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English Literature
Paper Code- BAEN- 102
English Prose and Fiction-I

Time Allowed: Three Hours 7776 **Maximum Marks: 100**

This question paper contains two sections as under :

Section-A **Max. Marks-20**

will carry 20 marks with 01 compulsory question comprising 10 short answer type questions talking two questions from each unit. Each question shall be of two marks. Word limit 20 words.

Section-B **Max. Marks-80**

will carry 80 marks equally divided into five long answer type questions. Paper setter shall be advised to set two questions from each unit and students are instructed to attempt five questions by selecting one question from each unit. Unit I to V will have one question on reference to context from each unit. Word limit 500 words.

Note: The reference to context will be of 04 marks each combined with a 12 mark question.

Section-A

1. (i) Why are bores largely happy?
   (ii) By what name, according to Shaw, should freedom be called?
   (iii) According to Livingstone, what are the four subjects in which everyone should know first-rate?
   (iv) What are the causes, that are often cited, responsible for increasing violence in students?
   (v) What is other title of 'Greif' by Anton Chekhov?
   (vi) What did the three strands of hair symbolize in the "Three Dancing Goats"?
   (vii) Describe the Doll's House.
   (viii) How did the blue carbuncle reach Holmes in the beginning of 'The Adventure of Blue Carbuncle'?
   (ix) In which newspaper did Chandran find employment and at which position?
   (x) What social dogmas does R.K. Narayan point in the novel "The Bachelor of Arts"?

Section-B

Unit-I

2. (a) What according to E.V Lucas, are remedies against bores?
   (b) "I am a socialist because I want to see my fellow men and women enjoying the advantages which I enjoy myself. I know that socialism will not confer all these advantages in an instant, but if I live to see capitalism overthrown and the workers in power through most of Europe I shall die happy".

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3. (a) What arguments does G.B. Shaw gives against current democratic setup? Do you agree with the writer's views? Explain.
   (b) "The slavery of man to man is the very opposite of this. It is hateful to the body and to the spirit. Our poets do not praise it; they proclaim that no man is good enough to be another man's master."

Unit- II

4. (a) What are the deeply disturbing psychopathic elements in the present day youth?

(b) "If degrees were given in window smashing, car overturning, furniture firing, they would all have them with honours. They may still be weak in sciences and the arts, medicine and the law, but they already have firsts in hooliganism."

OR

5. (a) Why does Richard Livingston believes that if we wish to see man full face, it is to religion, literature and history that we must turn?

(b) "If the world is to be saved, scientific methods must be combined with good intentions and devotion. By themselves, neither goodness nor intelligence are equal to the task of changing society and individuals for the better."

Unit – III

6. (a) What plan did detective inspector Macleary deduce to catch the fortune-teller Mrs. Myers? Did he succeed?

(b) "The noble lady has one hair pure white, the colour of a diamond; one dark red, the colour of a ruby; and one bright green; the colour of an emerald. These three strands of hair are hidden among her black silken tresses".

OR

7. (a) How are author's sense of sorrow at man's inhumanity to man are reflected in the story 'Greif' by Anton Chekhov?

(b) " Iona looks to see what effect his words have, but sees none- the young man has hidden his face, and is fast asleep again. The old man sighs, and scratches his head. Just as much as the young one wanted to drink, the old man wanted to talk. It will soon be a week since his son died, and he has not been able to speak about it properly to anyone."

Unit – IV

8.. (a) How does Katherine Mansfeild probe in children psychology through her story, "The Doll's House".

(b) " Presently our else nudged up close to her sister. But now she had forgotten the cross lady. She put out a finger and stroked her sister's hat; she smiled her rare smile. 'I seen the little lamp; she said softly. Then both were silent once more."

OR

9 (a) How did Sherlock Holmes managed to solve the case of "The Blue Carbuncle" through psychological deductions? Explain.

(b) " 'I would not change my way of life for yours', said she. We may live roughly, but at least we are free from anxiety. You live in better style than we do, but though you often earn more than you need you are very likely to lose all you have. You know the proverb, "Loss and gain are brothers twain."

Unit- V

10. Attempt a brief character sketch of Chandran, the protagonist of "The Bachelor of Arts". How does R.K Narayan portray his emotional maturing?

OR

11. Explain the significance of the tittle "The Bachelor of Arts".