

2021

ENGLISH – I

First Paper

Full Marks : 80

The figures in the margin indicate full marks.

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

Group - A

1. Explain with reference to the context **any three** of the following : 5×3
 - (a) “Prisoner of the bar you are convicted of felony”.
 - (b) “The law is what it is— a magestic edifice sheltering all of us”.
 - (c) “Justice is a machine that, when someone has once given it the starting push, rolls on itself”.
 - (d) “One wrong cannot be the excuse of another wrong”.
 - (e) “It don’t bear talking about”.
2. Answer **any one** question : 10×1
 - (a) Discuss how Balthazer with his wit and intelligence could save Antonio from the danger of Shylock.
 - (b) Highlight dramatic significance of the ring episode.
 - (c) Who is better friend Antonio or Bassanio?— Discuss in regard to the trial scene of *The Merchant of Venice*.
3. Explain with reference to the context **any one** of the following : 5×1
 - (a) “I am a tainted wether of the flock, Meetest for death. The weakest kind of fruit”.
 - (b) “Let me have my judgement and the Jew his will”.
 - (c) “He shall have nothing but the penulty”.

Group - B

4. Answer **any five** questions : 2×5
 - (a) What is the full form of B.B.C.?
 - (b) Which countries provide date and sugar according to C.E.M. Joad?
 - (c) Who were the people in the audience who listen to G.B. Shaw’s lecture on ‘Spoken English and Broken English’?

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- (d) According to G.B. Shaw, who is a confident trickster?
- (e) How are machines a threat to our civilization?
- (f) Why was the League of Nations set up?
- (g) Why are the English not keen to help foreigners who are fluent in English?
- (h) What is 'pedantic affection' according to G.B. Shaw?

Group - C

5. Read the given passage and answer the questions which follow in your own words : 4×5

The large animals required luxuriant vegetation has been a general assumption which has passed from one work to another, but I do not hesitate to say that it is completely false and that it has vitiated reasoning of geologists on some points of great interest in the ancient history of the world. The prejudice has probably been derived from India, and the Indian islands, where troops of elephants, noble forests, and impenetrable jungles are associated together in everyone's mind, if however, we refer to any work of travels through the southern parts of Africa, we shall find allusions in almost every page either to the desert character of the country or to the numbers of the large animals inhabiting it. The same thing is rendered evident by the many engravings which have been published in various parts of the interior. Dr. Andrew Smith, who has lately succeeded in passing the Tropic of Capricorn, informs me that taking into consideration the whole of the southern part of Africa there can be no doubt of its being a sterile country. On the southern coasts, there are some fine forests, but with these exceptions the traveller may pass for days together through open plains, covered by poor and scanty vegetation. Now if we look to the animals inhabiting these wide plains, we shall find their numbers extraordinarily great and their bulk immense.

- (a) What is the primary concern of the author?
- (b) According to the author, what had led to the prejudice?
- (c) In which field Dr. Andrew Smith has lately succeeded?
- (d) What kind of allusions can be found?
- (e) Find synonym of the words from the passage :
 - (i) Rock collector
 - (ii) Reference.

Group - D

6. Write an essay on **any one** of the following topics : 20

- (a) Law for protection of women.
 - (b) Social responsibilities of a lawyer.
 - (c) Women empowerment.
 - (d) Students' participation on politics— its advantages and disadvantages.
 - (e) Environmental degradation.
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