[24-HKUD1SN-24J (M2)]

BA 1st Semester (NEP) Exam. 2024 (S2)

(*General English*)

[UG, AEEG, S1-01]

Full Marks : 70

Time : 3 hours

The figures in the right-hand margin indicate marks.

1. Answer any *five* from the following questions (each in around 50 words) : $2 \times 5 = 10$

   (*a*) What is the name of the island where Alexander Selkirk lived alone for four years ? How did Selkirk spend his time there ? 1+1 = 2

   (*b*) In W. B. Yeats' poem 'An Irish Airman Foresees His Death' what prompts the Irish airman to fight ?

   (*c*) What are the common themes found in the poems of Keki N. Daruwalla ?

   (*d*) What did the witches predict to Banquo in the play *Macbeth* ?

   (*e*) Briefly explain the image of the Autumn-fields in the poem 'Tears, Idle Tears'.

   (*f*) How did the poet narrator help Simon Lee ? How did Lee show his gratitude to him ? 1+1 = 2

2. Answer any *six* from the following questions (each in around 120 words) : $4 \times 6 = 24$

   (*a*) Describe, in your own words, the activities of the children on the Holy Thursday.

   (*b*) Explain the significance of the title 'Tears, Idle Tears'. Why does he call the tears 'idle' ? 3+1 = 4

(*c*) Give a description of the refugee camp as depicted in the poem 'A Mother in a Refugee Camp'.

(*d*) Explain with reference to the context any *one* of the following :

(*i*) Alas! the gratitude of men
Hath oftener left me mourning.

(*ii*) Society, Friendship and Love
Divinely bestowed upon man,
O, had I the wings of a dove
How soon would I taste you again!

(*e*) Write a note on the poet's attitude to the snake as presented by D. H. Lawrence in the poem '*Snake*'.

(*f*) Write a brief summary of the poem '*Wolf*'.

(*g*) Write a note on the theme of motherhood as revealed in the poem 'A Mother in a Refugee Camp.

3. Answer any *six* from the following questions (each in around 200 words) : $6 \times 6 = 36$

(*a*) Write briefly on the activities of Simon Lee as a huntsman. What is his present condition ? $3+3 = 6$

(*b*) Write in your own words about the story of Alexander Selkirk as the lone inhabitant in the island Juan Fernandez. How does Cowper's poem throw light on the relationship between man and nature ? $4+2 = 6$

(*c*) Write a critical appreciation of the poem 'Tears, Idle Tears'.

(*d*) What are the thoughts that occur in the mind of the airman as he confronts death. Add your comment on his attitude to war. (Ref 'An Irish Airman Foresees His Death') $5+1 = 6$

(*e*) Give, after D. H. Lawrence (Ref. 'Snake'), a pen-picture of the snake as observed by the poet-narrator at a close distance.

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(*f*) Briefly narrate in your own words the happenings that led to the fall of Macbeth after he became the king.

(*g*) Read the following passage and answer the questions that follow:

As you know a great many people in India cannot read or write. They are illiterate. This is not their fault. They have never had the chance to learn or read. But we know, too, that our country cannot progress as it should do if the majority of the people are ignorant and uneducated. If we are to be the best kind of citizen, we must be educated. We must at least be able to read books and newspapers and magazines. Now those of us, who have had the chance to go to school and to be educated, have been given something of which many of our neighbours have been deprived. The, therefore, need our help.

(*i*) Why are the great many people in our country illiterate ? 2

(*ii*) What happens to our country when the majority of the people are ignorant ? 1

(*iii*) Why do our neighbours need our help ? 1

(*iv*) Say 'true' or 'false' of the following :

(*a*) The Indian people cannot read or write 1

(*b*) We must be educated to be the best kind of citizen. 1