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- [vii] The description of Bundi, in the short story 'Fritz' bore traces of old Rajputana except for what?
- [a] balconies jutting from the first floor
  - [b] electric poles
  - [c] carved wooden doors
  - [d] cobbled streets
- [viii] In the poem 'Dover Beach' what does the world seem to be?
- [a] like a land of dreams
  - [b] a confused world
  - [c] darkling place
  - [d] like a battle field.
- [ix] Which of the following statement is not true in the poem John Brown?
- [a] a cannon ball blew his eyes away.
  - [b] John Brown had lost his sense of hearing.
  - [c] John Brown's hands were blown off.
  - [d] John Brown had got a lot of medals.
- [x] In the poem 'The Dolphins' what does the dolphin mean by 'we have found no truth in these waters'?
- [a] the waters were not clear
  - [b] the dolphin was seeking a truthful answer.
  - [c] A man had captured them through trickery.
  - [d] the pool lacks the expanse or environment of the natural sea.

### Question: 2

Complete the following sentences by providing a reason for each in brief:

[10]

[Do not write the question]

- [i] In Act 3 scene 2 of the Tempest Caliban instructs Stephano and Trinculo to burn Prospero's brave utensils because \_\_\_\_\_
- [ii] In Act 4 of the Tempest Prospero organizes a masque because \_\_\_\_\_
- [iii] In Act 5 of the Tempest Prospero calls Caliban 'the thing of darkness' because \_\_\_\_\_
- [iv] Miranda's remarks of 'goodly creatures' and 'brave new world that has such people in it' are ironic because \_\_\_\_\_
- [v] Basil, in the short story 'The Singing Lesson' had called off the engagement because \_\_\_\_\_
- [vi] The narrator's mother in the short story B. Wordsworth was suspicious of B. Wordsworth because \_\_\_\_\_
- [vii] In the short story 'Fritz Shankar became worried about Jayanto because \_\_\_\_\_
- [viii] We know of the presence of someone else in the poem 'Dover Beach' because \_\_\_\_\_
- [ix] John Brown's mother was excited to receive a letter after many months because \_\_\_\_\_
- [x] In the poem 'The Dolphins' the 'man' has been emphasized because \_\_\_\_\_



**SECTION – B – 60 MARKS**  
**The Tempest : William Shakespeare**

**Question: 3**

- [i] Narrate how Prospero punished the trio involved in the conspiracy to murder him. Write your answer in a paragraph of about 100-150 words. [5]
- [ii] What examples does Prospero give in Act 5 to show that his art was powerful? What does Prospero decide to do about his art after this? Write your answer in a paragraph of about 100-150 words. [5]
- [iii] [a] What does Ferdinand say about other women he had known and about Miranda. Write your answer in about 200-250 words. [10]
- OR
- [b] Referring closely to Act 4 describe the blessings showered by Ceres, Juno and Iris on Miranda and Ferdinand. What is the significance of these blessings? Write your answer in about 200-250 words. [10]

**ECHOES: PROSE****Question: 4**

- [i] With close reference to Katherine Mansfield's short story 'The Singing Lesson' describe the encounter between Miss Meadows and the Science Mistress. Write your answer in a paragraph of about 100-150 words. [5]
- [ii] What does B. Wordsworth say about poets and their tragedy in V.S. Naipul's short story 'B. Wordsworth'. Write your answers in a short paragraph of about 100-150 words. [5]
- [iii] [a] How does John Galsworthy's short story 'Quality' portray the internal conflict of the Gessler brothers against the external fast changing world? Write your answer in about 200-250 words. [10]
- OR
- [b] Satyajit Ray, in his short story 'Fritz' creates a sense of foreboding which makes the reader anticipate something unusual in the end. Discuss. Write your answer in about 200 – 250 words. [10]

**REVERIE: POEMS****Question: 5**

- [i] How does the boy in Robert Frost's poem 'Birches' swing from birch tree? Write your answer in a short paragraph of about 100-150 words. [5]
- [ii] Why was John Brown's mother feeling proud in the poem 'John Brown'? Write your answer in a short paragraph of about 100-150 words. [5]
- [iii] [a] Karol Ann Duffy's poem 'The Dolphins' is a heart touching tale of victims of speciesism. Discuss. Write your answer in about 200-250 words. [10]
- OR
- [b] Describe the moonlit scene portrayed by the poet at the beginning of the poem 'Dover Beach'. How does the poet introduce the note of melancholy and disturbance? Write your answer in about 200-250 words. [10]