

AE-618

M.A. (Previous)
Term End Examination, 2016-17

ENGLISH

Compulsory

Paper - III

Readings in Prose

Time : Three Hours] [*Maximum Marks* : 100

[*Minimum Pass Marks* : 36

Note : Answer **all** questions. The figures in the right-hand margin indicate marks.

1. Explain any **four** of the following passages with reference to the context : 5×4

(a) Celsus could never have spoken it as a Physician, had he not been a wise man withall; when he giveth it for one of the great precepts of health and lasting; that a man doe vary, and interchange contraries; but with an inclination to the more benign extreme.

OR

(2)

But I still insist, that not only the virtue, but the knowledge of two sexes should be the same in nature, if not in degree, and that women, considered not only as moral, but rational creatures, ought to endeavour to acquire human virtues (or perfections) by the same means as men, instead of being educated like a fanciful kind of half being, one of Rousseau's wild chimeras.

- (b) I cannot see the wit of walking and talking at the same time. When I am in the country, I wish to vegetate like the country. I am not for criticizing hedge grows and black cattle. I go out of town in order to forget the town and all that is in it.

OR

Children love to listen the stories about their elders, when they were children; to stretch their imagination to the conception of a traditionary great uncle or grandame, whom they never saw. It was in this spirit that my little ones crept about me the other evening to hear about their grand-mother field, who lived in a great house in Norflok.

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- (c) When did life begin on the earth and what were the first living things ? That is a very interesting question but it is also a very difficult question to answer. Let us first consider what life is. You will probably say that men are living beings and so are all animals. What about trees and shrubs and flowers and vegetables ?

OR

An earthquake or something else brought out the rock from under the sea and it became dry land. Then the dry rock was washed away by the rivers and by rain and the shells which had been hidden in it for ages and ages come out. This is how we come across these shells or fossils, and after studying them find out what our earth was like in old days before man came into existence.

- (d) Desire, when it comes from the heart and spirit when it is pure and intense, possesses awesome electromagnetic energy. This energy is released into the ether each night, as the mind falls into the sleep state. Each morning it returns

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to the conscious state reinforced with the cosmic currents. That which has been imaged will surely and certainly be manifested. You can rely, young man, upon this ageless promise as surely as you can rely upon the eternally unbroken promise of sunrise.

OR

Books cannot last long. Their paper rots away and gets moth eaten. But stones last much longer perhaps you remember seeing a great stone of Ashoka in Allahabad Fort. On this is cut out in stone a proclamation of Ashoka, who was a great king of India many hundred years ago. If you go to Lucknow you will find many stone tablets with words engraved on them.

- (e) Society is a wave. The wave move onward, but the water of which it is composed does not. The same particle does not rise from the valley to the ridge. Its unity is only phenomenal. The person who makes nation today, next you die, and their experience with them.

OR

(5)

If the injustice is part of the necessary friction of machine of government, let it go, let it go; perchance it will wear smooth-certainly the machine will wear out but if it is such a nature that it requires you to be the agent of injustice to another, then I say, break the law. Let your life be a counter friction to stop the machine. What I have to do is to see, at any rate, that I do not lend myself to the wrong which I condemn.

Unit-I

2. Comment on the aphoristic style of Bacon, illustrating your answer from the essay you have read. 16

OR

Write a critique on 'A Vindication of the Rights of Woman' by John Ruskin.

Unit-II

3. Comment on Prose style of William Hazlitt on the basis of the essay's prescribed. 16

OR

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Discuss Charles Lamb as an essayist.

Unit-III

4. Critically estimate J. L. Nehru views as expressed in his 'Letters from a Father to His Daughter'. 16

OR

Write a critique of the views expressed by Vivekananda in Reason, Faith and Love.

Unit-IV

5. Write a critical summary of A.P.J. Abdul Kalam's 'Wings of Fire'. 16

OR

Critically summarise Radha Krishnan's 'Recovery of Faith'.

Unit-V

6. Discuss the central thought of Emerson's essay 'Self Reliance'. 16

OR

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Critically examine Henry David Thoreau,
'Civil Disobedience'.
