

Quarterly Examination - 2017-2018

English Literature

Time : 3 Hrs. + 15 min.

F. M. : 100

Std. : XII

Attempt Five questions in all. Question one is compulsory. You must attempt at least one question from each book)

DRAMA – ARMS AND THE MAN -BERNARD SHAW

1. Read the following extracts and answer the questions that follow: (20)
 - a. Catherine: Such news! There has been battle!
Raina : (her eyes dilating). Ah! (She comes eagerly to Catherine)
Catherine : A great battle at Slivnitsa ! A great victory! And it was won by Sergius.
 - i. Where are the characters at the moment? Name the battle Catherine is referring to in her speech? (2)
 - ii. According to Catherine how was Sergius instrumental in bringing 'a great victory' ? (2)
 - iii. Later in the play who shatters this romantic notion of cavalry charge and how? (2)
 - iv. In what way did Sergius suffer for his independent move in the battle field? (2)
 - v. How does this scene help in striking the different themes of the play? (2)
 - b. Petkoff : No. All Austrians,, just as our officers were all Russians. This was the only Swiss I came across. I'll never trust a Swiss again.
 - i. What prompted Petkoff say these lines? Who are the others present there? (2)
 - ii. Name the Swiss of Petkoff's reference? Why will he never trust a Swiss again? (2)
 - iii. What is Sergius 'opinion of 'the Swiss'? (2)
 - iv. A little later Petkoff insists Sergius to acquaint Catherine the queer story about the Swiss. Briefly recount the story. (2)
 - v. What impact do you think the story had on her? How does Catherine react on hearing the story? (2)

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2. 'I think we two have found the higher love'. Justify the statement with close reference to Raina - Sergius - Louka relationship.
3. Despite portraying Bluntschli as a stringent pragmatist Shaw has also very subtly brought out the romantic side of Bluntschli. Substantiate this proposition with close reference to the text. (20)

ISC COLLECTION OF POEMS

4. In Mending Wall Robert Frost has counter attacked his neighbour's view of 'Good fences make good neighbor'. Comment. (20)
5. Do you appreciate the poet's opinion that people should fiercely resist death and cling passionately to their lives? Critically evaluate the poem Do Not Go Gentle Into that Good Night. (20)
6. Wilfred Owen in the poem 'Dulce et Decorum Est' voices against the mentality that perpetuates and glorifies war. Discuss. (20)

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7. Lamb to the Slaughter is a tale of love, betrayal and revenge .In this context bring out how the author sketches the character of Mrs. Maloney in the story .(20)
8. Briefly outline the story to throw light on the various themes that run through the story A Very Old Man With Enormous Wings. (20)
9. The Lumber Room is a humours story vividly woven to expose the conflict between the world of adults and the world of Children. Elucidate. (20)