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(CBCS)

(2nd Semester)

ENGLISH

SECOND PAPER

Full Marks : 75

Time : 3 hours

(PART : A—OBJECTIVE)

(*Marks : 25*)

The figures in the margin indicate full marks for the questions

SECTION—A

(*Marks : 10*)

Tick (✓) the correct answer in the brackets provided :

1×10=10

1. It is the _____ to every wand'ring bark.

(a) planet ()

(b) star ()

(c) sun ()

2. Thou' art slave to fate, chance, _____, and desperate men.

(a) kings ()

(b) queens ()

(c) death ()

3. _____ can be found with a laden head crossing a brook.

(a) The gleaner ()

(b) The lamb ()

(c) The reaper ()

4. May she be granted _____ and yet not
Beauty to make a stranger's eye distraught.
- (a) grace ()
(b) beauty ()
(c) poise ()
5. Kunwar Singh had fallen victim to
- (a) intoxicating drinks ()
(b) opium ()
(c) weeds ()
6. Nehru wrote a letter to Indira Gandhi on her _____ birthday.
- (a) twelfth ()
(b) thirteenth ()
(c) sixteenth ()
7. Lali wanted to weave a _____ for herself.
- (a) puan ()
(b) blanket ()
(c) puanchei ()
8. Hiuen Tsang came to India
- (a) at the invitation of the government ()
(b) in search of wisdom and knowledge ()
(c) as a tourist ()
9. Who was the first to visit Jim Corbett on the day he was given his first gun?
- (a) Budhoo ()
(b) Kunwar Singh ()
(c) Har Singh ()
10. Lali had been appointed as a Sunday School teacher in the
- (a) Junior department ()
(b) Primary department ()
(c) Beginner department ()

SECTION—B

(Marks : 15)

Answer the following questions :

3×5=15

1. Explain the following line :

“Love alters not with his brief hours and weeks.”

OR

What does the poet mean when he says, “One short sleep past, we wake eternally, And Death shall be no more”?

2. How is Autumn personified by Keats?

OR

What kind of a bridegroom does Yeats want for his daughter?

3. Why was the dying Kunwar Singh made to hold the tail of a cow?

OR

How did Kunwar Singh take care of Har Singh’s wound from the attack of the tiger?

4. When do ordinary men and women become heroes according to Nehru?

OR

What particular test did Nehru ask his daughter to apply whenever she was in doubt?

5. Why was Lali angry with Mana?

OR

What brought about the cancellation of Rozika’s marriage proposal to Lali?

(PART : B—DESCRIPTIVE)

(Marks : 50)

The questions are of equal value

Answer the following questions :

1. Explain the concept of ideal love as seen in *Sonnet 116*.

OR

Discuss the central idea of *Death be not proud*.

2. Comment on Keats' treatment of Nature in *Ode to Autumn*.

OR

How does *A prayer for my daughter* reveal a father's concern for his daughter?

3. Examine the relationship between Jim Corbett and Kunwar Singh.

OR

Narrate the story of the hunting incident that Kunwar Singh told Jim Corbett. What was the purpose of telling the story?

4. What are the main points of Nehru's letter to his daughter?

OR

Narrate the story of the man from South India and explain how it relates to Nehru's ideas on wisdom.

5. "Women and fences are but disposables!"

In the light of the above statement, discuss the condition of women in Mizo society as depicted in *Lali*.

OR

Who was Biakmawia? What part did he play in *Lali*?

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