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Name of the Paper : English Discipline

Name of the Course : B.A. Programme

Semester : IV

Duration : 3 Hours

Maximum Marks : 75

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Attempt All questions.

Section A

1. (a) Read the passage given below and answer the questions that follow :

And when at Night-Our good Day done-

I guard My Master's Head-

'Tis better than the Eider Duck's

Deep Pillow-to have shared-

- (i) Identify the lines and name the poet. 2
- (ii) Explain the second line of the given passage with reference to the context. 3
- (iii) Explain the imagery used in this poem. 5

Or

(b) Critically examine the themes of Thomas Hardy's *Neutral Tones*. 10

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2. (a) Read the passage given below and answer the questions that follow :

How, when the aged are reverently, passionately waiting
 For the miraculous birth, there always must be
 Children who did not specially want it to happen, skating
 On a pond at the edge of the wood:

- (i) Identify the lines and name the poet. 2
 (ii) Explain the significance of 'the miraculous birth' in the second line. 3
 (iii) What is suggested by the contrasting responses to 'the miraculous birth'. 5

Or

- (b) Critically comment on the religious imagery of Sylvia Plath's *The Moon and the Yew Tree*. 10

3. Write a short note on either of the following :

- (a) Nancy and Bill Sykes in *Oliver Twist*.

Or

- (b) Phat Diem in *The Quiet American*. 10

Section B

4. (a) Discuss *My Last Duchess* as an example of a well constructed dramatic monologue.

Or

- (b) '*Preludes* paints a picture of the breakdown of society'. Discuss with relevant examples from the text. 15

5. (a) Comment on the portrayal of childhood in *Oliver Twist*.

Or

(b) Discuss the character of Sikes as a typical criminal in *Oliver Twist*. 15

6. (a) Compare and contrast the characters of Pyle and Fowler in *The Quiet American*.

Or

(b) Phuong is less of a character and more of an object in *The Quiet American*
Discuss. 15