

VI/MZ (xii) (a)

2014

(6th Semester)

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TWELFTH (A) PAPER

(English Prose)

Full Marks : 75

Time : 3 hours

(PART : B—DESCRIPTIVE)

(Marks : 50)

The questions are of equal value

Answer any five questions

1. Write a critical appreciation of the essay, *Of Studies* by Francis Bacon.
2. How does Dryden talk about the greatness of Shakespeare in his essay, *Shakespeare and Others*?
3. Give Goldsmith's general view of happiness and explain why Goldsmith advises us to 'to enjoy the present' in his essay, *Happiness*.

4. How does L. A. Hill reflect the principles of good writing?
5. Narrate the experience of E. M. Forster on the other side of the hedge. What does this experience signify?
6. Write a critical estimate of the essay, *Misery of the Rich* by George Bernard Shaw.
7. Attempt a clear summary of William Slim's ideas on courage.
8. Examine critically the prose style of the essay, *A Simple Philosophy*.
9. How does Robert Lynd highlight the attitude of human on nature in his essay, *The Weather : An Explanation*?
10. Assess the importance of mutual understanding for culture in the essay, *What is Culture?* by Nehru.

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(PART : A—OBJECTIVE)

(Marks : 25)

The figures in the margin indicate full marks for the questions

SECTION—A

(Objective)

(Marks : 10)

Tick (✓) the correct answer in the brackets provided . 1×10=10

1. They perfect nature and are perfected by

(a) nature ()

(b) affairs ()

(c) experience ()

2. There is, I suppose, no culture in the world which is absolutely pristine, pure and unaffected by any other

(a) nation ()

(b) culture ()

(c) mind ()

3. Beaumont and Fletcher of whom I am next to speak, had with the advantages of—

(a) Ben Jonson's ()

(b) Shakespeare's ()

(c) Dryden's ()

4. Gratified ambition, or irreparable calamity, may produce transient sensations of pleasure or

(a) distress ()

(b) joy ()

(c) humour ()

5. To be a successful writer, you must write

(a) clearly ()

(b) laboriously ()

(c) interestingly ()

6. The only one that money can satisfy without satiating for more than a few hours is the need for food and drink and

(a) eat ()

(b) sleep ()

(c) meat ()

7. All men have some degree of physical

(a) courage ()

(b) strength ()

(c) brave ()

8. The Great Chief in Washington sends words that he wishes to buy our

(a) land ()

(b) goods ()

(c) guns ()

9. I was strangely disquieted at the sight, which seemed to deprive me of all

(a) self-esteem ()

(b) self-reliance ()

(c) self-control ()

10. Man today—this can be seen on any fine Sunday—has become plague and a

(a) locusts ()

(b) pestilence ()

(c) disaster ()

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SECTION—B

(Marks : 15)

(Short Answer)

Explain the following lines by *two* or *three* sentences each :

3×5=15

1. To spend too much time in Studies is Sloth; To use them too much for Ornament, is Affectation; To make Judgment wholly by their Rules, is the humor of a Scholar.

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2. Shakespeare was the Homer, or the father of our dramatic poets; Johnson was the Virgil, the pattern of elaborating writing, I admire him, but I loved Shakespeare.

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3. To enjoy the present, without regret for the past, or solicitude for the future, has been the advice rather of poets than philosopher.

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4. Writing is 99 percent hardwork and 1 percent inspiration, so sooner you get into the habit of disciplining yourself to write.

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- 5. Courage is a mental state—an affairs of sprit—and so it gets its strength from spiritual and intellectual sources.

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