

fitter to teach others than to learn from others. This nation had courts, lawyers and doctors, but they were all within bounds. Everybody knew that these Vakils and v aids did not rob people; they were considered people's dependents, not their masters. Justice was tolerably fair. The ordinary rule was to avoid courts. There were no touts to lure people into them. The evil, too, was noticeable only in and around capitals. The common people lived independently and followed their agricultural occupation. They enjoyed true home rule.

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English

Time : 3 hours

Full Marks : 100

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

The figures in the margin indicate full marks.

Answer all questions.

1 Explain the following with reference to the contexts :

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(a) His state

Is kingly; thousand at his bidding speed

And post o'er land and ocean without rest :

They also serve who only stand and wait.

Or

Be though my lips to unspoken 'd earth

The trumpet of a prophecy ! O wind,

If winter comes, can spring be far behind ?

(b) Fair sir, you spit on me on Wednesday last.
You spurn'd me such a day ; another time.
You call'd me dog: and is or these courtesies,
I'll lend you this much moneys' ?

Or

He is well paid that is well satisfied;
And I, delivering you, am satisfied.
And therein do account myself well paid :
My mind was never yet more mercenary
I pray you, know me when we meet again :
I wish you well, and so I take my leave.

(c) The modern man is wrapped up much more in these external things and yet even he, in moments of crisis and mental trouble, often turns to philosophy and metaphysical speculation.

Or

'I have many beautiful flowers', he said, but the children are the most beautiful flowers of all.

2. Write a critical appreciation of any one of the following :

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- (a) On His Blindness
- (b) Ode to the West Wind
- (c) A Little Learning
- (d) Break, Break, Break

3. Write a note on the significance of the trial scene in *The Merchant of Venice*.

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Or

Give a character sketch of Shylock.

4. Bring out the main ideas contained in *On Being a Bore*.

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Or

Write a critical appreciation of *The Country of the Blind*.

5. Write a precis of the following passage : 16

They saw that Kings and their swords were inferior to the sword of ethics, and they, therefore, held the sovereigns of the earth to be inferior to the Rishis and the Fakirs. A nation, with a constitution like this, is