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Time : Three hours Maximum : 75 marks

SECTION A — (5 × 2 = 10 marks)

- I. Annotate FIVE of the following:
1. Oh, sir, she smiled, no doubt,
Whene'er I passed her; but who passed without
Much the same smile?
 2. And we are here as on a darkling plain
Swept with confused alarms of struggle and flight,
Where ignorant armies clash by night.
 3. How dull it is to pause, to make an end,
To rust unburnish'd, not to shine in use!
 4. At the end we preferred to travel all night,
Sleeping in snatches,
With the voices singing in our ears, saying
That this was all folly.
 5. Too long a sacrifice
can make a stone of the heart.

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10. True, there are aptitudes of Nature too. Nature does not make all great men, more than all other men, in the self-same mould. Varieties of aptitude doubtless; but infinitely more of circumstance; and far oftener it is the latter only that are looked to. But it is as with common men in the learning of trades.

- (a) State the context
- (b) Give the meanings for: aptitude; circumstance
- (c) Describe the context

11. The great age of democracy and of national self-determination was the age of musket and the rifle. After the invention of the flintlock, and before the invention of the percussion cap, the musket was a fairly efficient weapon, and at the same time so simple that it could be produced almost anywhere.

- (a) Fix the context
- (b) Give the meanings for: musket, efficient
- (c) Explain the context

6. Was he free? was he happy?

The question is absurd:

7. There lives the dearest freshness deep down things;

8. Through the window I see no star:

Something more near

Though deeper within darkness

Is entering the loneliness:

SECTION B

- II. Analyse any THREE of the following passages and answer the questions given below: (3 × 5 = 15 marks)

9. This is my son, mine own Telemachus,

To whom I leave the sceptre and the isle —

Well — loved of me, discerning to fulfil

This labour, by slow precedence to make milk

A rugged people, and thro' soft degrees

Subdue them to the useful and the good.

- (a) Fix the context.
- (b) Bring out the meaning of: sceptre, discerning
- (c) Explain the context.

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12. 'That the members of the aforesaid corresponding society be, and are hereby informed, that their proposal to pay the postage of their letters, and the carriage of their parcels, has been deliberated upon by this Association: that this Association considers such proposal worthy of the great minds from which it emanated, and that it hereby signifies its perfect acquiescence therein.'

- (a) Fix the context.
- (b) Give the meanings for: deliberated, acquiescence.
- (c) Explain the context.

13. Lady Bracknell : My nephew, you seem to be displaying signs of triviality.

Jack : On the contrary, Aunt Augusta, I've now realized for the first time in my life the vital importance of Being Earnest.

- (a) State the context.
- (b) Give the meanings for: triviality, vital
- (c) Explain the context.

III. Answer any FOUR of the following questions in about 100 words. (4 × 5 = 20 marks)

14. Examine the plot of The Importance of Being Earnest.
15. Sketch the character of Cecily Cardew.
16. Write a note on the Ghost couple in "A Haunted House".
17. How does Fanny Robin die?
18. Why does Bathsheba reject Gabriel's proposal at the start of the novel?
19. What is the ironic symbolism behind Aunt Julia singing Arranged for the Bridal?

SECTION C — (3 × 10 = 30 marks)

- IV. Write essays on any THREE of the following in 300 words.
20. What does Arnold discuss in "Dover Beach"?
21. What according to Carlyle are the qualities that make Shakespeare hero?
22. How are hypocrisy and inventiveness depicted in The Importance of Being Earnest?

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23. Examine the theme of "The Dead".

24. Bring out the significance of the title, Far from the Madding crowd.

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