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( General )

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

**A : Poetry**

1. Answer any *four* of the following (*two* each from Unit—I and Unit—II) : 10×4=40

UNIT—I

- (a) What idea of death does Wordsworth convey through the poem, *We are Seven*?
- (b) What are the two contrasting views presented in the poem, *Mending Wall*? Discuss.
- (c) Attempt a critical appreciation of T. S. Eliot's poem, *To the Indians Who Died in Africa*.

- (d) Examine how Nissim Ezekiel uses the Indian English idiom in *A Very Indian Poem in Indian English* to create a gentle and self-conscious irony.

UNIT—II

- (a) What is a ballad? What irony is implied in the title of the poem, *Ballad of the Landlord*?
- (b) In the poem, *The Wife's Tale*, why does the farmer's wife feel herself excluded from her husband's world?
- (c) Discuss the plight of homeless persons in alien lands as expressed in *Wherever I Hang*.
- (d) Discuss how the poem, *Koenig of the River* presents the colonial history of the West Indies.
2. Explain, with reference to the context, any one of the following :

(a) Before I built a wall I'd ask to know  
What I was walling in or walling out,  
And to whom I was like to give offence.

(b) A man's destination is not his destiny,  
Every country is home to one man  
And exile to another.

(c) They had all caught the missionary fever :  
they were prepared to expiate the sins  
of savages, to tame them as he would  
tame this river  
subtly, as it flowed, accepting its bends;

3. Give very brief answers to any *five* of the following : 1×5=5

- (a) How old was the cottage girl in the poem, *We are Seven*?
- (b) What kind of wall is being mended in Robert Frost's poem, *Mending Wall*?
  - (i) A brick wall
  - (ii) A wooden fence
  - (iii) A wall made of boulders
- (c) Who is known as the father of modern Indian poetry in English?
- (d) To whom is the poem, *To the Indians Who Died in Africa* dedicated?
- (e) Who is the speaker of the poem, *Ballad of the Landlord*?
- (f) What does 'stubble' mean in the poem, *The Wife's Tale*?
- (g) What is the title of the first poetry collection of Grace Nichols?
- (h) What does the German word 'Koenig' mean in the poem, *Koenig of the River*?

**B : One-Act Play**

UNIT—III

4. Answer the following in brief (any *three*) : 1×3=3

- (a) Who wrote the play, *A Marriage Proposal*?
- (b) How old is Lomov?

- (c) What is the name of Lomov's dog?
- (d) "And to think that this fool dares to make a proposal of marriage!" Who said this?
- (e) What is the cause of the second quarrel in the play, *A Marriage Proposal*?

5. Answer briefly any *two* of the following :  $3 \times 2 = 6$

- (a) What are the main elements of an one-act play?
- (b) Describe Natalia's first meeting with Lomov.
- (c) "I'm cursed with bad luck! I'll shoot myself! I'll hang myself!"  
Who says this and in what context?

6. (a) Answer any *one* of the following : 14

- (i) How is the upper middle class of Russia presented in the play, *A Marriage Proposal*?
- (ii) Describe briefly how Lomov fails to offer his marriage proposal twice in the play.
- (iii) Write a critical note on the character of Natalia.

(b) Answer any *one* of the following : 7

- (i) Discuss *A Marriage Proposal* as a domestic comedy.
- (ii) What is fox hunting? How is it relevant to the play, *A Marriage Proposal*?