

2022

ENGLISH

[Generic]

(B.A. Second Semester-End Examination-2022)

PAPER-GE2T

Full Marks: 60

Time: 03 Hrs

The figures in the right hand margin indicate marks.

Candidates are required to give their answers in their own words as far as practicable.

Illustrate the answers wherever necessary.

1. Attempt any two of the following questions taking one from each group: 2x10= 20.

Group-A

i) How does Shaw differentiate 'man's natural slavery to nature' from 'man's unnatural slavery to another man'?

OR

ii) Explain the second fruit of friendship as mentioned by Bacon in his essay "Of Friendship"

Group-B

iii) Critically comment on the romantic elements in *The Merchant of Venice*.

OR

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iv) Justify the appropriateness of the title of the novella *The Old Man and the Sea*.

2. Attempt any four of the following questions. 4x5= 20

- a) What is the additional slavery that women bear as opined by Shaw?
- b) How do the kings and monarchs enjoy the fruit of friendship in "Of Friendship"?
- c) Explain Aristotle's view on solitude as reflected in "Of Friendship".
- d) What is Shaw's idea of freedom as reflected in "Freedom"?
- e) Write a note on the character of Portia in *The Merchant of Venice*?
- f) Why is the old Man considered unlucky in *The Old Man and the Sea*?
- g) Discuss the relationship between Antonio and Bassanio in *The Merchant of Venice*.
- h) What does the lion on the beach signify in *The Old Man and the Sea*?

Group -C

3. Attempt any ten of the following questions. 10x2=20

- i) In which way was G.B. Shaw associated with "The Fabian Society"?
- ii) What is Shaw's idea about 'strike' in "Freedom"?

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iii) Mention the name of any two revolutionary figures as mentioned by Shaw in "Freedom".

iv) Who was Heraclitus?

v) What is the third fruit of friendship according to Shaw?

vi) Who is the speaker of "Dry light is ever the best"?

vii) What's the meaning of the phrase "magna civitas, magna solitudo"?

viii) Why did Bassanio need money?

ix) What was the contract signed between Antonio and Shylock?

x) Why did Portia want Bassanio to delay from selecting any of the caskets?

xi) Who was Jessica? Whom did she elope with?

xii) What does the old man call the sea?

xiii) Where had the old man gone in his youth?

xiv) How many days has it been since the old man last caught a fish?

xv) Who was Santiago's idol person?

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