

(UG5-114)

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B. A. (Part III) EXAMINATION, 2023

(Main/Re-appear/Improvement)

(Fifth Semester)

ENGLISH (Compulsory)

Time : 3 Hours

Maximum Marks : 80

Note : All questions are compulsory. Marks are indicated against each question.

1. Attempt any *four* of the following questions in about 100 words each : $4 \times 4 = 16$

(i) Describe the geographical setting of the novel 'Kanthapura'.

(ii) Who is Bade Khan ?

(iii) What kind of auction is announced in the village 'Kanthapura' ?

(iv) What kind of life do widows lead in the village 'Kanthapura' ?

(v) How is the 'Sevika Sangha' formed in the village ?

(vi) What is signified by the fasting and chanting of Bhajans ?

2. Moorthy is the Hero of the novel. Do you agree ?

Or

Discuss *Kanthapura* as an Indian Novel. 14

3. Read the passage and answer the questions that follow : $1 \times 6 = 6$

Ramanna is the Second Brahmin. He would come along before noon. The ceremony would begin. Bhatta is very learned in his art. It would be all over within the winking of an

eye. Then the real obsequial dinner begins, with fresh honey and solid curds, and Bhatta's beloved Bengal-gram khir. "Take it, Bhattare, only one cut more, just one ? Let us not dissatisfy our manes.' The children are playing in the shadow, by the byre, and the elderly people are all in the side room, waiting for the holy Brahmins to finish their meal. But Bhatta goes on munching and belching, drinking water and then munching again. 'Rama-Rama, Rama-Rama.' One does not have an obsequial dinner every day. And then, once the holy meal is over, there is the coconut and the two rupees. That is the rule. Bhatta comes home. Savithri has eaten only a dal-soup and rice.....

Questions :

- (i) Name the novel and the author of the passage.

(ii) Who is the Second Brahmin ? In what art he is learned ?

(iii) Name three dishes mentioned in this passage.

(iv) What is Bhatta's favourite dish ?

(v) Describe, how Bhatta eats the meal ?

(vi) What does Bhatta get after finishing the holy meal ?

Write short notes on any three of the following literary terms. Illustrate the terms by citing examples from the prescribed text : 3×3=9

(a) Canon

(b) Plot

(c) Irony

(d) Symbol

(e) Diction.

5. Convert the following simple sentences into Compound/Complex as mentioned here : 6

- (a) (i) Seeing is believing. (Complex)
(ii) A hardworking man is liked by all. (Complex)
(iii) He was told not to be late again. (Complex)
(iv) Though young, he was wise (Compound)
(v) He loves making pots. (Complex)
(vi) Seeing the police the culprit escaped. (Compound)
- (b) Complete the following sentences : 6
(i) What would you do if
(ii) Will you marry her if
(iii) Her life might have been saved if....

~~(iv)~~ Had you not met her.....

~~(v)~~ I would rather.....

~~(vi)~~ Run fast lest.....

(c) Complete/Combine the following pairs of sentences so as to form defining or non-defining relative clauses : 6

~~(i)~~ She is a brilliant lawyer.

She also sings well.

~~(ii)~~ Fifteen August was the day.

India got freedom on this day.

~~(iii)~~ John's mother has two grandchildren.

She lives in Scotland.

~~(iv)~~ I have only one cousin.

She now lives in New York.

~~(v)~~ I bought my shoes yesterday.

They are comfortable.

(vi) He visited Hyde Park.

It is close to Buckingham Palace.

6. Develop a short story in about 100-150 words on the basis of the hints given below : 5

Once a crow.....water level low.....strong will.....few pebbles.....water level rose up.....thirst.....faith in yourself.....there is a way.

7. Make a précis of the following passage and assign a suitable title : 12

Smoking is injurious to health. We all have heard this saying since our childhood. The advertisements of cigarettes also give out the warning, but still we find more and more youth taking to smoking. Smoking has become a fashion. It reinforces their macho image. The discomfort of the first puff soon gives way to thrill. It is enticing to see the anxiety blown out in curls of smoke. It stimulates energy, but

only for some time. Soon a drooping sense overwhelms, generating a deeper urge for another cigarette. Slowly, the count increases as money starts vanishing from the pocket. To manage, one falls into the abyss of lies. To erase the bad breath, one needs a strong deodorant and mouth freshner. Fear of being caught smoking makes one restless. But then the habit gets ingrained. There seems to be no going back. The one-time thrill turns into an addiction, taking a heavy toll on the quality of life. Once you become the master of the house, smoking ceases to be a hidden affair and becomes a public show, polluting the air of house and workplace. Owing to anti-smoking rules, people pass caustic comments, but smoking continues undeterred taxing the health grievously.

One hazard follows another. Passive smoking affects those dearest to heart. The warning now descends like a curse—a curse to be carried till death. A mouth-cancer patient serves as the most shocking lesson of life given to smoking. Therefore, beware ! Life is precious, live it discreetly, thrills kills.

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