

B.A. (Part-II) Examination
ENGLISH LITERATURE
Optional Subject (Literature)

Time : Three Hours]

[Maximum Marks : 100

1. What is Biography ? Describe the merits and demerits of Biography.
- OR**
- Write a detailed note on the origin and development of the English essay. 10
2. Write short notes on any **two** of the following :
- (a) Difficulties of the Autobiographer
 (b) The Grand Style
 (c) Nineteenth Century Novel
 (d) The Origin of Short Story
 (e) Criticism and Literature. 10
3. What efforts were made by Gandhiji to inculcate the qualities of an English gentleman ? Why did he stop his efforts ?
- OR**
- What, according to L. A. Hill, are the factors that contribute to good writing ?
- OR**
- In what way does Nehru advise his daughter in a letter to her ? 15
4. Sketch the character of Natalia.
- OR**
- Discuss the moral significance of "The Monkey's Paw".
- OR**
- Bring out the element of irony in the play, 'Villa For Sale'. 15
5. (A) Write a note on Keats' treatment of Nature in "Ode to Autumn".
- OR**
- Write a critical appreciation of the poem "Ode to Skylark" by P. B. Shelley.
- OR**
- "The Darkling Thrush" is a mixture of despair and hope. Discuss. 15
- (B) Explain with reference to the context any two of the following :
- (i) I am not yet born; O hear me.
 Let not the bloodsucking bat or the rat stoat or the
 club footed ghouel come near me.
- (ii) This sea that bares her bosom to the moon;
 The winds that will be howling at all hours,
 And are up-gathered now like sleeping flowers,
 For this, for everything, we are out of tune;
 It moves us not.
- (iii) But at my back I always hear
 Time's winged Charriot hurrying near;
 And yonder all before us lie
 Deserts of vast eternity.

(iv) Since then 'tis centuries; but each
Feels shorter than the day
I first surmised the horse's heads
Were towards eternity.

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6. Complete the following sentences by choosing the correct options :

- (i) Mr. Kelada was _____.
(a) short and sturdy (b) tall
(c) slim (d) fat
- (ii) Gandhi went without food that night because _____.
(a) he wanted to do penance
(b) he thought that it was the right thing to do
(c) the Vegetarian restaurant was closed
(d) he had to go to the theatre
- (iii) The traveller Hiuen Tsang came to India from _____.
(a) China (b) Japan
(c) America (d) Sri Lanka
- (iv) The writer of the essay "What is Courage" is :
(a) a Politician (b) a Teacher
(c) a British Military Commander (d) a Novelist
- (v) The character Gaston appears in the one-act play _____.
(a) A Marriage Proposal (b) Villa for Sale
(c) The Monkey's Paw (d) Day of Atonement
- (vi) What is the theme of the psalm read out at the end of the play ?
(a) yearning (b) forgiveness
(c) steadfast love (d) trust
- (vii) According to Krishnamurti it is important for the young to live in an environment that is :
(a) free of fear (b) full of fear
(c) free of intelligence (d) full of ambition
- (viii) What kind of writing style does L. A. Hill advocate ?
(a) elaborately decorative prose (b) rhetorical prose
(c) lucid, coherent prose (d) circumlocutory or long winded prose
- (ix) What kind of a day is it for Natalia when Lomov comes visiting ?
(a) It is a holiday (b) It is a celebration day
(c) It is a working day (d) It is just like any other day
- (x) What does Mr. White say they have left after the loss of Herbert ?
(a) Themselves and their house (b) Each other and memories
(c) Darkness and emptiness (d) He does not speak of it

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7. (A) Write a dialogue in about 150 words on any one of the following :

- (i) You want to enquire about "student-loan facility". Prepare a draft of dialogue between you and the Branch Manager.
(ii) Prepare a draft of discussion between you and your father about summer vacation.

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(B) Write a paragraph in about 200 words on any one of the following :

- (i) Health is Wealth
(ii) As you sow, so shall you reap.

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