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ENGLISH

(General)

(Arts)

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Pass Marks : 32/24

Time : 3 hours

*The figures in the margin indicate full marks
for the questions*

A : Poetry

1. Answer any *four* of the following (*two* each from Unit—I and Unit—II) : 10×4=40

UNIT—I

- (a) Discuss how the poet and the cottage girl argue over their different viewpoints on death in the poem, *We are Seven*.

- (b) Illuminate on the theme of wall as treated by Robert Frost in the poem, *Mending Wall*.
- (c) How does T. S. Eliot treat the theme of homeland and alien land in the poem, *To the Indians who died in Africa*?
- (d) Critically appreciate Nissim Ezekiel's poem, *A Very Indian Poem in Indian English*.

UNIT—II

- (a) Discuss how Langston Hughes treats the subject of racial discrimination and oppression suffered by the African-American at the hands of the white majority in the poem, *Ballad of the Landlord*.
- (b) Discuss how the marginalized and ignored wife's perspective is put forward in Seamus Heaney's poem, *The Wife's Tale*.

3. Give very brief answers to any *five* of the following : 1×5=5

- (a) What does 'porringer' mean in the poem, *We are Seven*?
- (b) The line, "What I was walling in or walling out" occurs in which poem?
- (c) For which book did T. S. Eliot write the poem, *To the Indians who died in Africa*?
- (d) Which Indian drink is referred to as 'good for digestion' in the poem, *A Very Indian Poem in Indian English*?
- (e) What is the first complaint of the tenant to the landlord in the poem, *Ballad of the Landlord*?
- (f) The line, "I declare a woman could lay out a field" occurs in which poem?

- (g) What does 'knickers' mean in the poem,
Wherever I Hang?
- (h) What does 'torpor' mean in the poem,
Koenig of the River?

B : One-Act Play

UNIT—III

4. Answer the following in brief (any *three*) : $1 \times 3 = 3$

- (a) "All I know is that the meadows belong to us, and that ends the matter." Who is the speaker?
- (b) "May you never darken my door again!" To whom does Tschubukov say this?
- (c) What is the meaning of the expression 'walking drugstore'?
- (d) What disease does Lomov suffer from?
- (e) What is the name of Natalia's dog?

5. Answer briefly any *two* of the following : $3 \times 2 = 6$

- (a) "And to think that this fool dares to make a proposal of marriage!" Who says this to whom and in what context? What is the reaction of the listener after hearing this?
- (b) What reasons does Lomov give to marry Natalia?
- (c) How does Tschubukov bring about reconciliation between Lomov and Natalia?

6. (a) Answer any *one* of the following : 14

- (i) Discuss how ownership over a plot of land impacts the relationship between two families in the one-act play, *A Marriage Proposal*.
- (ii) Consider Anton Chekov's *A Marriage Proposal* as a domestic comedy.
- (iii) Write a note on the element of humour in the character and situation in the one-act play, *A Marriage Proposal*.

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(b) Answer any *one* of the following : 7

- (i) Present a brief discussion on the representation of the land owner class of rural Russia in the one-act play, *A Marriage Proposal*.
- (ii) Describe in your own words the first meeting between Lomov and Natalia in the one-act play, *A Marriage Proposal*.
