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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) In Book IV of Paradise Lost the speaker compares Satan entering Eden with which of the following? Deduce.

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| a) Unsuspecting people being tempted to sin         | b) Christ calling upon the faithful to his church              |
| c) God unleashing his wrath on unsuspecting sinners | d) Satan's writhing mass of fallen angels looking for reprieve |

(ii) Which of the following is used by critics to describe John Locke's understanding of the state of human mind at birth? Identify.

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| a) Tabula Rasa     | b) Natura Naturans |
| c) Natura Naturata | d) Elixir          |

(iii) The poem "Auld Lang Syne" is often associated with a sense of \_\_\_\_\_. Select the correct option.

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| a) Nostalgia | b) Regret       |
| c) Anger     | d) Indifference |

(iv) "For when his early valour Heaven had cross'd/ And all at Worcester but the honour lost" Explain the quoted lines.

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| a) Charles II's early courage led to a victorious outcome at Worcester. | b) Despite a loss the battle of Worcester, Charles II maintained his honor. |
| c) Charles II's bravery was recognized and rewarded by Heaven.          | d) Charles II lost both his honor and the battle at Worcester.              |

(v) In the line, "Should old acquaintance be forgot," what is the significance of the word "acquaintance" as opposed to "friends" or "relationships"? Explain.

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| a) It implies that the poem is about valuing casual relationships over deep friendships. | b) It broadens the scope of the poem to include all types of connections, not just close friendships. |
| c) It suggests that the poem is about letting go of all past connections.                | d) It emphasizes that the poem is solely about romantic relationships.                                |

(vi) Which of the following is not true of Satan's conception in the Romantic Age and the revival of Milton? Choose.

a)

He was seen as a renegade and a rebel fighting against oppressive forces of order

b) Mary Shelly's Frankenstein evokes and pays homage to an omnipotent God warring with his creations and the image of Satan struggling against his creator was seen by Shelly as a fitter emblem of the human condition

d) Cowper battled against his own fears of damnation to win finished his annotations of early books of Paradise Lost

(vii) Explain why Locke refuted the doctrine of innate ideas.

a)

He believed that humans are born with a pre-existing knowledge of the world.

b) In Locke's opinion, God gave mankind sense organs and a power of reason in order to discover such knowledge (including moral knowledge) as we need to have, thus rendering innate ideas quite unnecessary.

d) He believed that innate ideas hindered the development of critical thinking.

c) He thought that innate ideas were essential for understanding complex concepts.

(viii) How did Enlightenment thinkers contribute to the spread of knowledge and ideas during this period? Select.

a) Through the establishment of secret societies

b) Through the publication of encyclopedias and journals

c) Through religious sermons

d) Through political rallies

(ix) Recall the speaker who laments thus in Paradise Lost Book IV: "Which way I fly is Hell; myself am Hell".

a) Adam

b) Satan

c) Eve

d) Mephistophilis

(x) What does the poet compare the village to in the opening lines? Choose the correct option.

a) A bustling city

b) A blooming garden

c) A deserted graveyard

d) A calm haven

(xi) In "Essay Concerning Human Understanding," cite what does Locke argue about the origin of human knowledge.

a) It is innate

b) It comes from sensory experience

c) It is a product of divine revelation

d) It is a result of introspection

(xii) The Enlightenment influenced revolutionary thought by \_\_\_\_\_. Cite the correct option.

a) Encouraging the poor to take up arms

b) Stressing the importance of the monarchy

c) Designing a common revolutionary strategy

d) Instilling a belief in the natural rights of man.

(xiii) Recall the full title of the novel Moll Flanders.

a) The Fortunes and Misfortunes of Moll Flanders, A Lady of Pleasure

b) The Adventures of Moll Flanders

c) Moll Flanders: A Rogue's Tale

d) Moll Flanders: The Tale of a Thief

(xiv) Which of the following is cause of the "hell within him" mentioned with reference to Satan in Book IV? Cite the correct option.

a) The doubts and the rage inflaming his heart which accompanies him forever

b) The space he has been cast down to from which he can't escape

c) God's ire which follows him around everywhere

d) The humiliation of his failure that he can't help but be reminded of

(xv) Interpret how does Locke's epistemology relate to the concept of empiricism.

- a) Locke's epistemology emphasizes the role of reason over experience.
- c) Locke's epistemology asserts that all knowledge is derived from sensory experience.

- b) Locke's epistemology is not related to empiricism.
- d) Locke's epistemology is opposed to the empirical method.

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 3 x 5=15

**Group-B**  
 (Short Answer Type Questions)

- 2. Observe the central argument that Samuel Johnson makes in his "Preface to Shakespeare" regarding the portrayal of human nature in Shakespeare's plays. (3)
- 3. Indicate the social and economic factors that influence Moll Flanders' choices and actions throughout the novel (3)
- 4. Explain the significance of singing "Auld Lang Syne" at gatherings and celebrations. (3)
- 5. Consider Locke's views on personal identity. How might they impact contemporary discussions about identity and self? (3)
- 6. Why does Dryden consider Charles II's return to be significant in the context of English history? Justify. (3)

**OR**

Compare the village's prosperity in the beginning of the poem 'The Deserted Village' with its desolation in the later stanzas. How do these descriptions demonstrate the impact of socio-economic changes? (3)

**Group-C**  
 (Long Answer Type Questions)

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- 7. Discuss the system of punishment of criminals as you find in Moll Flanders. (5)
- 8. Analyze the chief social and moral themes of Defoe's novel Moll Flanders. (5)
- 9. Observe how does "Auld Lang Syne" continue to hold cultural and emotional significance in contemporary society. (5)
- 10. Assess the reasons for which Satan rejects repentance for his pride and ambition that caused his fall from heaven. (5)
- 11. Critically analyze Goldsmith's portrayal of urbanization and its impact on rural communities in "The Deserted Village". (5)
- 12. Argue if Locke's theory of the mind as a "blank slate" is still relevant in understanding human cognition today. (5)

**OR**

Do you agree with Johnson's assessment that Shakespeare's works should be judged based on their ability to evoke emotions? Debate. (5)

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