

2025

ENGLISH

Full Marks : 100

Time : 3 hours

Answer **all** questions

The figures in the right-hand margin indicate marks

SECTION — A

1. Answer the following questions : 1×10

- (a) The term “Literary canon” refers to
- (i) The complete list of books ever written
 - (ii) A collection of popular fiction
 - (iii) A body of works considered representative and culturally significant
 - (iv) The study of language and grammar

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(b) A key feature that distinguishes lyric from other poetic forms is

- (i) Its length and meter
- (ii) Its narrative and characters
- (iii) Its use of epic similies
- (iv) Its intense personal emotion and subjectivity

(c) In which form of poetry is there traditionally an invocation to the Muse ?

- (i) Ballad
- (ii) Epic
- (iii) Sonnet
- (iv) Elegy

(d) Which poetic device is most dominant throughout the poem "The Brook" ?

- (i) Allegory
- (ii) Onomatopoeia

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(iii) Personification

(iv) Metaphor

(e) To whom is Shakespeare's sonnet 130 generally believed to be dedicated ?

- (i) The Dark Lady
- (ii) The Rival Poet
- (iii) Queen Elizabeth
- (iv) The Fair Youth

(f) What was private Quelch's main weakness in The Man Who Knew Too Much ?

- (i) Cowardice
- (ii) Dishonesty
- (iii) Sloth
- (iv) Boastfulness

(g) What does the bicycle symbolize in the story "The Bicycle" ?

- (i) Wealth
 - (ii) Pride
 - (iii) Freedom & Aspiration
 - (iv) Friendship
- (h) Faustus refers to whom in the line "was this the face that launched a thousand ships" ?
- (i) Eve
 - (ii) Helen of Troy
 - (iii) The virgin Mary
 - (iv) The Duchess of Vanholt
- (i) Derek Walcott was awarded the Nobel prize for literature in ____.
- (i) 1986
 - (ii) 1996
 - (iii) 1992
 - (iv) 1998

- (j) The chorus in the play Ghasiram Kotwal functions primarily as
- (i) Comic Relief
 - (ii) Moral commentary
 - (iii) Silent spectacles
 - (iv) Background Music only

SECTION – B

2. Answer the following within 50 words each : 2 × 9
- (a) What is Sonnet ?
 - (b) Outline major characteristics of Epic.
 - (c) Differentiate between a soliloquy and a dramatic monologue.
 - (d) What does the Skylark's song represent ?

- (e) How does the poet present the harmony between man and nature in 'At Spring Time' ?
- (f) What does the tiger symbolize in Manoj Das's story ?
- (g) What ideals does S. Radhakrishnan expect the youth to follow for nation-building ?
- (h) What does Faustus mean when he says "O Soul, be changed into little water drops" ?
- (i) What are the seven stages of man's life ?

SECTION – C

3. Answer any *eight* of the following within 250 words each : 5 × 8

- (a) How does literature act as a moral and social force ?
- (b) How can literary criticism enhance aesthetic appreciation of literature ?
- (c) How does Shakespeare subvert conventional beauty standards in sonnet 130 ?
- (d) Write a brief note on the emotional depth of the poem "Village song".
- (e) In what ways does Derek Walcott express postcolonial identity in his poem ?
- (f) How does Somerset Maugham celebrate human self-discovery and practical wisdom ?
- (g) Compare the portrayal of irony in "The Verger" and "The Man Who Knew Too Much".

(h) How does Shaw employ humour and satire to highlight class inequality ?

(i) Write a note on Handhi's concept of "Trusteeship" as an ethical solution to inequality.

(j) Do you think Faustus is a hero ? Why ?

SECTION – D

4. Answer any *four* of the following within 800 words each : 8 × 4

(a) Examine the symbolic journey in "Because I could not stop for death" and its significance in understanding the poet's view of eternity.

(b) Analyse the exploitation of women depicted in Ghasiram Kotwal.