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First Semester

English – Core

INTRODUCTION TO LITERATURE

(For those who joined in July 2023 only)

Time : Three hours

Maximum : 75 marks

PART A — (10 × 1 = 10 marks)

Answer ALL questions.

Choose the correct answer:

1. The poetic form which can explore themes of redemption and consolation is _____.
- (a) Sonnet (b) Ode
(c) Ballad (d) Elegy

2. A Sonnet is a _____ poem typically concerned with the topic of love.
(a) 14 line poem (b) 16 line poem
(c) 18 line poem (d) 12 line poem
3. _____ gives a reply to the speaker within the poem in Milton's "When I consider how my light is spent"
(a) Time (b) Patience
(c) Darkness (d) Light
4. What does the phrase "beaded bubbles winking at the brim" refer to?
(a) Stars sparkling at the night sky
(b) Dewdrops on flower petals
(c) Sparkling wine in a glass
(d) Raindrops falling on a pond
5. Maria was uncle Podger's _____.
(a) wife (b) daughter
(c) aunt (d) sister

6. How does the manager react when the narrator requests to speak with him "alone"?
- He seems eager and friendly
 - He appears alarmed and curious
 - He becomes suspicious and defensive
 - He ignores the request
7. _____ wants his daughter Hermia to get married with Demetrius.
- Egeus
 - Bottom
 - Oberon
 - Theseus
8. Where does *Twelfth Night* take place?
- England
 - Illyria
 - Denmark
 - Ruritania
9. What instrument does Elizabeth play?
- Cow horn
 - Banjo
 - Piano
 - Dulcimer
10. _____ is the eldest Bennet sister.
- Jane
 - Lydia
 - Elizabeth
 - Kitty

PART B — (5 × 5 = 25 marks)

Answer ALL questions choosing either (a) or (b).
Each answer should not exceed 250 words.

11. (a) What are the essential qualities of an elegy?
- Or
- (b) Discuss on the basic elements of a short story.
12. (a) How does Keats prove that nightingale bird is immortal?
- Or
- (b) How does the poet eulogise the poor villagers?
13. (a) Immediately after depositing the money in the bank, what foolish act does the narrator perform?
- Or
- (b) Consider Uncle Podger is a comic character in "Uncle Podger Hangs a Picture."
14. (a) What is the significance of Malvolio wearing yellow cross-gartered stockings?
- Or
- (b) Sketch the character of Hermia.

15. (a) According to Mr. Darcy, what qualities make a woman "accomplished"?

Or

- (b) In what role do letters play in the novel *Pride and Prejudice*?

PART C — (5 × 8 = 40 marks)

Answer ALL questions choosing either (a) or (b)
Each answer should not exceed 600 words.

16. (a) Bring out the characteristic features of the Sonnet.

Or

- (b) Elaborate the form and structure of Ode.

17. (a) Point out the elegiac features in "Elegy Written in a Country Churchyard".

Or

- (b) Write a critical Appreciation of the poem "When I Consider How My Light is Spent".

18. (a) Analyze the pragmatic style of Bacon with reference to "Of Studies".

Or

- (b) Describe how the whole family would help the injured Uncle Podger in hanging the picture a second time.

19. (a) Compare and contrast the characters of Viola and Olivia in *Twelfth Night*.

Or

- (b) Critically analyse the character of Oberon in *Mid Summer Night's Dream*.

20. (a) Compare and Contrast the characters of Jane and Elizabeth and Bingley and Darcy.

Or

- (b) Justify the appropriateness of the title *Pride and Prejudice*.
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