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ENGLISH

(General)

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

UNIT—I

1. Answer any one of the following : 10

- (a) How did Behrman save the life of Johnsy? What lesson do you get from the story, *The Last Leaf*? 7+3=10

(2)

- (b) Describe, in your own words, the intimacy between Sue and Johnsy. 10

2. Answer any one of the following : 10

- (a) Present a character-sketch of Nambi. What happened to him at the end of the story? 6+4=10

- (b) Describe how Nambi kept the villagers of Somal enthralled by his stories. How did he conclude his last story-telling session? 6+4=10

3. Answer any one of the following : 10

- (a) Give an account of the musical evening in which Vikram Seth took part. How did the event help the writer? 6+4=10

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

(3)

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

- (a) Who does Behrman look like in the beginning of the story, *The Last Leaf*?

- (b) How did Johnsy relate her life to the leaves of ivy vine?

- (c) Give a short description of the village of Somal.

- (d) How did Nambi get his food and clothing?

- (e) Who were 'Lita' and 'Laz'?

- (f) Why did the 'pipe' episode in the market arouse laughter among the Chinese crowd?

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

- (a) Name the short story collection of O. Henry in which *The Last Leaf* is included.

- (b) What is the real name of O. Henry?
- (c) Where is Nambi's home?
- (d) Who is Mary in the story, *Under the Banyan Tree*?
- (e) Who helped Seth to go to the General Police Station?
- (f) Where is Lhasa?

UNIT—II

6. Answer any *one* of the following : 10

- (a) Give an account of Verrier Elwin's journey from Tezpur to Dirang.
- (b) Describe Verrier Elwin's experience at Tawang.

7. Answer any *one* of the following : 10

- (a) How does Orwell criticize Gandhi as a saint and praise him as a man in *Reflections on Gandhi*?

- (b) In what ways, according to Orwell, was Gandhi different from the Anarchists and the Pacifists?

8. Answer any *one* of the following : 10

- (a) Discuss the theories of Copernicus, Kepler and Newton regarding the motion of the planets. 10

- (b) "Today scientists describe the universe in terms of two basic partial theories" What are these two basic partial theories and how do they describe the universe? What does Hawking say about the proposed Unified Theory? 2+6+2=10

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

- (a) How were Elwin and his wife greeted by the Monpas?
- (b) What kind of impression did Elwin get from his meeting with the Abbot of Tawang?

(6)

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(7)

(c) What does Gandhi mean by 'Satyagraha'?

(d) Why does Orwell say that Gandhi's autobiography is partial?

(e) What is meant by Darwin's principle of selection?

(f) What did Hubble's observation suggest?

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

(a) Which place was called 'a paradise in NEFA' by Elwin?

(b) What is the Getompa?

(c) Why, according to Orwell, did the British regard Gandhi as 'our man'?

(d) Name a novel written by George Orwell.

(e) From which book is 'Our Picture of the Universe' extracted?

(f) Who wrote the book, *On Heavens' Lake*?
