose over the years.
- c. remained unchanged over the years.
- d. varied depending on his situation.

4. More than once, the narrator makes references to signs about 'the Royal Family'. What is he implying? a. that other shops made exaggerated claims

b. that other shops made shoes for members of royalty

c. that the Gessler Brothers made shoes for the royal family

d. that Gessler rented his shop from the royal family

5. In his final interaction with the narrator, why does Gessler say that he could make the new shoes quickly?

a. because he was working faster to be able to feed himself

b. because he didn't have any other orders

c. because the quality of his shoes had lessened

d. because he didn't have time to spend on the shoes

6. What was Miss Brill's profession?

a. nurse

b. teacher

c. actress

d. musician

7. Where does the story take place?

a. a carnival

b. a park

c. a city street

d. a town square

8. Which of these words can best be applied to Miss Brill?

a. imaginative

b. pessimistic

c. sullen

d. cynical

9. Which of the following is not a theme of this story?

a. loneliness and alienation

b. life and death

c. youth and age

d. none of the above

10. Where would Miss Brill eat her slice of cake?

A. at home, with tea

b. on her way home from the baker's

c. in the park

d. at work

## **UNIT – 2:**

Choose the correct answer from the options given below.

1. The narrator wanted to open a bank account because

a. he was very rich.

b. he had just inherited a lot of money.

c. his salary had been raised.

d. his office asked him to do so.

2. The narrator carried his money...

a. in the form of coins in a sock.

b. as a crumpled ball in his pocket.

c. in a wallet.

d. as traveller's cheques.

3. Which of these words is not applicable to the narrator?

A. bold

b. timid

c. anxious

d. hesitant

4. On learning that the narrator did not represent Pinkerton, the manager assumed that he was...

a. Rothschild.

b. a wealthy man.

c. from a rival agency.

d. there to open an account.

5. What was the manager's reaction on learning the narrator's purpose?

a. indifference

b. amusement

c. annoyance

d. none of the above

6. The villager's view of Socrates is that he is...

a. a bit too friendly.

b. he is unconcerned about them.

c. he is always finding faults.

d. he is ignorant.

7. Which of the following adjectives are applicable to Socrates? (Look up the meanings in a dictionary before attempting to answer this question.)

a. apathetic

b. cynical

c. idealistic

d. aloof

8. What is the schoolmaster's reaction to filthy language?

a. indifference

b. amusement

c. shock

d. none of the above

9. Socrates says the doctor is a stranger to the strong and healthy to defend himself against which accusation?

a. that he is always scolding the villagers

b. that he is too concerned with health and hygiene

c. that he only focuses on the negatives

d. that he interferes in village matters

10. What is the schoolmaster's reaction to Socrates telling him that he must educate children's characters?

a. annoyance

b. reluctance

c. willingness

d. incomprehension

### **UNIT – 3:**

Choose the correct answer from the options given below.

1. Who was the solitary reaper?

a. an English traveller

b. an Arabian singer

c. a Scottish farmer

d. none of the above

2. Which word best describes the reaper's song?

a. joyous

b. sorrowful

c. upbeat

d. aggravating

3. Which bird does the poet not mention when describing the reaper's song?

a. cuckoo

b. skylark

c. nightingale

d. none of the above

4. What was the singer doing while singing?

a. sitting alone in a field

b. cutting grass

c. harvesting crops

d. weaving baskets

5. Which of the following is true?

a. The poet stopped to listen to the song for a while, before resuming his walk.

b. The poet listened till the end of the song, before resuming his walk.

c. The poet slowed down and listened to the song as he continued walking.

d. none of the above

6. What action does the poet recommend when one is angry or disappointed?

a. meditation

b. confrontation

c. silence

d. belligerence

7. What is the poet's suggestion for stopping bad thoughts?

a. voicing one's thoughts

b. keeping silent

c. calming one's mind

d. talking to a friend

8. When one has been defrauded, it is easy

a. angry

b. poised

c. selfish

d. tranquil

9. According to the poet, what is the 'most vital thing in life'?

a. strife

b. poise

c. silence

d. passion

10. What is the message of Kleiser's poem?

a. It is worthwhile to win the battle against anger and spite.

b. Mental peace is the only thing that can conquer hardships.

c. A calm mind is the best weapon against adversity.

d. A calm mind indicates a superior soul.