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ENGLISH

(Major)

Paper : ENGMAJ2054

(English Prose)

Full Marks : 70

Pass Marks : 28

Time : Three hours

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

1. Choose the correct answer : $1 \times 6 = 6$
- (a) Who was that devout Anglican who believed argument leads to findings ?
- (i) William Collins
 - (ii) Thomas Gray
 - ~~(iii)~~ Francis Bacon
 - (iv) Earl of Surrey

(b) According to Orwell, what is one major cause of poor language use?

(i) Foreign influence on English

(ii) The complexity of modern ideas

(iii) Lazy thinking and mental slovenliness

(iv) Excessive reading of fiction

(c) Bacon suggests that if a man's wit be wandering let him study:

(i) Mathematics

(ii) History

(iii) Philosophy

(iv) Logic

(d) How many types of truth are described in the essay "Of Truth"?

(i) Three

(ii) Two

(iii) Four

(iv) One

(e) Eliot compares the mind of the poet to which scientific object or process?

(i) A microscope

(ii) A laboratory flask

~~(iii)~~ A catalyst in a chemical reaction

(iv) An alchemist's potion

(f) According to Wilde, what is the role of the artist in society?

(i) To serve political ideologies

(ii) To produce work that entertains the masses

~~(iii)~~ To express beauty and inspire others

(iv) To adhere to classical traditions

2. Answer the following questions : **(any five)**

2×5=10

- (a) What are Bertrand Russell's views on the justification of war in the modern age?
- (b) Who was Bertrand Russell, and what were his general views on colonization?
- (c) Why does Eliot compare the poet to a catalyst in a chemical reaction?
- (d) Why does Bacon say that people are attracted to lies, even when they know the truth?
- (e) Name *two* figures Wilde praises as part of the English Renaissance of Art.
- (f) What role does social class play in Steele's discussion of fashion?
- (g) What role does exaggeration play in Hazlitt's humour?

3. Answer the following questions : **(any six)**

5×6=30

- (a) Discuss how Addison uses satire to explore and critique country customs and behaviours. Provide examples.
- (b) What is the central argument of Charles Lamb's essay, "On the Danger of Confounding Moral with Personal Deformity"?
- (c) How does Hazlitt differentiate between "wit and humour"?
- (d) One of Orwell's main targets in "Politics and the English Language" is the use of elevated, pretentious and abstract language. Why does he take issue with these forms of expression? Discuss.
- (e) What does Wilde mean by the "English Renaissance of Art"?

- (f) What is Bertrand Russell's central argument in "The Ethics of War"?
- (g) In what ways did Russell argue that colonization affected the colonized societies culturally and politically?
- (h) Analyze how Swift uses irony and paradox in his "Thoughts on Various Subjects". Provide example to support your points.
- (i) According to Bacon, how does revenge relate to law and justice?

4. Answer the following questions : **(any two)**

12×2=24

- (a) What is Bacon's main argument about truth, and why does he value it so highly?
- (b) Discuss Eliot's concept of tradition. How does he redefine the term, and why is it central to his theory of poetry?

- (c) How does Richard Steele use irony to critique societal values associated with fashion and appearance?
 - (d) To what extent can Swift be considered a pessimist about humanity and society?
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