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B.A. (Part-I) Examination, 2023
ENGLISH LITERATURE
Second Paper
(English Prose and Fiction)

Duration of Examination: 3 Hours

परीक्षा की अवधि: 3 घण्टा

Max. Marks: 100

पूर्णांक: 100

Instructions to the Candidates:

परीक्षार्थी के लिए निर्देश:-

All questions carry equal marks and all the five questions are compulsory. However, there is internal choice as part of unitization scheme.

Unit-I

- 1- Explain with reference to the context any four of the followings. (200 words) 4x5=20
- (i) Travel in the youngest sort is a part of education; in the elder a part of experience. He that travelleth into a country, before he hath some entrance into the language, goeth to school, and not to travel.
- (ii) The life of these men is finely described in Holy writ by the path of an arrow, which is immediately colsed up and lost.
- (iii) When we are advanced in years, there is not a more pleasing entertainment, than to recollect in a gloomy moment the many we have parted with, that have been dear and agreeable to us and to cast a melancholy thought or two after those with whom, perhaps, we have indulged ourselves in whole nights of mirth and jollity.
- (iv) We are nothing ; less than nothing, and dreams. We are only what might have been, and must wait upon the tedious shores of lethe millions of ages before we have existence and a name.
- (v) "Diamonds again", muttered Mrs. Myers, turning over the third pile, "My dear child, you are in for a lot of money. But I am still not sure whether it's you who will be travelling or someone close to you".
- (vi) "Of course our work is rough and coarse. But, on the other hand, it is sure, and we need not bow to anyone. But you, in your towns, are surrounded by temptations; today all may be right, but tomorrow the Evil one may tempt your husband with card, wine or women, and all will go to ruin".
- (vii) "He is a man who leads a sedentary life, goes out little, is out of training entirely, is middle aged, has grizzled hair which he has had cut within the last few days, and which he anoints with lime-cream.

Unit-II

- 2-(A) Answer the following questions in about 15-20 words each : (any ten) 1x10=10
- (i) Who is the author of 'Meditations in West Minster Abbey'?
- (ii) What was the name of Charles Lamb's brother in 'Dream Children'?
- (iii) How is travelling good for a child according to Bacon?
- (iv) What was mostly engraved on the graves in the West Minster Abbey?
- (v) Fill in the blank in the following quotation from Bacon's essay-
'Of Studies', and rewrite the sentence -
✓ "Crafty men condemn studies, simple men admire them, and wise men _____ them."



- (vi) When would the goats start dancing in 'The Three dancing Goats'? ✓
- (vii) Under what name did Mrs. Mackary disguise herself when she went to meet the fortune teller?
- (viii) Name the famous English writer of detective stories prescribed in your course and also the famous detective he invented?
- (ix) Write the name of fictional town used by R.K. Narayan in his stories.
- (x) Who is the author of the story- "Doll's House"?
- (xi) Who is Lona's First passanger? ✓

(B)- Answer the following questions in about 150 words (any two) 2x5=10

- (i) What is the theme of 'Of Travel'? ✓
- (ii) In what way do find Chandan's mother a typical Indian housewife? ✓
- (iii) What is the theme of 'Meditations in West Minster Abbey' ?
- (iv) Write about Alice on the basis of your reading - 'Dream children'.

Unit-III

3- Draw a character sketch of Beau Tibbs. ✓ 20

OR

Write a critical summary of the essay - 'On the feeling of immortality in Youth'.

OR

Write a critical summary of the essay - 'The ideal house'.

Unit-IV

4- Discuss the characteristic features of a folktale with special reference to the story - 'The Fortune Teller'. 20

OR

The story - 'Grief' by Anton Chekhov deals with the insensitivity of humans to other people's misery, comment and elaborate your answer on the basis of your reading the story. ✓

OR

What message does Leo Tolstoy wish to convey in his story - 'How Much Land Does A Man Need' ?

Unit-V

5- Write the charactersketch of Malathi on the basis of your reading the novel - 'The Bachelor of Arts'. 20

OR

Bring out the conflict between tradition and modernity in R.K. Narayan's novel - 'The Bachelor of Arts'.

OR

Discuss the theme of the novel - 'The Bachelor of Arts' in your own words. ✓

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