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First Year B.A/B.Sc. Degree Examination, January 2021

Part I : English

Paper I – PROSE

Time : 3 Hours Max. Marks : 100

I. Annotate **any four** of the following:

1. One portion of land is the same to him as the next, for he is a stranger who comes in the night and takes from the land whatever he needs.

2. I am not enamoured of death, though I do not think it frightens me.

3. At present they don't mind, they demand more comfort, but are indifferent to civic beauty; indeed they have no taste.

4. That is why, as you see, I do not wear even mourning....

5. Almost overnight the social taboo against women of good families working for money was swept aside.

6. Let us, on this anniversary, hail that proclamation and commitment.

(4 × 5 = 20 Marks)

II. Answer the following each in **two or three** sentences:

1. Why does Tagore ask his listeners to forgive him?

2. What happens to time in prison?

3. How has teaching changed in the last hundred years?

4. What should pupils learn if democracy is to survive?

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5. Which are the places where we require the spirit of tolerance?

6. Why is it a blessing to die young?

7. What were the two unnerving sights Weidman saw?

8. What did Manu do to women, according to Indira Gandhi?

9. What is the similarity between films and advertising?

10. What is Alvin Toffler's fear about organized religion?

(10 × 2 = 20 Marks)

III. Answer **any four** of the following, each in about **80** words:

1. What are the major differences between the attitudes of the white men and the red men towards mother earth?

2. What does Tagore remember about his stay at Brindisi during his 1878 visit to Europe?

3. What does Russell say about organized party spirit?

4. What was Gardiner's experience in the railway carriage?

5. Camus' views on art.

6. How, according to Shashi Tharoor, does the notion of 'family' extend to friends and neighbours in Kerala?

(4 × 5 = 20 Marks)

IV. Answer **any two** of the following each in about **three** pages:

1. Examine Nehru's thoughts on time as experienced in prison.

2. Evaluate Russell's view that teachers are the agents of civilization.

3. How does A G Gardiner show that there are limitations to individual liberty?

4. Analyse K R Narayanan's evaluation of the progress India has made in fifty years.

(2 × 15 = 30 Marks)

V. (A) Use appropriate synonyms for the words and phrases in italics:

1. Contaminate your bed, and one night you will *suffocate* in your own waste.

2. Why is it that Europe with all her power of mind is *racked* with unrest?

3. The old *exuberance* is much less now, the almost uncontrollable impulses have toned down, and passion and feeling are more in check.

4. The function of the teacher, however, is not to *mitigate* the heat of current controversies.

5. For what it will most need is the negative virtues: not being *huffy*, touchy, irritable, revengeful.

(5 × 1 = 5 Marks)

(B) Insert suitable articles and prepositions wherever necessary:

Even white man, whose God walks and talks him as friend, cannot be exempt common destiny.

(1 × 5 = 5 Marks)
