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PART - III
ENGLISH — GENERAL
Paper - IV

Duration : 3 Hours]

[Full Marks : 100

Candidates are required to give their answers in their own words as far as practicable.

The figures in the margin indicate full marks.

1. Answer any one of the following questions 16
 - a) Explain the significance of the title of Bhabani Bhattacharya's story 'A Moment of Eternity'.
 - b) What role does Bamini Bai play in Dasi's life in the story 'Dasi the Bridegroom' ?
 - c) How would you explain Mangal Singh's impatient rage at the end of the story 'Duty' ?
2. Explain any one of the following passages and add a critical comment on it. 9
 - a) One breath, a thousand hopes, they say, and there never comes a day without evening.
 - b) Now I could be Savitri. I could trail the death-God like his shadow.
 - c) But they said blood did not gush out of the head but only between the forelegs, from the thickness of her breast.
3. Answer any one of the following questions 16
 - a) Discuss the significance of the title of Tom Dutt's poem 'A Mon Peer'.
 - b) How does Kamala Das assert her individual, independent self in her poem 'An Introduction' ?
 - c) Describe the feelings of the poet as he stands at 'The Abandoned British Cemetary at Balasore'.

4. Explain any *one* of the following passages and add a critical comment on it : 9
- a) 'Tis hushed at last
And melts the picture from their sight away,
Yet shall they dream of it until the day !
- b) You are all knowing, friends,
What sweetness is in Miss Pushpa
I don't mean only external sweetness
but internal sweetness.
- c) The new poets still quoted
the old poets, but no one spoke
in verse
of the pregnant woman
drowned,
5. Write a dialogue on any *one* of the following not exceeding 250 words : 10
- a) Between father and son on probable career options.
- b) Between two neighbours about the problems faced by the people in general because of the unprecedented price rise of essential commodities.
6. Complete the following story not exceeding 250 words 15
- a) When he came to his senses he found himself lying on a hospital bed ... he tried hard to recollect what had happened to him the previous night ... very soon he discovered that he had suffered a total memory loss ... he had no idea of who he was ...
- OR
- b) He had walked through the dark forest for almost an hour ... suddenly he saw the ruins of a castle ... as he approached closer a dim light appeared through one of its windows

7. Fill in the blanks with appropriate articles or prepositions 5
- They agreed the proposal.
 - The epidemic broke in the district last year.
 - He is qualified the post.
 - Wheat is staple food in Europe ?
 - I paid a thousand rupees this watch.
8. Change the italicized words in the following sentences according to instructions 4
- He is a *strict professional* . (Replace with antonyms)
 - The project was both *arduous* and *hazardous*. (Replace with appropriate synonyms).
9. Rewrite the following sentences according to instructions 6
- They (live) in this house since 1998. (Use the appropriate form of the verb)
 - Kindly *hand in* your assignments. (Replace the italicized phrase with a single word)
 - I heard that he is intelligent. (Make it a simple sentence)
 - You must eat well. If not, you will not be strong. (Join the sentences)
 - Having read the book, it was returned. (Correct the sentence)
 - One should have sympathy for the handicapped. (Use the verb form of 'Sympathy')
10. Check the proof of the following text using necessary proof reading signs : 10
- In modern life, Conditions are not favourable for talks. Certain amount of comfort comfort and quiet is necessary talks. In old age travelers could talk slow moving coaches. In the train there can talks in spite of noise, But in motor can and aeroplains, people remain in grim selence. Noise of cars, buses, Gramaphones, loudspeakers. Makes talks between individuals imposible.