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B.A./B.Sc. (General) 1st Semester

(1129)

ENGLISH

(Elective)

Time Allowed : Three Hours]

[Maximum Marks : 90

Note :— (1) All questions are compulsory.

(2) Follow instructions carefully wherever given.

(3) Attempt all the parts of a question together.

SECTION—A

I. Attempt any *five* literary terms/concepts (not more than **50-60** words each) :

(a) Sonnet

(b) Elegy

(c) Blank Verse

(d) Negative Capability

(e) Irony

(f) Ambiguity

(g) Imagery

(h) Interior Monologue.

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II. Attempt any **ten** questions in **30-40** words each :

- (i) Describe Ghulam Mujtaba on the basis of the chapter 'Inzy Lets Things flow Over Him'.
- (ii) Haroun asks his father three questions. What are they ? (Haroun and the Sea of Stories)
- (iii) What do you think is the 'inheritance' that the older daughter lives up to ? (Sisters)
- (iv) The story 'A Ten Day Fast' was written when our democracy was twenty years old. Do you think that much has changed since then ?
- (v) Describe the title of the chapter 'Go, Kiss the World'.
- (vi) How is Amalkanti's dream different from that of the other boys in the class ? What does it tell us about him ? (Amalkanti)
- (vii) Mention the factors which can enable a girl to fight the menace of dowry. (Hitting Dowry for a Six)
- (viii) Why did Tara take to eating so much chocolate ? Why did her husband encourage her to do so ? (Chocolate)
- (ix) How will you describe the speaker's attitude in the poem 'To Mother' ?
- (x) What lessons Gaviri has learnt in the school of life ? (Soapnut Leaves)
- (xi) What do you think Patrick Maloney told his wife that prompted her to kill him ? (Lamb to the Slaughter)
- (xii) To which category does the speaker belong ? How do we know ? (Some People)

III. Read carefully the passage given below and answer the questions that follow :

Jayaprakash Babu has failed in his mission. No one is willing to agree. The PM said, "We sympathize with Bannu, but there is nothing we can do. Get him to break his fast first, then we'll have talks to find a solution."

We were disappointed.

But not Baba Sankidas. He said, "At first everyone rejects the demand. That's the convention. We must now expand our struggle. We should put in the papers that there was much acetone in Bannu's urine today, his deteriorating condition is causing great anxiety. Other statements should also appear demanding that Bannu's life must be saved at any cost. Why isn't the government doing anything ? It should immediately take steps to save Bannu's precious life."

The baba is simply amazing. Who knows what schemes are tucked away inside his head !

He continued, "The time has come to inject the issue of caste in our campaign. Bannu is a Brahmin, Radhika Prasad is a Kayasth. Some people should work on the Brahmins, others on the Kayasths. I understand the head of the Brahmin Sabha plans to stand in the next general elections. Someone should explain to him that this might be his big chance to get all the Brahmin votes."

Questions :

- (i) How did the PM react to the demand of the delegation led by Jayaprakash Babu ?
- (ii) How did Baba Sankidas react to his news ?
- (iii) What kind of statements did he want people to issue ?
- (iv) What did Baba mean by saying that time had come to inject the issue of caste in their campaign ?
- (v) What do you think of the character of Baba Sankidas ?

OR

Gaviri was eight years old. But already on her head a mountain of family responsibility had descended. With a little pot on her head, she had to go to the pond and fetch half the supply of water the family needed; basket in hand, she had to go looking along the hedges and orchards for dry leaves, twigs, sticks or thornbush for firewood. These responsibilities Gaviri had already come to carry out routinely.

In the fields nearby, bunches of tender greengram pods hung from their stems. Paaramma pulled out a few plants and shelling the green pods started munching the tender grain. Gaviri was famished. She hadn't had her congee that day. The night before too she had nothing to swallow.

Questions :

- (i) What responsibility had descended on Gaviri at the age of eight ?
- (ii) Where did she go to fetch water ?
- (iii) What else had she to do as part of her family duty ?
- (iv) What did Paaramma do in the nearby fields ?
Why didn't Gaviri do that though she had not eaten anything ?
- (v) What shows the contrast between the two girls, Paaramma and Gaviri ?

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SECTION—B

- IV. Write a letter to a friend telling him about your future plans after you leave college.

OR

Write a letter to your mother thanking her for all the moral and spiritual support she has always provided you. 10

- V. (A) Applied Grammar :

(a) Change the Voice :

- (i) When are you visiting us ?
- (ii) I want you to recite this poem.
- (iii) We could make no progress.
- (iv) We named the child Kabir.
- (v) She took no notice of me.

(b) Change the Narration :

- (i) Prem said, "I came to see you yesterday."
- (ii) The poet wrote, "Handsome is that handsome does."
- (iii) The stranger said to me, "How far is the station from here ?"
- (iv) He said to me, "Wait here till I come back."
- (v) "O for a glass of water !" said he.

(c) Transform the following sentences :

(i) Being late, I had to run.

(Change into Complex Sentence)

(ii) She is extremely beautiful. (Use 'Too')

(iii) He always speaks the truth.

(Change into Negative Sentence)

(iv) Rose is the sweetest of all flowers.

(Change into Comparative Degree)

(v) It is a very beautiful sight.

(Change into Exclamatory Sentence)

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(B) Fill in the blanks :

(i) Her ambition is to become _____ opera singer.

(Article)

(ii) I found that _____ useful plan.

(Article)

(iii) Which of _____ books do you like best ?

(Article)

(iv) Happiness is _____ attitude of the mind.

(Article)

(v) Students have a longing _____ holidays.

(Preposition)

(vi) She takes pride _____ her beauty. (Preposition)

(vii) My house is adjacent _____ my college.

(Preposition)

(viii) I know _____ she lives.

(Conjunction)

(ix) They came home _____ we had left.

(Conjunction)

(x) He saw his parents _____ began to cry.

(Conjunction)

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VI. (A) Give the antonyms :

- (i) Expand
- (ii) Conceal
- (iii) Novice
- (iv) Peace
- (v) Motionless.

(B) Use of words and phrases in sentences :

- (i) Ask after
- (ii) Call on
- (iii) Break into
- (iv) Come across
- (v) Pass away.

5×2=10