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M.A. English 4th Semester
PROSE AND SHORT STORIES

Paper—XIX

Time Allowed—Three Hours] [Maximum Marks—80

Note :—All questions are to be attempted.

PART—A

I. Answer any **SIX** of the following in about **150** words each :—

- (a) What does Bacon mean when he says “Writing maketh an exact man ” ?
- (b) Give a brief summing up of Bacon’s views of riches.
- (c) Is the title “Imperfect Sympathies” appropriate ?
- (d) Why is Dream Children given the sub title ‘A Reverie’ ?
- (e) What according to Russell is the chief function of a teacher ?
- (f) What does Russell mean by the Superior Virtue of the oppressed ?
- (g) Is the governess the heroine or villain in ‘The Turn of the Screw’ ?
- (h) What is “Aspen Papers” based on ? $6 \times 4 = 24$

PART—B

- II. Bacon describes his essays as “counsels civil and moral”. Elaborate on the basis of the essays you have read.

OR

Write an essay on the style of Bacon with particular reference to the aphorisms he uses.

- III. Do you agree with the view that Lamb’s essays are autobiographical in nature ? Give examples from the text to support your answer.

OR

Write an essay on the element of humour and pathos in the works of Charles Lamb.

- IV. Do you agree with the view that man is the basic concern of Russell’s essays ? Discuss with reference to the essays you have read.

OR

Critically analyse the ideas expressed by Russell in the essays “Ideas that have Helped Mankind” and “Ideas that have Harmed Mankind”.

- V. What are the themes and ideas expressed by James in “The Turn of the Screw” ?

OR

Do you agree with Leon Edel’s comment that in “The Aspern Papers”, “The story moves with the rhythmic pace and tension of a mystery story; and the double climax ... gives this tale ...high drama ?

14×4=56