

**ATOMIC ENERGY CENTRAL SCHOOL, KAKRAPAR**  
**CONFIDENCE EXAMINATION (2015- 2016)**  
**SUB: ENGLISH**

**CLASS: XI**

**MM : 80**

**TIME: 3 Hrs.**

**No. of pages : 04**

**This paper consists of four sections.**

**Section A - Reading 20 marks**  
**Section B -writing 20 marks**  
**Section C -Grammar 10 marks**  
**Section D -Literature and Novel 30 marks**



General Instructions:

- The paper is divided into four sections – A, B C & D. All the sections are compulsory.
- Separate instructions are given with each section and question, wherever necessary. Read the instructions carefully and follow them faithfully.
- Do not exceed the prescribed word limit while answering the questions. Marks will be deducted if this limit is crossed.
- Please write down the serial no. of the question in the answer script before attempting it.

**SECTION- A ( READING) 20 marks**

**Q1 Read the following passage carefully and answer the questions that follow: (12)**

1 It was a memorable day-the 9<sup>th</sup> of February,1979. Hundreds of freedom fighters, who had spent the best part of their lives as prisoners in the Cellular Jail, once again touched the shores of the Andaman Islands. But what a difference! They had come this time not as criminals but as veteran heroes on board the ship Harshvardhan, invited to grace the function organized to formally declare the Cellular Jail as a National Monument by the Prime Minister of India.

2 Along with other members, I was also present as the Chairman of the reception committee, to formally welcome the guests of honour. It was a beautiful evening – the golden rays of the setting sun had drenched the landscape in a rich marigold colour. There was a strange expression on the faces of the aged veterans as they alighted, one by one, helped by young men and girls of their families. Perhaps the memories of their struggle, sacrifices and hardships once again came alive as they viewed the landscape.

3 Tears rolled down, when they were greeted with cheers and showers of rose petals. Thousands of people were there to welcome them, many having come from far-flung places of India. Many were moved to tears and bent down to touch the feet of the veterans. It was an emotionally surcharged scene, an expression of deep reverence and gratitude which the people of Andamans felt towards these veterans, who had undergone tremendous suffering and misery at the hands of the erstwhile British rulers. For me it was no more a formal welcome to perform. I was overwhelmed with emotions too deep to express.

4 As person-in-charge of these celebrations, I was to spend many more days in the company of these freedom fighters, and had the unique opportunity of listening to their narration giving vivid and graphic account of their experience as exiled prisoners of the dreaded KALAPANI (Black water).It was like a fairy tale which greatly aroused my curiosity.

