

Final Examination - 2017-2018
Subject : ENGLISH LITERATURE

F. M. : 100

Time : 3 hrs. 15 min.

Std. : XI

Attempt five questions in all

SECTION A

Candida - Bernard Shaw

Question-I

Choose two of the passages from (a) to (c) and answer briefly the questions that follow : (20)

(a) Candida: What is it Eugene? The scrubbing brush? (He shudders). Well, there! Never mind. (She sits down beside him).

- i) Who, other than Candida and Eugene, are present at the moment? (1)
- ii) What has happened to the scrubbing brush? How does Eugene react to it? (2)
- iii) What does Candida demand of Eugene? (2)
- iv) What does he propose to buy instead? What does this reveal about his character? (2)
- v) How does Morell rebuke him on hearing his proposal? (2)
- vi) What, according to Eugene, is every man's desire for the woman he loves? (1)

(b) Marchbanks: (vehemently) You dare say that of her! You think that way of the love she inspires! It is an insult to her.

Morell: (rising quickly, in an altered tone) To her! Eugene: Take care. I have been patient. I hope to remain patient.

- i) What makes Morell laugh out earlier in the context? (1)
- ii) Why does Morell not take Marchbanks seriously? (2)
- iii) Why does Marchbanks say it is 'an insult to her'? (2)
- iv) What does Morell advise him with regard to the above? (2)
- v) Is Marchbanks influenced by his advice? (2)
- vi) What impression do you form of Marchbanks from his speech? (1)

(c) Morell: Must you go?

Burgess : Don't stir. (He goes out with unabated heartiness)

Morell : Oh, I'll see you off. (He follows him).

- (i) What did Candida ask Eugene immediately after Burgess left? (1)
- (ii) What did she say to him when she found out that he was ready to dine with Burgess? (2)

- (iii) Why was Eugene 'so melancholy' in the cab? (2)
- (iv) What was Morell's opinion of the overpaying instinct? (2)
- (v) Why didn't Eugene want to 'stay to lunch'? (2)
- (vi) Did Morell see Eugene as a threat to his marriage at this point of the play? (1)

Section B

(Answer four questions from at least three textbooks)

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(4x 20 = 80)

Question 2

- (a) Describe the main events of Act I of the play 'Candida'.
- (b) In what way is the Act dramatically significant and effective?
- (c) Bring out the character traits of Morell with close reference to the Act.

Question 3

Give an account of the conversation between Eugene and Proserpine. How does Shaw use Eugene to express his ideas about love through this?

Reverie – A Collection of ISC Poems

Question 4

- (a) In what way do you find 'Desiderata' by Max Ehrmann a didactic poem?
- (b) Is the title apt? Validate your view with reference to the poem.
- (c) What, according to you, is the theme of the poem?

Question 5

Give a critical analysis of the poem 'The Spider and the Fly' by Mary Botham Howitt.

Question 6

'John Brown' by Bob Dylan debunks the belief in heroism surrounding war. Discuss with close reference to the poem.

Echoes – A Collection of ISC Short Stories

Question 7

- (a) Describe Jayanto's visit to Bundi with reference to the story 'Fritz'.
- (b) In what way is it a strange and unusual ghost story?
- (c) Could there be a better ending to the story?

Question 8

How does Maugham paint the attribute of goodness in 'Salvatore'?

Question 9

'B. Wordsworth' by Naipaul is a heart touching portrayal of a failed poet. Elucidate with close reference to the story.