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Name of the Paper : **The Individual and Society**

Name of the Course : **B. Com. (Hons.) English**

Semester : **III**

Duration : **3 Hours**

Maximum Marks : **75**

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Answer all the questions in English only. Failure to do so shall result in the script not being evaluated. Attempt *all* questions exercising the available internal choice. Respect word limits where specified.

1. Attempt any *three* :

3×10=30

Read the passage and answer the questions that follow :

(a) Untouchability was so rampant that while it was considered all right to touch dogs and cats or cows and buffaloes, if one happened to touch a chuhra, one got contaminated or polluted :

(i) Identify the essay and the author.

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(ii) What kind of contamination is being referred to in this line ?

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(iii) Critically comment on the above lines.

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(b) You may write me down in history

With your bitter, twisted lies,

You may trod me in the very dirt

But still, like dust, I'll rise

(i) Identify the poem and the poet. 2

(ii) Who is the poet addressing as 'you' in the above lines ? 2

(iii) Comment critically on the phrase "bitter, twisted lies". 6

(c) General, man is very useful

He can fly and he can kill

But he has one defect :

He can think.

(i) Identify the poem and the poet. 2

(ii) What does the poet mean by the phrase "He can think" ? 2

(iii) Do you think man has only "one defect" ? 6

(d) In America, they lynch them for less than this, she thought. 'This isn't America', he said.

'I can see you are an American. In this country there are only men and women.

You'll learn about it'.

(1) Identify the story and its writer. 2

- (2) What does the man say or do that makes the girl think that he could be lynched in America ? 2
- (3) Critically comment on the character of the young man. 6
2. Answer *one* of the following questions in about **750** words : 15
- (a) Contrast the characters of Dukhi and Chikhuri from the story 'Deliverance' by Premchand.

*Or*

- (b) Bring out the similarities between Owen's description of the soldiers and Sassoon's in *Dulce et Deorum est* and *Return from Somme* respectively.
3. Answer *one* of the following questions in about **750** words : 15
- (a) What does Virginia Woolf mean by saying that the hypothetical Shakespeare's sister "lives in you and me" ? Critically comment on the final section of the essay.

*Or*

- (b) Does the story 'The Exercise Book' advocate equal educational opportunities for men and women ? Discuss with reference to the text.

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4. Answer any *three* of the following in about **250** words each :

5×3=15

- (a) Kallu's love for Salima Bi.
- (b) Write a character sketch of Uma's husband in "The Exercise Book".
- (c) The parents of the protagonist in the story "Jump" by Nadine Gordimer.
- (d) *Chutney Koshimbir*
- (e) The Urn in Ambai's *Yellow Fish*.