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MA 1st Semester (New) Exam., 2021 (W)

ENGLISH

(Nonfictional Prose)

[PGEG S1 04]

Full Marks : 70/80

Time : 3 hours

The figures in the margin indicate full marks for the questions

Note : *(a)* Learners admitted in 2020 and 2021 are to answer *70* Marks (Question Nos. **1** to **4**).

(b) Learners admitted in and before 2019 are to answer all the questions (Question Nos. **1** to **5**), i.e., for *80* Marks.

1. Answer any *five* of the following questions (each in around *50* words) : 2×5=10

   (a) Write a short note on English essays.

   (b) State the difference between formal and informal essay.

   (c) Why are Montaigne's essays widely read?

   (d) What are the important qualities of Charles Lamb's Elia Essays?

   (e) What, according to Virginia Woolf are the hallmarks of modern fiction?

   (f) State the significance of the essay titled, *Shooting an Elephant.*

2. Answer any *four* from the following questions : 3×4=12

   (a) Define the idea of 'Victorian Dilemma' in a few lines.

   (b) Why is it that the analysis of an autobiography begins with an inherent complexity?

   (c) Give a brief idea on the book, *Lives of the English Poets.*

(d) What according to Lytton Strachey, should be the qualities of a biographer?

(e) How is diary writing different from other forms of fictional writings?

3. Answer any *four* from the following questions (each in around *200* words) : 6×4=24

(a) Describe the impressions recorded by V. S. Naipaul on the caste system and the ritualistic practices in India.

(b) How did Dr. Johnson define the idea of poetry in *Life of Milton*?

(c) How does Virgina Woolf's diary provide an access to her aesthetic concerns as a writer?

(d) Give an idea of the form of 'Personal Letter' with reference to Keat's Letter to Benjamin Bailey.

(e) Explain the features of style and language employed in the essays of Francis Bacon.

4. Answer any *three* from the following questions (each in around *250* words) : 8×3=24

(a) Provide a detailed idea on travel writing with particular reference to its salient features.

(b) Discuss the main characters as portrayed by Charles Lamb in his essay, *My Relations*.

(c) Write a note on Virginia Woolf's prose style.

(d) What are the characteristics of a modern Autobiography? Discuss with special reference to Bertrand Russell's Autobiography.

The following question is *NOT* for the learners admitted in 2020 and 2021 batches :

5. Answer any *one* from the following questions : 10

(a) How does Lytton Strachey portray the character of Florence Nightingale in his *Eminent Victorians*?

(b) Analyze the major themes of *A Short Walk in the Hindu Kush* with special reference to the prescribed chapters.

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