

Paper - II (English Prose and Fiction)

Time allowed : Three hours

Maximum Marks : 100

Unit-I

1. Explain with reference to context any four of the following : (200 words)
- (i) To spend too much time in studies is sloth; to use them too much for ornament, is affectation; to make judgment wholly by their rules, is the humor of a scholar.
 - (ii) The mind in infancy is, methinks, like the body in embryo; and receives impressions so forcible, that they are as hard to be removed by reason, as any mark with which a child is born is to be taken away by any future application.
 - (iii) **THOUGH** naturally pensive, yet I am fond of gay company, and take every opportunity of thus dismissing the mind from duty. From this motive I am often found in the centre of a crowd, and wherever pleasure is to be sold am always a purchaser.
 - (iv) "You old pest, do you hear, I'll bone your neck for you! If one

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treated the like of you with ceremony one would have to go on foot! Do you hear, old serpent Gorinytch! Or do you not care a spit?"

- (v) Having found out all he wished to know, Pahom returned home as autumn came on, and begun selling off his belongings. He sold his land at a profit, sold his homestead and all his cattle, and withdrew from membership of the Commune. He only waited till the spring, and then started with his family for the new settlement.
- (vi) "Here is my lens. You know my methods. What can you gather yourself as to the individuality of the man who has worn this article?"

Unit-II

2. (a) Answer the following questions in 15-20 words each : (any ten)
- (i) In his eassy 'Of Studies' what does Bacon try to explain?
 - (ii) How does the horse serve as a true friend and companion to Lona?
 - (iii) Comment on the writing style of Richard Steele's essay 'Recollection of Childhood'.
 - (iv) Explain the title 'Beau Tibbs'.
 - (v) What do Children in Lamb's dream represent?
 - (vi) 'His essays are emphatically himself'. For which essayist this has been quoted?
 - (vii) Why Mrs.Linde describes Nora as a child in Act One?
 - (viii) Whom did Sindhu meet on his way to the market?
 - (ix) What is other name of the essay 'Grief'?
 - (x) Who was Lona' first passenger?
 - (xi) The character Dr. Watson is associated with which text? Name the author also.
 - (xii) Name the famous television series based on the work of R.K. Narayan.
- (b) Answer the following questions in about 150 words: (any two)
- (i) What was the story associated with Norfolk in Dream Children?
 - (ii) Compare Torvald's and Nora's attitude towards money.
 - (iii) What message does the short story "The three dancing goats" convey?

Unit-III

3. Compare and contrast Mrs. Linde and Nora.

Or

Describe the three goats of the old woman.

Or

Lona's grief is within. Discuss.

Unit-IV

4. Comment critically on Lamb's essay 'Dream Children'.

Or

What do you think why the writer wrote the essay 'Of Travel'? Explain

his purpose.

Or

Discuss the significance of the title 'The Ideal House'.

Unit-V

5. Comment on the characterization of R. K. Narayan with reference to the character of Chandran.

Or

Comment on Narayan's depiction of the Indian traditional values and customs in the novel 'Bachelor of Arts'.

Or

Do you think the title of the novel 'The Bachelor of Arts' is appropriate? Justify your answer.

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