

**2 SEM TDC ENG G 1**

**2013**

( 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. Discuss the significance of the title, *The Last Leaf*. 10

Or

Give a character-sketch of Behrman.

2. Nambi was an integral part of the village of Somal. Discuss. 10

Or

Describe the circumstances under which Nambi failed to tell a story. What happened after that? 5+5=10

3. Give an account of the evening performance which the author Vikram Seth and his friends joined. 10

Or

How do the Chinese view foreign friends? When and how would an out-land person become a foreign friend? 5+5=10

4. Answer any *three* of the following :  $2 \times 3 =$

- (a) Give a short description of Greenwich village.
- (b) What lesson do you get from the short story, *The Last Leaf*?
- (c) How did Nambi get his food and clothing?
- (d) Give the two Chinese words for 'out-land person' and 'foreign guest'.
- (e) What were the two unlikely events which helped Vikram Seth to get the travel pass to Lhasa?

5. Answer any *four* of the following very briefly :  $1 \times 4 =$

- (a) Name the author of the short story, *The Last Leaf*.
- (b) What did Johnsy hope to do some day?
- (c) How did Nambi indicate that he had a story to tell?
- (d) What did Nambi do after-telling his last story?
- (e) Who are the people to get official passes to Tibet?
- (f) Who helped Seth to go to the local police station?

## UNIT—II

## ( Prose )

6. Give a brief account of the various experiences of the writer during his pilgrimage to Tawang. 10

Or

Recount in your own words the author's description of the Tawang Monastery and the library in it.

7. What does Orwell think about Gandhian doctrines? Write briefly. 10

Or

State the difference between Gandhi and the Western anarchists and pacifists. What is the religious basis of Gandhi's views?  $6+4=10$

8. Give a brief account of Hawking's description of the different phases of man's quest to understand the changing picture of the universe. 10

Or

Discuss briefly the theories/arguments of two of the philosophers mentioned in the essay, *Our Picture of the Universe*.  $5+5=10$

9. Answer any *three* of the following :  $2 \times 3 = 6$

- (a) What were the two occasions when Tawang came into world news?
- (b) What 'definite change' took place in the author's mind during the few weeks of his pilgrimage to Tawang?

- (c) What is the basic difference between Orwell and Gandhi as mentioned in the essay, *Reflections on Gandhi*?
- (d) What does Orwell mean by Gandhi's vanity?
- (e) State the two arguments, put forward by Aristotle, to prove that the earth is a round sphere.
- (f) What is 'natural selection' as given in the essay, *Our Picture of the Universe*?

10. Give very brief answers to any four of the following :

1×4=4

- (a) What were the twin lakes at the top of the Se La Pass called?
- (b) On which auspicious day did the author and his group visit the Tawang Monastery?
- (c) Name a book written by the author of the essay, *Reflections on Gandhi*.
- (d) Why did the British regard Gandhi as 'our man'?
- (e) Who were the two scientists who publicly supported the Copernican theory?
- (f) Who is the author of the scientific work, *Philosophiae Naturalis Principia Mathematica*?

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