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Part I

ction A – Answer all questions.

ad the given extracts and answer the questions given below them.

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(i) "We call thee fruitful, and that very while,
A dessert fills our seeing's inward span"

a) Name the work that carries these lines. Name the writer.
b) Who is 'thee'?
c) How does 'thee' can be fruitful?
d) Why is the speaker doubtful?

(5 marks)

(ii) "I want to be what I used to be
when I was like you. I want
to unlearn all these muting things"

a) Name the work from which these lines are taken. Who wrote them?
b) Who is the speaker?
c) Who is the listener?
d) Why do you think that the speaker repeats the words?

(5 marks)

(iii) "Terence, look your last at me,
For I come home no more."

a) From where are these lines taken? Who is the writer?
b) Who is the speaker here? What's his relationship with the person referred to as 'Terence'?
c) What is the reason for the speaker's behavior?
d) What can you understand about the speaker from these lines?

rose

(iv) "Yet Love is better than Life, and what is the heart of a bird compared to the heart of a man"

a) From which text are these lines taken? Who is the author?
b) Who is the speaker?

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c) Whose attitude of 'love' is presented here?
d) What is the feature of the character suggested by the words?

(5 marks)

(v) "Oh my God, the sea's coming in." That's what she said. I looked behind me. It didn't seem that remarkable, or alarming. It was only a white curl of a big wave."

a) From where are these lines taken? Who wrote them?
b) Who is the speaker?
c) What is the tone of the speaker?
d) What do you think is the effect created in the listener?

(5 marks)

III Drama

(vi) "Beauty won't last long, you know. In ten years', time you'll want to be a pea-hen yourself among the officers, but they won't look at you, it will be too late."

a) From which text are these lines taken? Who is the author?
b) Who is the speaker?
c) What is his relationship to the listener?
d) What is suggested by the speaker?

(5 marks)

Section B – Novel

Read the following extract and answer the questions given below.

"His wife refused to associate herself with any of his health- giving activities. She hated his theories and lived her own life. Their first clash occurred when he forbade her to swallow aspirin and suggested that she should fry a little margosa flower in ghee and swallow it for relief from headache. Seated beside the ancient pillar in their courtyard, she had knotted a towel around her temples and swayed madly back and forth, desperately begging for aspirin. Jagan was very sympathetic, no doubt, but was convinced that aspirin would do her no good. She had just looked up at him and said, "Oh, this headache is not half as unbearable as your talk. You would sooner see me dead; I suppose."

"Your headache has made you crazy," he said, his temper rising. He hated her appearance with that silly towel knotted around her head and her disheveled hair. She looked ghoulish and no wonder she suffered inexplicable headaches! He suddenly realized the trend of his thinking and suppressed it with deliberate effort. "You may do what you like. Only don't suffer."

i. What is the situation presented in this extract? Where does it happen? (2 marks)
ii. Why does Jagan refused to let her take aspirin? (2 marks)
iii. Write in your own words the meanings of the following.
Disheveled –
Inexplicable - (2 marks)
iv. What does the passage reveal about Jagan? (4 marks)

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Part II
POETRY

(Answer one question only)

1. "In the poem To the Nile, John Keats treats river Nile, as an ordinary river." Do you agree? Examine the statement by providing examples from the poem.
2. "A Bird Came Down the Walk is just an appreciation of nature." Discuss with reference to the poem.
3. "The poem Once Upon a Time, is a criticism of the current society." Discuss with reference to the poem.
4. "The Clown's Wife shows the gap between the public and private lives of popular people." Discuss with reference to the poem.
5. "The poem Breakfast expresses sadness about lack of communication in a relationship." Comment on this statement with reference to the poem.

(15 marks)

PROSE

(Answer one question only)

6. "Wave is a minute description of a natural disaster." Comment using examples from the text.
7. "Nicholas is an innocent, inquisitive child." Do you agree? Comment with reference to the text, The Lumber Room.
8. "The extract from The Lahore attack, portrays the good qualities of the speaker." Examine the statement with reference to the text.
9. "Education without practicality is useless in life." Examine the statement with reference to the text, The Nightingale and the Rose.

(15 marks)

DRAMA

(Answer one question only)

10. "Who is the actual bear, Smirnov or Popova?" Discuss referring closely to the events of the play, The Bear.
11. "Inconsistency is common to all the humans." Examine the statement with reference to the drama, The Bear.

(15 marks)

NOVEL

(Answer the given question)

12. "The protagonist, Jagan in the novel The Vendor of Sweets is a traditional man." Examine the statement with reference to the novel.

(15 marks)

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