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ENGLISH

[General]

PAPER – I

Full Marks : 90

Time : 3 hours

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

Illustrate the answers wherever necessary

[NEW SYLLABUS]

SECTION – I

1. Answer any *two* questions : 15 × 2

(a) Critically comment on the central idea of the poem, 'To the Skylark', by Wordsworth.

(Turn Over)

- (b) Comment on the sensuousness of Keats' treatment of Nature in *Ode to Autumn*.
- (c) Discuss Coleridge's use of imagery in 'Kubla Khan'.
- (d) "Hail to thee, blithe spirit" – Why does Shelley address the skylark as a 'spirit'? Consider the bird as a symbol of "unpremeditated art".
- (e) Show how faith transcends grief in Milton's sonnet, "On his Blindness".
- (f) Examine the justification of the title of Browning's poem, 'The Last Ride Together'.
2. Explain, with reference to the context, any *three* of the following : 10 × 3
- (a) "Love is not love
Which alters when it alteration finds,
Or bends with the remover to remove.
- (b) "Type of the wise, who soar, but never roam-
True to the kindred points of Heaven and Home."

- (c) "The land's sharp features seemed to me
The century's corpse outleant,
Its crypt the cloudy canopy,
The wind its death-lament."
- (d) "Reason, your viceroy in me, me should defend;
But is captiv'd, and proves weak or untrue."
- (e) "I hope to see my pilot face to face
When I have crost the bar."
- (f) Others abide our question. Thou art free.

SECTION – II

(Unseen)

3. Write a precis of any *one* of the following passages and give a suitable title : 15 × 1

(a) Two or three decades ago, the healthcare system was different from what it is today. In those days a doctor examined his patient, told him what his illness was and prescribed medicine for him. The patient followed the

instruction, he either got better or not. This conventional method of medical treatment was a very old one. In modern times, the system has changed a lot. In this age of specialisation, doctors are specialised in different branches of medical science. A consultant at first makes the diagnosis. Thereafter he refers the patient to a heart-specialist, and next, to a neurologist. Then, if the patient is required to undergo an operation, he is handed to an anaesthetist. The anaesthetist puts him to sleep and then the surgeon begins the operation. After the operation successfully done, the patient is called back to his senses by another specialist — "a resurrectionist".

- (b) The Hindu Code Law prohibiting the dowry practice was duly passed in the Parliament, but it was not enough to safeguard women from the agony and torture caused by the dowry system. Even today many women suffer under this disgraceful social practice.

And when their suffering becomes too much to bear, some of them commit suicide, and such incidents get the attention of the media. Now-a-days, several other laws in order to protect the rights of women have been implemented. But simply law-making cannot save the women from the evils rampant in society, nor can it bring a miracle. The women should stand united and protest against any ill-use or misuse of law. It should be the first and foremost duty of all women's organisations to create awareness against such social evils.

4. Identify and explain the figures of speech in any *three* of the following : 5 × 3
- (a) O Judgement ! Thou art fled to brutish beasts.
- (b) Variety is the spice of life.
- (c) Like a cloud of fire
The blue deep thou wingest.

- (d) The instant made eternity —
And heaven just prove that I and she
Ride, ride together, for ever ride ?
- (e) The plowman homeward plods his weary way
And leaves the world to darkness and to me.
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