

Class Test – English Literature

27.10.2025

F.M.: 10

Duration: 40 Minutes

Instructions:

- ***Read each question carefully before answering.***
- ***Write answers in complete sentences.***
- ***Keep your answers within the word limit.***
- ***All questions are compulsory.***

1. Read the given extract and answer the following questions in brief: (1 x 5= 5)

“Before you, like a lantern whose walls are worn so thin you glimpse only the light inside, is the incandescence of a man. The body, almost irrelevant, exists only like a case made of shadows.”

- a) The comparison of Hawking to a lantern shows his inner light and strength — explain the idea briefly.
- b) The description of the body as “a case made of shadows” conveys an important message about physical appearance — state the idea in one line.
- c) The phrase “incandescence of a man” suggests something more than outer beauty — write the meaning in your own words.
- d) The image of “light inside” reveals the writer’s real admiration for Hawking — express the feeling shown here.
- e) The word incandescence in this context expresses the glow of the human spirit — give a one-word meaning.

2. Answer the following question in 90-110 words: (5× 1 = 5)

- a) The narrator feels that meeting Stephen Hawking completes his journey.
Explain how this meeting changes his understanding of disability, courage, and human potential.