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ENGLISH DISCIPLINE—Paper II

English Literature (B-189)

Time : 3 Hours

Maximum Marks : 75

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Attempt all *three* Sections.

Answer *two* questions from Section A,

two from Section B and *one* from Section C.

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Section A

Answer both questions from this section. 10+20=30

1. Read the passage and answer the questions that follow :
- (a) If to do were as easy as to know what were good to do, chapels had been churches and poor men's cottages princes' palaces. It is a good divine that follows his own instructions : I can easier teach twenty what were good to be done, than be one of the twenty to follow mine own teaching.
- (i) Name the speaker and the person addressed. 2
- (ii) Explain the context of these lines. 4
- (iii) What is meant by 'I can easier teach twenty ... own teaching' ? 4

Or

- (b) I am like to call thee so again,
To spit on thee again, to spurn thee too.

If thou wilt lend money, lend it not

As to thy friends; for when did friendship take

A breed for barren metal of his friend ?

(i) Name the speaker and the person addressed. 2

(ii) Explain the context of these lines. 4

(iii) What is meant by 'If thou wilt lend money, lend it not as to thy friends'. 4

2. Attempt any *two* out of the three passages given below :

(a) When I consider how my light is spent,

Ere half my days, in this dark world and wide,

And that one talent which is death to hide,

Lodged with me useless.

(i) Name the poem and the poet 2

(ii) Explain what is meant by 'half my days'. 4

(iii) Discuss the reference to 'talent'. 4

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(b) One day I wrote her name upon the strand,
 But came the waves and washed it away;
 Again I wrote it with a second hand
 But came the tide and made his prey.
 Vain man, said she, that dost in vain assay
 A mortal thing so to immortalize

(i) Identify the poet and the poem 2

(ii) Why does the poet write the lady's name
 twice on the shore ? What does this act
 represent ? 4

(iii) What are the meanings of 'vain' and 'in
 vain' ? Is there some connection between them
 here ? 4

(c) She is all states, and all princes I

Nothing else is.

Princes do but play us; compared to this,

All honour's mimic, all wealth alchemy.

Thou sun art half as happy as we.

- (i) Name the poem and the poet. 2
- (ii) Why does the poet call honour 'mimic' and wealth 'alchemy' ? 4
- (iii) Why is the sun only half as happy as the poet and the lady ? 4

Section B

Attempt both the questions from this section : 15+15=30

3. In what manner does Dickens present the social evils in Victorian society ?

Or

Which characters in the novel Oliver Twist appeal to you and why ?

4. Alden Pyle is dangerous, but he does not deserve his ultimate fate. Discuss. 15

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Or

Fowler presents himself as a selfish and uncaring man. Discuss.

Section C

5. What according to you is the central theme of the 'Merchant of Venice' ? 15

Or

Examine the character of Shylock and Antonio in the 'Merchant of Venice'.