

Half-yearly Examination - 2016-2017
ENGLISH LITERATURE

Time : 3 Hrs. 15 min

F. M. : 100

Std. : XI

(Attempt FIVE questions in all. Question ONE is compulsory. You must attempt at least ONE question from each book)

Drama -Arns And The Man -Bernard Shaw

- I. Read the following extracts and answer the questions that follow: (20)
- a. The Officer : (impatiently, coming back into the room) Your neighbours have their heads so full of runaway Serbs that they see them everywhere. (Politely) Gracious lady : a thousand pardons.
- i. Who is the speaker? Why has he come there? (2)
- ii. What comment does he make about the neighbors and why? (2)
- iii. Why does the speaker ask for a thousand pardons? (1)
- iv. What is the real identity of the intruder? State the difficulties faced by 'The Man' before he met the lady. (3)
- v. Throw light on Louka's behaviour immediately after the extract. (2)
- b. Raina :(turning her back on him in disgust) Oh, it is useless to try to make you understand.
- The Man : Don't be angry: you see how awkward it would be for me if there was any mistake. My father is a very hospitable man: he keeps six hotels; but I couldn't trust him as far as that. What about your father?
- i. What is Raina trying to explain? What reason does 'The Man 'give for not complying to her explanation? (1½)
- ii. Who is Raina's father'? What information does she give about her father in answer to 'The Mari's' question immediately after the extract? (1½)
- iii. Why does Raina offer him her hand just after the extract? (1)
- iv. Does 'The Man' accept the offer? Bring out his reaction to this offer. (2)
- v. What inference does Raina draw about 'The Man' from this gesture? How does she justify this? (2)
- vi. Outline the reasons given by Raina to 'The Man' assuring their hospitality. (2)

ARMS AND THE MAN

2. Compare Catherine Petkoff's description of the cavalry charge made by Sergius with that made by the fugitive Swiss soldier. How does Raina react to these descriptions? At this juncture of the play what impression have you formed of Sergius? (20)
3. Evaluate from your understanding of Act I how Shaw has gently mocked his characters' pretension to refinement. (20)

ISC COLLECTION OF SHORT STORIES

4. Lamb to the Slaughter is a tale of love, betrayal and revenge .In this context bring out how Roald Dahl throws light on the theme of the story and also comment on the use irony and dark humour in the story . (20)
5. Lawson's portrayal of a strong and independent female protagonist is an evidence of his admiration of women. With special reference to the character of Drover's Wife, discuss how the story is a strong statement of feminism. (20)
6. Give a detailed analysis of Boori Ma's life and character with close reference to the story A Real Durwan. (20)

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7. In Mending Wall Robert Frost has counter attacked his neighbour's view of 'Good fences make good neighbor". Comment. (20)
8. Write a critical analysis of the poem Phenomenal Woman by Maya Angelou. (20)
9. Is ' Breaking Out' the story of 'innocence lost' or 'power gained'? Give your views based on your understanding and analysis of the poem. (20)