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M.A. (Final) EXAMINATION - 2023

ENGLISH

Third Paper

(Twentieth Century Literature : Prose and Fiction)

Time Allowed: Three Hours

Maximum Marks: 100

Note: Write your roll number on question - paper before starts writing answers of questions.

No supplementary answer book will be given to any candidate. Hence the candidates should the answers precisely in the main answer - book only.

All the parts of one question should be answered at one place in the answer book. One complete question should not be answered at different places in the answer book. All questions carry equal marks. Select any 5 questions - (Question no. 1 is compulsory).

1. Explain with reference to the context :- 20
- (a) But now and then there appears a novel which opens up a new world not by revealing what is strange, but by revealing what is familiar.
- (b) Most of the things one imagines in hell are if there - heat, noise, confusion, darkness, foul air and above all, unbearably cramped space. Everything except the fire, for there is no fire down there except the feeble beams of Davy lamps & electric torches.
- (c) Every star has its own orbit; and between it and its nearest neighbour there is not only a powerful attraction but an infinite distance. When the attraction becomes stronger than the distance the two do not embrace: they crash together in ruin.
- (d) The most indubitable respect in which ideas have helped mankind is numbers. There must have been a time. There must have been a time when homosapiens was a very rare species, subsisting precariously in jungles and caves, terrified of wild beasts, having difficulty in securing nourishment.
- (e) I have no experience of the moral effects of flagellation on walnut trees, but no civilized person would now justify the rhyme as regards wives. The reformatory effect of punishment is a belief that dies hard, chiefly I think, because it is so satisfying to our sadistic impulses.

(f) India is old, and India continues. But all the disciplines and skills that India now seeks to exercise are borrowed. Even the ideas Indians have of the achievements of their civilizations are essentially the ideas given them by European scholars in the 19th century.

(g) The English language becomes ugly and inaccurate because our thoughts are foolish, but the slovenliness of our language makes it easier for us to have foolish thoughts, if thought corrupts language, language can also corrupt thought.

(h) In a society in which there is no law, and in theory no compulsion, the only arbiter of behaviour is public opinion. But public opinion, because of the tremendous urge to conformity in gregarious animals, is less tolerant than any system of law.

#### SECTION - A

2. Summarize the theme of the essay, "Ideas that have helped mankind" written by Bertrand Russell. 20
3. Explain how the whale is used as a metaphor for accepting experience without seeking to change it, in the essay, "Inside the Whale". 20
4. Critically evaluate the theme of "India : A Wounded Civilization" essay by V.S. Naipaul. 20

#### SECTION - B

5. What is the significance of the title "A Portrait of the Artist As a Young Man"? 20
6. How does Lawrence tracks a large degree of development in social and technological areas in his novel "The Rainbow"? 20

#### SECTION - C

7. How does the narrative style 'Stream of Consciousness' in 'To the lighthouse' strengthen and weaken human connections? 20
8. Explain the theme of 'Wise Children' written by Angela Carter. 20