

**2 SEM TDC ENG G 2**

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( May )

**ENGLISH**  
( General )

Course : 201

Full Marks : 80

Pass Marks : 32

Time : 3 hours

*The figures in the margin indicate full marks  
for the questions*

**UNIT—I**

**( Short Stories )**

1. "Behrman, a failed artist, rises above his limitations to finally produce a masterpiece."

What are the limitations of Behrman? Write, in your own words, about his extreme sacrifices for producing the masterpiece for the protection of two young artists. 4+6=10

2. Narrate, after the author of *An Indian in China*, how he won the battle against prejudice and red tape for obtaining the travel pass for Lhasa.

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3. "Nambi, the storyteller, is the life of the village called Somal."

Do you agree with this view? Justify your answer.

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4. (a) Why is the officialdom of China disturbed by too much contact between Chinese and non-Chinese?

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- (b) Why did Nambi stop telling stories?

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- (c) "Someday I hope to paint the Bay of Naples."

Who said this? What does it signify?

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5. Answer the following questions very briefly (any four) :

1×4=4

- (a) Who is Mr. Pneumonia?

- (b) Who are Sue and Johnsy?

- (c) How did Nambi reckon his age?

- (d) Who were the most popular Indian cine-artists in China?

- (e) What are Nambi's worldly possessions?

- (f) What are the two Chinese words used by children to address the foreigners?

## UNIT—II

## ( Prose )

6. Give a brief account of warm welcome offered to Verrier Elwin and his wife by different tribes from various villages during their pilgrimage to Tawang.

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7. "It is worth considering the disciplines which Gandhi imposed on himself and which though he might not insist on everyone of his followers."

What are the disciplines imposed on himself by Gandhi for serving either God or humanity? What are the views of Orwell on Gandhian disciplines?

5+5=10

8. "Humanity's deepest desire for knowledge is justification for our continuing quest."

Write a note within 200 words on scientists and philosophers who have been contributing significantly to the fulfilment of the desire for knowledge of the universe. Is it really a justification for the quest of mankind?

8+2=10

9. (a) What are the views of Verrier Elwin on the excellent library inside the Tawang monastery?

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(b) Why did the British police circle of colonial India consider Gandhi as their man? 2

(c) What are the two arguments of Aristotle for believing that the earth is a round sphere? 2

10. Answer the following questions very briefly (any four) :  $1 \times 4 = 4$

(a) Which dance form was considered the most moving by Verrier Elwin during his brief sojourn in the great monastery of Tawang?

(b) Which tribal group greeted the pilgrims by putting out their tongues?

(c) From which book of Stephen Hawking is 'Our Picture of the Universe' an extract?

(d) Who is the author of the book, *A Passage to India*?

(e) Why is it difficult to be a saint for average people?

(f) On what is the theory of gravity based?

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