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B.A., Semester-First (NEP)

Examination-2024-2025

ENGLISH

PAPER - Major

(Introduction to English Prose)

[Time : 3 Hrs.]

[Maximum Marks : 75]

Note : The Question paper contains three Section A, B and C. Attempt the question as per instruction given in each Section.

SECTION - A

(3×8=24)

1. Explain with reference to the context any 03 of the following passages of 08 marks each:
 - (a) Some books are to be tasted, others to be swallowed, and some few to be chewed and digested; that is, some books are to be

read only in parts; others to be read, but not curiously; and some few are to be read wholly, and with diligence and attention. Some books also may be read by deputy, and extracts made of them by others; but that would be only in the less important arguments, and the meaner sort of books; else distilled books, are like common distilled waters.

(b) I should not have given the public, or myself, the trouble of this vindication, if my name had not been made use of by several persons, to whom I never lent it; one of which, a few days ago, was pleased to father on me a new set of predictions. But I think these are things too serious to be trifled with..

(c) I do not know how, upon a subject which I began with treating half seriously, I should have fallen upon a recital so eminently painful; but this theme of poor relationship is replete

with so much matter for tragic as well as comic associations, that it is difficult to keep the account distinct without blending.

(d) But the moderns have invented a much subtler and more poisonous kind of eulogy. The modern method is to take the prince or rich man, to give a credible picture of his type of personality, as that he is business-like, or a sportsman, or fond of art, or convivial, or reserved; and then enormously exaggerate the value and importance of these natural qualities.

(e) Even if I respect, as I have done on occasion, that there is some genuine warmth and enthusiasm in the audience, I do not feel any better, but merely think it is a pity that I cannot put an end to the lecturing nonsense, gather these friendly souls round me, and go off for a quiet pipe somewhere. If people are not

interested in me, I feel it is an insult to offer them a lecture; so that, whatever happens, the situation is intolerable.

SECTION - B

(Short Answer Type Questions)

(3×7=21)

2. Write short notes on any 03 of the following topics of 07 marks each:

- (a) Biography
- (b) Diary
- (c) Travelogue
- (d) Descriptive Prose
- (e) Expository Prose

SECTION - C

(Long Answer Type Questions)

(2×15=30)

Note: Answer any 02 of the following questions of 15 marks each:

- 3. Write a note on Joseph Addison's prose style.
- 4. Summarise Newman's ideas on literature.
- 5. Consider The worship of the Wealthy as a delightful satire on modern methods of reporting.
- 6. Discuss J.B.Pristley as an essayist.