

V/ENG (viii) (II)

2013

(5th Semester)

ENGLISH

EIGHTH PAPER

(Popular Studies)

(Option—II)

Full Marks : 75

Time : 3 hours

(PART : B—DESCRIPTIVE)

(Marks : 50)

The questions are of equal value

1. What do you understand by 'Popular Culture'?
Cite examples from the texts prescribed in your course to prove your point.

Or

Write a short note on the origin and theme of the song, *The Sound of Silence* or *Time*.

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(Turn Over)

2. Explain *Born to be Wild* as an expression of the ideals of the Youths' Counter Culture Movement.

Or

Do you agree that *Blowing in the Wind* is a quintessential protest song of the 1960's?

3. Give a simple interpretation of the song, *Let it Be* in your own words.

Or

Explain how the song, *Imagine* exalts the spirit of peace and oneness.

4. What experience of Gopal Kumar in America makes him face a culture and identity crisis?

Or

How is *Second Thoughts* not just a bitter-sweet love story but also a bold reflection of an Indian woman of the 1990's?

5. Do you agree that *One Night at the Call Centre* is a collection of tales of woe and anger? If yes, cite examples from the text.

Or

From the reading of the novels in your course, what differences do you find in the contemporary writing technique and theme with the traditional and canonical writings?

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(PART : A—OBJECTIVE)

(Marks : 25)

The figures in the margin indicate full marks for the questions

I. Put a tick (✓) mark against the correct alternative in the brackets provided (any ten) : $1 \times 10 = 10$

(a) "People writing songs that voices never share
And no one dared —."

(i) break the sound of silence ()

(ii) disturb the sound of silence ()

(iii) pollute the sound of silence ()

(b) Bob Dylan claims that he wrote *Blowing in the Wind* in

(i) 10 minutes ()

(ii) 2 hours ()

(iii) 1 week ()

(c) The good name of Mars Bonfire is

(i) Dennis Ralph McGohan ()

(ii) Dennis Eugene McGohan ()

(iii) Dennis Eugene Bonfire ()

(d) "Imagine all the people living life —."

(i) today ()

(ii) in peace ()

(iii) as one ()

(e) Middle name of John Lennon is

(i) Wilfred ()

(ii) Winston ()

(iii) William ()

(f) Paul McCartney is

(i) an American ()

(ii) an Irish ()

(iii) an English ()

(g) "Shorter of — and one day closer to death."

(i) needs ()

(ii) breath ()

(iii) height ()

(h) *Let it Be* is often interpreted as an

(i) ode to politicians ()

(ii) ode to youth ()

(iii) ode to mothers ()

(i) Maya marries

(i) Nikhil ()

(ii) Ranjan ()

(iii) Mukesh ()

(4)

(j) Gopal comes from the State of

(i) Arunachal Pradesh ()

(ii) Uttar Pradesh ()

(iii) Madhya Pradesh ()

(k) The train journey in *One Night at the Call Centre* is from

(i) Nagpur to Delhi ()

(ii) Kanpur to Delhi ()

(iii) Badalpur to Delhi ()

(5)

II. Give short answers to any *five* of the following questions : $3 \times 5 = 15$

(a) What feelings does the song, *Born to be Wild* represent?

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(b) When and in what condition was *The Sound of Silence* written?

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(7)

- (c) To which band does Roger Waters belong to?
When did he get the idea for his song, *Time*?

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(8)

(d) What did John Lennon mean when he said, 'Imagine there's no country'?

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(e) Who is Nikhil?

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(10)

- (f) What does Anand say to Gopal about India?
Does Gopal agree with him?

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(11)

- (g) What effect does the call from God have on the six workers at the call centre?

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