

AJ-1406
M. A. (Previous)
Term End Examination , 2021-22
English
Paper-III
(Reading in Prose)

Time : 3 hours]

[Maximum Marks : 100

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

1. Explain the following passages with reference to the context: 5×4=20
- (a) A man that is young in years may be old in hours, if he have lost no time. But that happeneth rarely. Generally, youth is like the first cogitations, not so wise as the second. Far there is a youth in thoughts, as well as in ages. And yet the invention of young men is more lively than that of old; and imaginations stream into their minds better, and as it were more divinely.

OR

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 associate nothing with my traveling companion but present objects and passing events. In his ignorance of me and my affairs, I in a manner forget myself. But a friend reminds one of other things, rips up old grievances, and destroys the abstraction of the scene. He comes in ungraciously between us and our imaginary character.

OR

Marriage by its best title is a monopoly, and not of the least invidious sort. It is the cunning of most possessors of any exclusive privilege to keep their advantage as much out of sight as possible, that their less favoured neighbours, seeing little of the benefit, may the less be disposed to question the right. But these married monopolists thrust the most obnoxious part of their patent into our faces.

- (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

Faith its degeneration when alone bigotry Fanaticism Sectarianism Narrowing Finite therefore can't get to the infinite. Sometimes gain in intensity but loses in extensity and in bigots and fanatics become worship of his own pride and vanity.

- (d) I have endeavoured to understand the Fundamental truths revealed to me by my father, and feel convinced that there exists a divine power that can lift one up from confusion, misery,

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melancholy and failure and guide. One to one's true place. And once an individual serves his emotional and physical bondage, he is on the road to freedom, happiness and peace of mind.

OR

Religion as it is generally understand, is opposed to the spirit of science. The method of science is Empirical while that of religion is dogmatic. Science does not rely on authority but appeals to communicable evidence that any trained mind can evaluate, science does not admit any barriers.

- (e) But now we are a mob. Man does not stand in awe of man, nor is his genius admonished to stay at home, to put itself in communication with the internal ocean, but it goes abroad to beg a cup of water of the urns of other men. We must go alone.

OR

Cast your whole vote, not a strip of paper merely, but your whole influence. A minority is powerless while it confirms to the majority; it is not even a minority then; but it is irresistible when it clogs by its whole weight.

2. Evaluate Bacon's essay "Of Regiment Of Health". 16

OR

Write a summary of John Ruskin's "A vindication of the Rights of Women".

3. Critically evaluate the essay "On Going to a Journey" by Hazlitt. 16

OR

Write a critical summary of the essay "Dream Children" written by Charles Lamb.

4. Critically examine J. L. Nehru's views expressed in his "Letters from a Father of His Daughter". 16

OR

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

5. Write the views of Dr. Kalam on God and Religion. 16

OR

Write the theme of Radha Krishan's "Recovery of Faith".

6. Summarise the essay "Self Reliance" by Emerson. 16

OR

Does "Civil Disobedience" provide any inspiration for people's struggles against unjust actions and policies of governments? Elucidate.