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2012

**ELECTIVE ENGLISH (General)**

**First Paper**

Full Marks : 50

Time : Two Hours

*The figures in the margin indicate full marks.*

1. Write an essay on any *one* of the following : 25

- (a) Obstacles to Social Change in India.
- (b) Literature and Life.
- (c) Hazards of Living in a Modern City.
- (d) Changing Status of Women in India.
- (e) Cinema and Society.
- (f) Information Revolution—Computer and Internet.
- (g) Ragging—a crime to society.

2. Make a précis of the following and add a suitable title for it : 15

Democracy is not only a form of government but a way of life most suited to the civilised people. Democracy is the government of the people, by the people and for the

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people. It has been said : "Vox populi, vox dei" (the voice of the people is the voice of God). Governments in democracies are run by the representatives of the people. The system of election as followed in democratic countries is a means to arrive at a decision by the majority. Democracy functions through discussions, debate and decision by the majority. In a democratic government, opposition plays an important part to keep the government alert, conscious and active. Another important component of democratic state is the press or media. Its role is to criticise the policies and programmes of the government so that the government does not diverge from the path and correct approaches to the problems and issues. The function of a democratic state is to ensure the welfare of the people. Now-a-days most of the governments follow socialistic pattern in a democratic set-up. Democracy ensures freedom, tolerance and equality to all.

3. Punctuate the passage given below and correct the spelling mistakes and compositional errors, if any. . 10

Aamir Khan's tv debut's detail are under wraps but we ve learnt what he plans to have on his show a few days ago he was spotted in kerela, and before that in Sangam near srinagar according to the source he'll visit jaipur Delhi Gujrat and kolkata

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**Group - A**

Answer any *two* of the following : 13×2=26

1. How far has Shakespeare unlocked his heart in his sonnets ? Answer with reference to the sonnets that you have studied.
2. Attempt a critical appreciation of 'The Anniversarie'.
3. Discuss Wordsworth as a poet of nature with reference to his Lucy poems.
4. Give an estimate of Shelley as a lyric poet with reference to 'To a Skylark'.

**Group - B**

Answer any *three* of the following : 3×3=9

1. "Increasing store with loss and loss with store". Bring out the underlying idea.

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2. "Haply I think on thee". In what situation does the speaker 'haply' think on 'thee'? What is the result of the thought ?

3. "Or snorted we in the seven sleepers den ?" Bring out the significance of the allusion.

4. "Who is so safe as wee ?"—Why is the speaker so confident ?

5. Why does the poet cry, "If Lucy should be dead !" ?

6. Why does the poet say, "Make me thy lyre, even as the forest is" ?

**Group - C**

1. Critically appreciate the following verse excerpt :

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No longer mourn for me, when I am dead  
Then you shall hear the surly sullen bell  
Give warning to the world that I am fled  
From this vile world, with vilest worms to dwell :

Nay, if you read this line, remember not  
The hand that writ it ; for I love you so

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That I in your sweet thoughts would be forgot,  
If thinking on me should make you woe.

Or, if (I say) you look upon this verse  
When I (perhaps) compounded am with clay,  
Do not so much as my poor name rehearse ;  
But let your love even with my life decay  
Lest the wise world should look into you moan.  
And mock you with me after I am gone.

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Third Paper

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**Group - A**

Answer any *one* of the following : 12×1=12

1. Discuss Lamb as a romantic essayist with reference to the essays on your syllabus.
2. Lamb is called 'a visualiser of memories'. Examine the remark with reference to the prescribed essays.
3. Attempt a critical appreciation of 'Dream Children : A Reverie'.

**Group - B**

Answer any *two* of the following : 12×2=24

1. Do you consider that the title of 'A Dream of Winter' is ironical ? Argue your answer.
2. Comment on Virginia Woolf's use of interior monologue in her short story, "The Duchess and the Jeweller".

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3. How far does Plomer's "Ever Such a Nice Boy" fulfil the criteria of a short story ? Substantiate your answer.

4. Analyse the character of Flejg. How he overcome his fears ?

**Group - C**

Answer the questions given below :  $7 \times 2 = 14$

1. Briefly explain the meaning of the hackneyed epigram 'Le Style C'est l'homme'.

*Or,*

Do you support Symonds view that the abstract thinker differs from the concrete thinker in his choice of terms ? Argue your answer.

2. Why, according to Clutton-Brock, do men value art for its own sake ?

*Or,*

Discuss Clutton-Brock's view of 'rhythm' in 'What is Art'.

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