PD-103

(401) M.A. ENGLISH (FIRST SEMESTER)

Examination, 2020-2021

Paper- Third (Compulsory)

PROSE

Time: Three Hours

[Maximum Marks: 80
[Minimum Pass Marks: 29

SECTION – A

1. **Answer the following objective-type questions:** 1 X 10 = 10

i. **Who, of the following is associated with 'Inductive method of reasoning?**

(a) Thomas Carlyle (b) Charles Lamb (c) Joseph Addison (d) Francis Bacon

ii. **John Milton served as a civil servant under... .**

(a) Oliver Goldsmith (b) Oliver Twist (c) Oliver Cromwell (d) Oliver Kahn

iii. **'Areopagitica' is written about freedom of ... .**

(a) Political views (b) Speech (c) Press (d) Press and Speech

iv. **James Boswell was a/an ... biographer.**

(a) Irish (b) Scottish (c) Wales (d) English

v. **A Dictionary of the English Language by Johnson was published in ... .**

(a) 1747 (b) 1755 (c) 1754 (d) 1756

vi. **The Spectator was originally published as a ... paper.**

(a) Weekly (b) Monthly (c) Yearly (d) Daily

vii. **'On Heroes, Hero-Worship, and The Heroic in History' contains ... lectures.**

(a) 5 (b) 6 (c) 7 (d) 8

viii. **Who, among the following, was not contemporary writer of Charles lamb?**

(a) S.T. Coleridge (b) Robert Southey (c) William Hazlitt (d) Samuel Johnson

ix. **'Treasure Island' was written by ... .**

(a) Daniel Defoe (b) Leslie Stephen (c) Samuel Richardson (d) R. L. Stevenson

x. **William Hazlitt belonged to ... period in English Literature.**

(a) Classical (b) Victorian (c) Romantic (d) Modern

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2. Write a brief note on the following: **2 X 5 = 10**

i. What is Areopagitica?

ii. What does the term 'Addisonian Termination' mean?

iii. Explain Lamb's humour.

iv. Stevenson's concept of 'El Dorado'.

v. Players are "the abstracts and brief chronicles of the time", explain.

SECTION-B

3. Explain the following passages: **3 X 4 =12**

(a) Honor hath three things in it: the vantage ground to do good; the approach to kings and principal persons; and the raising of a man's own fortunes. He that hath the best of these intentions, when he aspireth, is an honest man; and that prince, that can discern of these intentions in another that aspireth, is a wise prince.

Or

A man would die, though he were neither valiant nor miserable, only upon a weariness to do the same thing so oft over and over. It is no less worthy to observe, how little alteration in good spirits the approaches of death make; for they appear to be the same men till the last instant.

(b) This authority of the knight, though exerted in that odd manner which accompanies him in all circumstances of life, has a very good effect upon the parish, who are not polite enough to see anything ridiculous in his behaviour; besides that the general good sense and worthiness of his character, make his friends observe these little singularities as foils that rather set off than blemish his good qualities.

Or

The gravity of my behaviour at my very first appearance in the world, and all the time that I sucked, seemed to favour my mother's dream: for, as she has often told me, I threw away my rattle before I was two months old, and would not make use of my coral till they had taken away the bells from it.

(c) Marriage by its best title is a monopoly, and not of the least invidious sort. It is the cunning of most possessors of any exclusive privilege to keep their advantage as much out of sight as possible, that their less favoured neighbours, seeing little of the benefit, may the less be disposed to question the right.

Or

The long warm days of summer never return but they bring with them a gloom from the haunting memory of those whole-day-leaves, when, by some strange arrangement, we were turned out, for the live-long day, upon our own hands, whether we had friends to go to, or none.

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Answer the following Questions: **4 X 12 = 48**

4. 'Bacon's essays reflect his deep understanding of human nature'. Discuss.

Or

What argument did Milton present in Areopagitica against censorship of printing?

5. Bring out the saliant traits of Johnson from 'The life of Samuel Johnson'.

Or

Describe the account of the narrator as reflected in 'The Spectator's Account of Himself.

6. What, according to Carlyle, are the qualities that make William Shakespeare a Hero?

Or

Comment on the elements of Humour as found in 'Bachelor's Complaint on the Behaviour of Married People'.

7. Evaluate R. L Stevenson as an essayist.

Or

Bring out Hazlitt's views on Actors and Acting as presented in the essay.

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