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(Semester III)

Full Marks : 60

Time : 2:30 Hours

[The figure in the margin indicates full marks. Candidates are required to give their answers in their own words as far as practicable.]

Group-A

(Multiple Choice Type Question)

1 x 15=15

1. Choose the correct alternative from the following :

- (i) Statement I: Gulliver's Travels was written in 1726. Statement II: This was a period which saw the flowering of satirical prose in English literature. Observe and give the answer.
- a) Both of these statements are true b) both statements are false
c) Only I is true d) Only II is true
- (ii) Identify what Kant says about obedience to the state in his essay on Enlightenment.
- a) Citizens should always disobey unjust laws b) Enlightenment requires the citizen to question but obey the state
c) Enlightenment requires rebellion d) Obedience to the state is a sign of immaturity
- (iii) Select any one from the following phrases which best describes Kant's idea of "self-imposed immaturity".
- a) A state of confusion and chaos forced upon individuals by rulers b) A lack of physical or mental development
c) The inability to use one's own understanding without guidance from another d) The immaturity of a society due to education and religious policies
- (iv) Identify which of these phrases best serves as the motto of the Enlightenment.
- a) Dare to question! b) Dare to act!
c) Dare to know! d) Dare to speak!
- (v) Immanuel Kant published his essay on Enlightenment in which of the following journals:
- a) Berlinische Monatsschrift b) Berlinische Blatter
c) Liebling zeitschrift d) Sleek Magazine
- (vi) Explain Kant's concept of "public use of reason" as discussed in the essay "An Answer to the Question: What is Enlightenment?"

- a) Using reason within government
b) Restricting speech to preserve order
c) Expressing opinions freely in public spaces
d) Debating with intellectual peers in academic settings
- (vii) "Elegy Written in a Country Churchyard" is written in iambic pentameter, famously associated with Shakespearean literature. Apply your knowledge of meter to select the correct option corresponding with iambic pentameter.
a) Five syllables
b) Two feet
c) Two stressed syllables
d) One unstressed, one stressed syllable
- (viii) Predict. "Elegy Written in a Country Churchyard" evokes the English countryside. The poem's relation to Romanticism can rightly be understood through which of the following statements?
a) The poet's references to solitude and the healing essence of nature anticipates the tenets of Romanticism
b) The poet showcases a deep hatred for nature
c) The poet considers the destruction of nature to be a prerequisite for modernity
d) None of the above
- (ix) Identify what Gulliver must agree to before the Lilliputians award Gulliver his freedom.
a) Eat the emperor's enemies
b) Marry a Lilliputian woman
c) Assist the Lilliputian army
d) Leave Lilliput immediately
- (x) Examine and write which of these can be identified as Jonathan Swift's objective of using satire in Gulliver's Travels?
a) To promote monarchy
b) To mock human institutions and society
c) To celebrate scientific discoveries
d) To support colonialism
- (xi) Infer which type of satire is A Modest Proposal an example of.
a) Menippean satire
b) Horatian satire
c) Romantic satire
d) Juvenalian satire
- (xii) Identify the person who Jack loves in the play The Rivals.
a) Mrs. Malaprop
b) Julia
c) Lucy
d) Lydia
- (xiii) Choose the correct answer. Who is Lydia's guardian in the play The Rivals?
a) Mrs Malaprop
b) Colonel Languish
c) Anthony
d) Lucious O'Trigger
- (xiv) Restoration Comedy is a genre of English theatre which spanned from _____ to _____. Complete the sentence by filling in the blanks with correct answer
a) 1700 to 1800
b) 1660 to 1700
c) 1600 to 1700
d) 1606 to 1668
- (xv) Explain why is the speaker having a rustick tongue?
a) because his tongue is spoiled
b) because he doesn't know how to puzzle right and talk indirectly
c) because the rulers have not allowed him to talk for long days
d) because he is tired of talking and advising the people in the city

Group-B

(Short Answer Type Questions)

3 x 5=15

2. Write about the narrative technique used by Swift in *Gulliver's Travels*. (3)
3. Describe two major social changes brought about by the Industrial Revolution in the 18th century. (3)
4. Explain the "Two-worlds interpretation" and "Two-aspects interpretation" with respect to Kant's philosophy. (3)

5. Examine how the play *The Rivals* portrays the societal norms and values of the time. (3)
6. Compare the treatment of Gulliver and the Lilliputs for each other. (3)

OR

Analyse the significance of the proclamation of liberty that Gulliver signs. (3)

Group-C

(Long Answer Type Questions)

5 x 6=30

7. Discuss the role of class and social status in "*The Rivals*". How do the characters' actions and motivations reflect the societal norms of 18th-century England? (5)
8. Describe the Land of Lilliput as seen from the perspective of Gulliver. (5)
9. Justify the ending of the play *The Rivals* and provide evidence to support the genre of the play as a Comedy of Manners. (5)
10. Write a note on Kant's concept of "self-imposed immaturity" and explain how it applies to contemporary influencer and advertisement culture. (5)
11. "He observed how contemptible a thing was human grandeur, which could be mimicked by such diminutive insects as I..."- Justify how Swift's *Gulliver's Travels* uses the idea of perspective with respect to the Brobdingnags. (5)
12. Evaluate Thomas Gray's treatment of fame and honor with reference to his poem "*Elegy Written in a Country Churchyard*". (5)

OR

Analyse whether the '*Elegy Written in a Country Churchyard*' can be referred to as precursor to Romantic poetry. (5)

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