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(1st Semester)

GENERAL ENGLISH

Paper No. : ENG (G)-101

(Poetry, Basic English Usages and Language Skills)

Full Marks : 70

Pass Marks : 45%

Time : 3 hours

(PART : B—DESCRIPTIVE)

(Marks : 40)

The questions are of equal value

1. (a) Discuss Milton's *On His Blindness* as an autobiographical poem.

Or

- (b) Write a critical appreciation of Pope's *An Essay on Man*.

2. (a) Describe Wordsworth's love for Nature portrayed in *The Solitary Reaper*.

Or

- (b) *Youth and Age* presents a contrasting picture of youth, life and old age. Explain the differences.

3. (a) Attempt a character sketch of both the Duchess and the Duke in *My Last Duchess*.

Or

- (b) *Dover Beach* depicts a situation of gloom and inevitable decline of religious faith. Explain.

4. Write an application letter along with your CV for the post of a Receptionist in a Company.

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(Marks : 30)

The figures in the margin indicate full marks for the questions

SECTION—I

(Poetry)

1. Answer the following questions in not more than
40 words each : 2×6=12
- (a) Why does Donne call Man's power feeble?

- (b) "Oh blindness to the future ! kindly given,"
Explain.

(c) What are the sun and autumn conspiring for?

- (d) "Life is but thought : so think I will."
What will the poet think?

- (e) What was the effect of the enchanted fruit offered by the Lotus-Eaters?

- (f) What was the question often asked by daring strangers to the Duke regarding the painted Duchess on the wall?

SECTION—II

(Grammar and Usage)

2. Correct the verbs in the following sentences : 1×2=2

(a) The poet and philosopher are dead.

(b) The teacher adviced him to be sincere.

3. Transform the following sentences as directed : 1×3=3

(a) Besides being industrious he is wise.

(Change to compound sentence)

(b) He is too exhausted that he cannot walk.

(Change to simple sentence)

(c) Work hard or you will fail.

(Change to complex sentence)

4. Fill in the blanks with appropriate prepositions :

$$\frac{1}{2} \times 4 = 2$$

(a) The sun will not rise an hour.

(b) He is true his friends.

(c) He was placed
two girls.

(d) It has been raining
three o'clock.

5. Replace the adjectives in the following sentences with adjective phrases : $\frac{1}{2} \times 4 = 2$

(a) Suddenly a furious storm began to blow.

(b) A valuable document was found yesterday.

(c) Delhi is a populous city.

(d) The French Navy was defeated.

6. Replace the adverbial phrases in the following sentences with adverbs : $\frac{1}{2} \times 4 = 2$

(a) He escaped with great skill.

(b) She did her work without any care.

(c) The rain fell without ceasing.

(d) He was a Magistrate in those days.

7. Name the tense of the following sentences : 1×3=3

(a) I drink tea, but my sister prefers coffee.

(b) When I called on her, she was singing.

(c) They will have spent all their money by then.

8. Write brief notes on any *two* of the following topics : 2×2=4

(a) End notes

(b) Scholarly style of writing

(c) Term papers
