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First Year B.A./B.Sc. Degree Examination, July 2019

Part I – English

Paper I : PROSE

Time : 3 Hours

Max. Marks : 100

I. Answer **any four** of the following :

1. The shining water that moves in the streams and rivers is not just water but the blood of our ancestors.
2. Socrates was put to death and Plato is said to have been thrown into prison.
3. Individual liberty would have become social anarchy.
4. I am sitting beside a small, round man with a shock of untidy white hair, a dead pipe clamped between his teeth and eyes that contain in their extraordinary warmth all the wonder of the world.
5. There is no reason why we cannot revive this tradition of our forefathers.
6. What is happening is a sky-darkening attack on the ideas of the Enlightenment which helped usher the industrial age.

(4 × 5 = 20 Marks)

II. Answer the following, each in **two or three** sentences :

1. What is the red man's concept of God?
2. What prompts Tagore to say that the spirit of Asia is going through an age long slumber?
3. Why does Nehru say that the present hardly exists in the prison?

4. According to Forster, what is the Nazi way of dealing with people we do not like?
5. Why does Pirandello say that it is a blessing to die young?
6. Why does Camus say that true artists scorn nothing?
7. In what way are cinema and advertisement similar?
8. What does K.R. Narayanan consider as our greatest national drawback?
9. What does David Crystal mean by the term 'New Englishes'?
10. Why does Shashi Tharoor say that the air in Kolkata is unbearable in the winter?

(10 × 2 = 20 Marks)

III. Answer **any four** of the following each in about 80 words :

1. What message does Tagore pass to the modern man in his 'The Voice of Humanity'?
2. Why does Forster project tolerance as essential for the post-war world?
3. Comment on Camus' views on art.
4. Discuss Indira Gandhi's tribute to Sarojini Naidu.
5. Comment on K.R. Narayanan's analysis of the status of women in India.
6. What are Alvin Toffler's views on religion and democracy?

(4 × 5 = 20 Marks)

IV. Answer **any two** of the following each in about **three** pages :

1. Summarize the essence of Chief Seattle's historic speech.
2. Discuss the role of teacher as an agent of civilization as envisaged by Russell.

3. Discuss Satyajit Ray's perspectives on the art of film making as reflected in his impressions and experiences.
4. Comment on the challenges faced by English and other languages in the modern era as delineated by David Crystal.

(2 × 15 = 30 Marks)

V. (a) Use appropriate synonyms for the words and phrases in **italics** :

1. The *clatter* only seems to insult the ears.
2. It leads us into *perilous* and vague sentimentalism.
3. It means that in order that the liberties of all may be preserved the liberties of everybody must be *curtailed*.
4. The unabashed, vulgar indulgence in conspicuous consumption by the *nouveau-riche* has left the underclass seething in frustration.
5. If the question seems *preposterous*, let me explain.

(5 × 1 = 5 Marks)

(b) Insert suitable articles and prepositions wherever necessary :

When I was very young man, just beginning make my way, I was invited dine home distinguished New York philanthropist.

(1 × 5 = 5 Marks)