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( General )

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Pass Marks : 32/24

Time : 3 hours

The figures in the margin indicate full marks  
for the questions

UNIT—I

( Short Stories )

1. Answer any one of the following : 10

- (a) Give a character sketch of Behrman.  
Why was his *The Last Leaf* a  
masterpiece?

6+4=10

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- (b) "O. Henry, with grim and ironic humour, underscored the effect of coincidence on human character." Examine *The Last Leaf* in the light of this observation. 10

2. Answer any one of the following : 10

- (a) Give your opinion on whether Nambi was a talented storyteller or whether he was divinely inspired. Why did he fail to tell a story towards the end? 6+4=10

- (b) "I have a most wonderful tale to tell tonight." What was the 'wonderful' tale told by Nambi? Narrate the incident that led to this 'tale'. How did the people receive this story? 3+4+3=10

3. Answer any one of the following : 10

- (a) Explain how the speaker in *An Indian in China* could build friendly relationship in the seemingly hostile environment in China, thereby making his own job easier. 10

- (b) How do the Chinese view foreign friends? How did they treat Vikram Seth? 5+5=10

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

- (a) What 'unseen stranger' does the author talk about? How does he 'smite' his victims?

- (b) Why did Behrman smell of juniper berries?

- (c) How old was Nambi? How did he indicate his age?

- (d) What did Nambi tell the people when he was not in a mood to tell stories?

- (e) How did the Chinese refer to Raj Kapoor and Nargis? Why did they do so?

- (f) When and why, according to the author, was Beethoven banned in China?

5. Give very short answers to any four of the following :  $1 \times 4 = 4$

- (a) How is the disease pneumonia presented in the story, *The Last Leaf*?

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- (b) What did Johnsy hope to do one day?
- (c) What did Nambi do after saying his last story?
- (d) How did Nambi get his food and clothing?
- (e) What, according to Seth, horrifies the Chinese?
- (f) How does Seth relate the Panda to a foreigner in China?

UNIT—II

( Prose )

6. Answer any one of the following : 10

- (a) Why does Verrier Elwin call his tour to Tawang a pilgrimage? Narrate his experiences of this tour as a pilgrim. 4+6=10

- (b) Describe, in your own words, how the local people enroute Tawang treated Elwin and his companions. 10

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7. Answer any one of the following : 10

- (a) "Orwell's attitude to Gandhi was very ambiguous..." Discuss Orwell's views on Gandhi in the light of this observation.
- (b) Examine how Orwell expresses his differences with Gandhi in *Reflections on Gandhi*.

8. Answer any one of the following : 10

- (a) Discuss how religion and theology played a very important role in the formulation of theories of the universe.
- (b) "The essay, *Our Picture of the Universe*, ends with a hypothesis and a hope." Elaborate how Stephen Hawking summarises the endless desire of man to describe the universe.

9. Answer any three of the following : 2×3=6

- (a) What 'definite change' took place in the author during the few weeks of his pilgrimage to Tawang?

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- (b) What idea do you get of the library of the Tawang Monastery from the author's description of it?
- (c) What is the religious basis of Gandhi's views?
- (d) What was Gandhi's stand on the problem of German Jews under Hitler?
- (e) What are the salient points in Newton's Law of Gravity?
- (f) What, according to Hawking, is the ultimate goal of science?

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

1×4=4

- (a) What were the two occasions when Tawang came into world news?
- (b) What is a monastery?
- (c) What is Civil Disobedience?

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- (d) Which British Prime Minister initiated the process leading to India's Independence?
- (e) What is the Big Bang Theory?
- (f) What, according to Newton, was responsible for the orbits of the moon and the planets being ellipses?

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