

X ENGLISH TEST : A LETTER TO GOD, DUST OF SNOW, FIRE AND ICE

TIME : 1HR.

M.M. : 44

1. Answer the following questions in 30-40 words each : **(2 × 6 = 12 MARKS)**
 - a. Why were Lencho and his family in distress? Whom did he ask for help?
 - b. What did Lencho write in his second letter to God? Why did he ask him not to send the rest of the money by post mail?
 - c. How has the poet observed nature in the poem 'Dust of Snow'?
 - d. What side of nature do 'crow' and 'hemlock' represent?
 - e. Which two ideas about how the world will end have been mentioned in the poem? Which idea does the poet support more?
 - f. What is the central ideal of the poem?
2. Reference to context : **(4 × 2 = 8 MARKS)**
 - a. "Has given my heat
A change of mood
And saves some part
of a day I had rued"
 - i. What had given the poet 'change of mood'?
 - ii. What had the poet thought of that day?
 - iii. How was some part of the day saved for the poet?
 - iv. name the poet.
 - b. But if it had to perish twice, I think I know enough of hate to say that, for destruction, ice is also great and would suffice.
 - i. What does 'it' refers to in the first time?
 - ii. What do you mean by 'perish'?
 - iii. What does ice stand for?
 - iv. What would be the cause of destruction?
3. Answer the following questions in 100-120 words each : **(Any 2)** **(8 × 2 = 16 MARKS)**
 - a. Show Lencho's faith and confidence in God with examples from the lesson.
 - b. Our attitude towards a situation evokes both negative and positive response. Analyse this with reference to the poem, 'Dust of Snow' to bring out the inherent valuable lessons.
 - c. How does the poem depict the two contrasting ideas – 'Fire' and 'Ice'? Can hatred destroy us and the world? Explain bringing out values which can make this world a better place to live in.
4. You are Himanshu/Himanshi Jaggi, living at 1652, Civil Lines Delhi 54. The residents of your area are facing a lot of inconvenience due to poor maintenance of the public park of your locality. Write a letter to the editor of a local daily drawing the attention of the concerned higher authorities towards the problem and requesting them to solve it. **(8 MARKS)**