

MA ENGLISH
First Semester
ENGLISH PROSE I: BACON TO LAMB
(MEN-04)

Duration: 3Hrs.

Full Marks: 70

Part-A (Objective) =20
Part-B (Descriptive)=50

(PART-B: Descriptive)

Duration: 2 hrs. 40 mins.

Marks: 50

1. Answer the following questions (any five)

2×5=10

- a) Name two essays by Francis Bacon which are not part of your syllabus.
- b) What are the four idols of Francis Bacon where he classified the intellectual fallacies of his time?
- c) What is an aphorism?
- d) "It was in this spirit that my little ones crept about me..." Who is the speaker here? What is the spirit referred to in the sentence?
- e) "Those innocents would do no harm" Who were the innocents? To whom they would not do any harm and why?
- f) When did Steele start his own periodical 'The Tatler' and under what pseudonym?
- g) What are coffee houses? What purpose it served in the 18th century England?

1+1=2

2. Answer the following questions (any five)

3×5=15

- a) Why would you describe Addison as a moralist?
- b) Name three essays of Addison.
- c) How would you describe Bacon's scientific temperament with reference to his essays?
- d) Give a character sketch of the clergyman in *The Spectator Club*.
- e) Discuss Dr. Johnson's view of studies in his essay *On Studies*.
- f) Discuss briefly Hazlitt as an essayist with special reference to *On Going a Journey*
- g) According to Hazlitt, what are the two benefits of travelling alone?

3. Answer the following questions (any five)

5×5=25

- a) Describe Bacon's prose style with reference to his essays.
- b) How would you describe Joseph Addison as a critic of society with reference to the prose piece "The Aims of a Spectator"?
- c) Bring out the significance of the title *Dream Children; A Reverie*.
- d) What contrast does Richard Steele make between Sir Roger de Coverley and Sir Andrew Freeport? How do these characters typify the class structure of early 18th century?
- e) Discuss the prose style of Steele as reflected in his essays with special reference to The Spectator Club?
- f) Comment on Keats' views on the identity of a poet as expressed in the letter to Richard Woodhouse?
- g) Write Reference to the Context to the following: "One of the pleasantest things in the world is going on journey; but I like to go by myself. I can enjoy society in a room; but out of doors, Nature is company enough for me."

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(The figures in the margin indicate full marks for the questions)

Duration: 20 minutes

Marks – 20

I. Choose the correct options from the following:

1×20= 20

1. Where do we find the line - "In the midst of the sun is the light, in the midst of the light is truth, and in the midst of the truth is the imperishable Being."

- a) Chaucer
b) Vedas
c) Bacon
d) Khayam

2. Francis Bacon was son.

- a) Sir Nicholas Bacon
b) Lord Burghley
c) Lord Burghley Bacon
d) Sir Amyas Paulet

3. Bacon's book "Novum Organum" was written in -

- a) 1621
b) 1619
c) 1620
d) 1630

4. Joseph Addison was born on -

- a) 3rd May, 1672
b) 31st May, 1673
c) 1st May, 1672
d) 5th May 1673

5. was Addison's biographer.

- a) Macaulay
b) Montaigne
c) Burghley
d) Steele

6. Steele's imaginary eccentric old country knight was -

- a) Sir Roger de Coverlay
- b) Sir Roger Nightly
- c) Sir Roger de Coverley
- d) Sir Roger de Nightly

7. In which periodical did the first few essays from the collection **The Essays of Elia** appear?

- a) The Spectator
- b) The Tatler
- c) The Idler
- d) The London Magazine

8. Alice is a character from the essay-

- a) On Going a Journey
- b) The Aims of the Spectator
- c) Dream Children
- d) Of Truth, Of Travel

9. Charles Lamb's "Dream Children" is notable for its-

- a) Crushing tragedy
- b) Humor
- c) Whimsical Pathos
- d) Cynicism

10. Who among the following was a prominent merchant?

- a) Sentry
- b) Lawyer
- c) Sir Freeport
- d) Honeycomb

11. Who among the following was a member of Inner Temple?

- a) The Clergyman
- b) Honeycomb
- c) The Lawyer
- d) Sentry

12. Imogen is -

- a) Virtuous lady in Cymbeline
- b) Wicked sister
- c) Daughter of King Cymbeline
- d) Both a) and c)

13. Hazlitt's *On Going a Journey* was published in

- a) The Tatler
- b) The Spectator
- c) The Review
- d) The Examiner

14. Most of Hazlitt's essays are found to be -

- a) Subjective
- b) Objective
- c) Analytical
- d) None of the above

15. In Hazlitt's *On Going a Journey*, 'The cups that cheer, but not inebriate' refers to -
- a) Coffee
 - b) Tea
 - c) Wine
 - d) All of the above.
16. *Life of Dr. Samuel Johnson* was written by-
- a) James Boswell
 - b) Charles Lamb
 - c) Amy Lowell
 - d) Samuel Johnson himself
17. *Dr. Samuel Johnson's A Dictionary of the English Language* was published in the year-
- a) 1755
 - b) 1757
 - c) 1758
 - d) 1705
18. John Keats was born in the year-
- a) 1790
 - b) 1795
 - c) 1793
 - d) 1792
19. Which of the following was not written by John Keats-
- a) On first looking into Chapman's Homer
 - b) Ode to a Skylark
 - c) Ode to a Nightingale
 - d) None of these.
20. *The Rambler* was a periodical written by-
- a) Joseph Addison
 - b) Richard Steele
 - c) Both a) and b)
 - d) Dr. Johnson
