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VIDYASAGAR UNIVERSITY
Question Paper

B.A. General Examinations 2022

(Under CBCS Pattern)

Semester - VI

Subject : ENGLISH

Paper : GE 2-T

Full Marks : 60

Time : 3 Hours

Candidates are required to give their answers in their own words as far as practicable.

The figures in the margin indicate full marks.

Environment & Literature

1. Answer any *three* of the following questions : 10×3=30
- (a) Write a note on the concept of Deep Ecology.
 - (b) Critically appreciate Gordon Ramel's "Daffodils No More".
 - (c) Describe how Mahasweta Devi's short story "Pterodactyl" is an eco-critical study.
 - (d) Write an essay on the cultural violence upon the adivasis in Mahasweta Devi's "Pterodactyl".
 - (e) Discuss the environmental concerns in Ruskin Bond's "Dust on the Mountains".

2. Answer any *four* of the following questions :

5×4=20

- (a) Name and discuss the factors which are responsible for the changed and degenerated landscape of the English countryside in “Daffodils No More”.
- (b) How were the Adivasis marginalized in their own land? Discuss briefly with reference to Mahasweta Devi’s “Pterodactyl”.
- (c) How did the government agricultural plan become a failure in “Pterodactyl”?
- (d) Comment on the dilemma faced by Puran about making a report on Pirtha in “Pterodactyl”.
- (e) How did Bisnu and his companions manage to save themselves after the truck accident in “Dust on the Mountains”?
- (f) Draw a character sketch of Bisnu in “Dust on the Mountains”.

3. Answer any *five* of the following questions :

2×5=10

- (a) Why does the poet see only a few daffodils in Gordon Remel’s “Daffodils No More”?
 - (b) What are the things that witnessed a gradual decline along with the daffodils in “Daffodils No More”?
 - (c) Name the tribal people described in Mahasweta Devi’s “Pterodactyl”. Who is the only literate man in this community?
 - (d) Mention the title and year of publication of the anthology in which “Pterodactyl” is included.
 - (e) How did the British government tag the community described in “Pterodactyl”?
 - (f) Where does Bisnu stay in the story “Dust on the Mountains”?
 - (g) Where does Bisnu go to save his family from starvation in Ruskin Bond’s “Dust on the Mountains”?
 - (h) Who is Pritam in “Dust on the Mountains”?
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Novel and Prose

1. Answer any *three* of the following questions : 10×3=30
 - (a) Write an essay on Dickens' depiction of criminal justice in *Oliver Twist*.
 - (b) Critically analyze Dickens' attitude to women with reference to the women characters in *Oliver Twist*.
 - (c) Discuss the satire inherent in R. K. Narayan's "A Library without Books".
 - (d) Comment on Maupassant's portrayal of human nature in "My Uncle Jules".
 - (e) Comment on the narrative technique of Maupassant's "My Uncle Jules".

2. Answer any *four* of the following questions : 5×4=20
 - (a) Write a short note on the role of Monks in *Oliver Twist*.
 - (b) What is the symbolic significance of the London Bridge in *Oliver Twist*?
 - (c) How is the real purpose of establishing a library gets obscured in "A Library without Books"?
 - (d) Why has a modern library been compared to a temple without a deity?
 - (e) What is the irony of the story "My Uncle Jules"?
 - (f) How the technique of spinning a story within a story is put to perfection in "My Uncle Jules"?

3. Answer any *five* of the following questions : 2×5=10
 - (a) What was Oliver's job at regular workhouse in *Oliver Twist*? Who was the Chairman of the Board of Guardians for the workhouse?
 - (b) Which legislation prompted Dickens to write *Oliver Twist*? What is the subtitle of *Oliver Twist*?
 - (c) What is the ethnicity of Fagin? Name the prison where Fagin met his end.
 - (d) Why did the authorities take particular care about mentioning architect, contractor, electrician and sanitary engineers in "A Library without Books"?

- (e) "I sometimes wonder if they would not do better to keep dummy books with gilt titles in sealed almirahs ... they may only be seen and counted and never taken out... the best way of keeping a library secure... with unimpeachable stock register". Briefly comment on the irony of this excerpt from "A Library without Books".
- (f) Who gave the poor beggar five francs in "My Uncle Jules"?
- (g) In "My Uncle Jules", what did Joseph's family members do every Sunday?
- (h) Comment on the ending of the story "My Uncle Jules".
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Language and Linguistics

1. Answer any *three* of the following questions : 10×3=30
- (a) What is the impact of language barriers on the communication process?
 - (b) What do you mean by linguistic variation? Illustrate with suitable examples.
 - (c) What are the processes of standardization of English in India? Discuss.
 - (d) What is meant by phonatory system?
 - (e) Discuss the correspondence between syntax and semantics.
2. Answer any *four* of the following questions : 5×4=20
- (a) What are the functions of vocal cords?
 - (b) Comment on 'World Englishes'.
 - (c) Define phonemes with examples.
 - (d) Explain cardinal vowels with examples.
 - (e) Write a note on diphthongs. Give examples from English.
 - (f) How many back vowels are there in English? Indicate their tongue positions.
3. Answer any *five* of the following questions : 2×5=10
- (a) Distinguish between laterals and fricatives.
 - (b) What do you mean by non-standard language?
 - (c) What is articulatory phonetics?
 - (d) What is meant by phonotaxis?
 - (e) Name the organs responsible for speech.
 - (f) Distinguish between phoneme and allophone with examples.
 - (g) Explain syllables.
 - (h) What are the nasal sounds in English?
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