

ENGLISH LITERATURE

Second Paper (Prose and Fiction)

Time Allowed : Three hours

Maximum marks : 100

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 context any four of the following:

(120-150 words)

- (a) And on these occasions I have even caught my hand-which chanced to be in my pocket at the time turning over money, a little surreptitiously I thought, but still undeniably turning it. Hands have habits of their own and one can't always be watching them.
- (b) People who possess sufficient leisure, sufficient wealth, not to mention sufficient health, to go travelling from spa to spa, from doctor to fashionable doctor, in search of cures from problem artical diseases cannot expect us to be very lavish in our solicitude and pity.
- (c) A fresh scene was enacted. After the tempest had raged for an hour, he at least obtained a hearing. He vowed he had no idea how this thing had come to pass. It must have been an act of jealousy or revenge.
- (d) Then the sun came out, and by the time I had sat down to breakfast it was shining bravely and flushing the snow with delicate pinks.
- (e) Daily, monthly, yearly we watched the Negro grow grayer and more stooped, going in and out with the market basket. Each December we sent her a Tax notice, which would be returned by the post office a week later, unclaimed.
- (f) The advantage of advancing years lies in discovering that traditions are true and therefore alive, indeed a tradition is not even traditional except when it is alive.
- (g) He was how the chief gardener, the old man he had come to assist having suddenly fallen ill. He was proud of his position and rsponsibility.

Unit-II

2. (a) Answer the following questions in about 15-20 word each:

- (i) Who was Turner?
- (ii) Name any two volumes of essays by Chesterton.
- (iii) What does Mulk Raj Anand's story The Barber's Trade Union deal with.
- (iv) Where was Monsieur Oreille employed?
- (v) Who was M.Duhamel, What was his profession and name the book he had written?
- (vi) What do you understand by the Term Quixotry?

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- (vii) What is the value of Snobbery in general?
(viii) Why does Priestley say that the first fall of snow is not only an event but it is a magical event?
(ix) I have no taxes in Jefferson. Who said these words and to whom?
(x) Who was Charles Darnay?
- (b) Answer any two of the following questions, in not more than 150 words each.
- (i) It has been well said that while other countries have a climate, we alone in England have weather. Elucidate.
(ii) What are Hurley's ideas about Modernity Snobbery?
(iii) Attempt a character sketch of Miss Emily Grierson.

Unit-III

(Words Limit : 400 words)

3. Attempt a critical summary of E.M. Forster's essay 'My Wood'.
Or
Enumerate the various advantages of old age as discussed by Chesterton in his essay.
Or
Ignorance is the very draught of beatitude. Explain
4. Comment on the social realism in the story The Barber's Trade Union.
Or
Justify the title of the story 'The Umbrella'.
Or
Discuss R.K. Narayan as a story-teller.

Unit-V

5. Discuss 'A Tale of Two Cities' as a historical novel.
Or
How was Darnay finally saved from execution and why?
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