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**B.A. Part-II (Regular + Private)  
Examination, 2023**

**(Three Year Degree Course)**

**ELECTIVE ENGLISH**

**Paper-I**

**Prose and Fiction**

Time Allowed : Three Hours

Maximum Marks : 100

**Part-A**

**Note** :- The questions of Part-A are compulsory. The answers of these questions are limited upto 30 words each. Each question carries 2 marks.

### Part-B

**Note** :- Attempt *five* questions in all, selecting *one* question from each Unit. The answer of each question shall be limited upto **250** words. Each question carries 7 marks.

### Part-C

**Note** :- Attempt *three* questions in all from this Part. The answer of each question shall be limited upto **500** words. Each question carries 15 marks.

### Part-A

1. Answer all the questions :

- (i) Explain with reference to the context :  
"Whosoever is delighted in solitude, is either a wild beast or a God."
- (ii) Explain with reference to the context :  
"There is only one wish realisable on the earth;  
Only one thing that can be perfectly attained :  
Death.  
And from a variety of circumstances we have no  
One to tell us whether it will be worth attainable."
- (iii) What pledge does Henchard make and why in 'The Mayor of Casterbridge' ?
- (iv) Khushwant Singh divides the narrative of 'Train to Pakistan' into four chapters. Name them.
- (v) What does Henchard purchase as a gift for Elizabeth on her wedding ?
- (vi) Who is called the father of English Essay ?

- (vii) Who writes with the pen name of 'Elia' ?
- (viii) What do you mean by 'Ghost Train' in 'Train to Pakistan' ?
- (ix) What do you understand by the term 'Cosmic Irony' ?
- (x) Define Fiction.

## Part-B

### Unit-I

- 1. Explain with reference to the context any *one* of the following excerpts :

"Absent mindedness of this kind seems to me all but a virtue. The absent minded man is often a man who is making the best of life and therefore has no time to remember the mediocre. Who could have trusted Socrates or Coleridge to post a letter ? They had souls above such things."

*Or*

"They (rules) are not a whip put in your hand to scourge your passanger with, but an authority for an emergency. They are meant to be observed in the spirit, not in the letter, for the comfort and not the discomfort of the passanger. You have kept the rule and broken its spirit."

### Unit-II

- 2. Write the significance of spider and bee episode.

*Or*

What are the thoughts of a Convalescent ?

### Unit-III

3. Examine the appropriateness of the title of Hardy's 'The Mayor of Casterbridge'.

*Or*

Discuss the major themes of 'The Mayor of Casterbridge'.

### Unit-IV

4. In 'Train to Pakistan' Mano Majra is a protagonist rather than a place. Discuss.

*Or*

What role do religious figures like Meet Singh and Imam Baksh play in this novel ?

### Unit-V

5. Write a detailed note on 'Essay' as a genre.

*Or*

Discuss the specific features of 'Regional Fiction'.

### Part-C

1. 'Train to Pakistan' is really the love story of Jugga and Nooran against the backdrop of Partition. Do you agree ?
2. How far is it correct to say about Henchard that he is more sinned against than sinning ?
3. Critically analyse the essay 'The Worship of the Wealthy' by G.K. Chesterton.
4. Comment on the writing style/technique of Francis Bacon.
5. Describe the development of novel as a genre.

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