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Degree (Part-I) Vocational Examination, 2019

ENGLISH

(Language and Literature)

[Paper : First]

[PPU-DI(V)-(SUB)-ENG(100M)]

Time: Three Hours]

[Maximum Marks: 100

Note: Answer all questions. Candidates are required to give their answers in their own language as far as practicable.

The figures on the right hand side indicate full marks.

1. Explain the following with reference to the context:

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That murmur, soon replies, "God doth not need
Either man's work or his own gifts; who best
Bear his mild yoke, they serve him best. His state
Is Kingly. Thousands at his bidding speed

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And post o'er Land and Ocean without rest:

They also serve who only stand and wait."

OR

And for all this, nature is never spent;

There lives the dearest freshness deep down things;

And though the last lights off the black West went
Oh, morning, at the brown brink eastward,
springs —

Because the Holy Ghost over the bent
World broods with warm breast and with ah!
bright wings.

(b) But Ratan had no philosophy. She was wandering about the post office in a flood of tears. It may be that she had still a lurking hope in some corner of her heart that her Dada would return, and that is why she could not tear herself away. Alas for our foolish human nature! Its fond mistakes are persistent. The dictates of reason take a long time to assert their own sway. The surest proofs meanwhile are disbelieved. False hope is clung

to with all one's might and main, till a day comes when it has sucked the heart dry and it forcibly breaks through its bonds and departs. After that comes the misery of awakening, and then once again the longing to get back into the maze of the same mistakes.

OR

When sunset came he was not longer climbing, but he was far and high. His clothes were torn, his limbs were bloodstained, he was bruised in many places, but he lay as if he were at his ease, and there was a smile on his face.

(c) I hold the world but as the world, Gratiano

A stage where every man must play a part,

And mine a sad one.

OR

I am a Jew. Hath not a Jew eyes?

Hath not a Jew hands, organs, dimensions, senses, affections, passions;

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Fed with the same food, hurt with the same weapons, subject to the same diseases

Healed by the same means, warmed and cooled by the same winter and summer as a Christian is?

2. Discuss the salient features of Romantic poetry with reference to poets prescribed in your course. [20]

OR

Critically appreciate P.B. Shelley's "Öde to the West Wind" or Tennyson's "Break, Break, Break."

3. Discuss Robert Lynd as an essayist with reference to the essays you've read. [20]

OR

Critically appreciate Oscar Wilde's short story "The Selfish Giant".

4. Sketch the character of Shylock or Portia. [20]

OR

Discuss The Merchant of Venice as a romantic comedy.

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Every afternoon, as they were coming from school, the children used to go and play in the Giant's garden.

It was a large lovely garden, with soft green grass. Here and there over the grass stood beautiful flowers like stars, and there were twelve peach-trees that in the spring-time broke out into delicate blossoms of pink and pearl, and in the autumn bore rich fruit. The birds sat on the trees and sang so sweetly that the children used to stop their games in order to listen to them. 'How happy we are here!' they cried to each other.

One day the Giant came back. He had been to visit his friend the Cornishogre, and had stayed with him for seven years. After the seven years were over he had said all that he had to say, for his conversation was limited, and he determined to return to his own castle. When he arrived he saw the children playing in the garden.

'What are you doing here?' he cried in a very gruff voice, and the children ran away.

'My own garden is my own garden', said the Giant; 'any one can understand that, and I will allow nobody to play

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in it but myself'. So he built a high wall all round it, and put up a notice-board.

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He was a very Selfish Giant.

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