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(An Anthology of Prose & Verse) (Old Course)

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[Total Marks : 70

- 1 Answer any two of the following questions : 14
- (1) What common features do Venus and Earth share ?
 - (2) What were the trials and tribulations that Vivekananda faced in America ?
 - (3) What are the different lessons the Ganga has learned from different aspects of nature ? Give examples.
 - (4) How is the poet affected by the song of the solitary reaper ? What impact does it have on him ?
- 2 Answer the following questions in brief : (any four) 14
- (1) What was the 'highland lass' doing when the speaker saw her ?
 - (2) Who tried to stop the game of dice, and with what result ?
 - (3) What were the objects that Yudhisthira and Duryodhana first staked ?
 - (4) Why does the Ganga claim to be 'The great dissolver of men' ?
 - (5) What is the Ganga for children ?
 - (6) What were the points about the new culture that struck Vivekananda on his arrival in America ?
 - (7) What features of Mars ensures it remains a dry world ?

- 3 Write short notes : (any two) 14
- (1) Vivekananda's speech as 'A tongue of Flame'.
 - (2) Character sketch of King Dhritarashtra.
 - (3) Difference between stars and planets.
 - (4) Appropriateness of the title 'The Solitary Reaper'.

- 4 Reshape the given story. 14
- Destiny**

During a momentous battle, a Japanese general decided to attack even though his army was greatly outnumbered. He was confident they would win, but his men were filled with doubt. On the way to the battle, they stopped at a religious shrine. After praying with the men, the general took out a coin and said, "I shall now toss this coin. If it is heads, we shall win. If tails, we shall lose. Destiny will now reveal itself."

He threw the coin into the air and all watched intently as it landed. It was heads. All were overjoyed. They fought with confidence and became victorious. After the battle, a lieutenant remarked to the general, "No one can change destiny." The general replied, "Quite right". And, he showed the coin to the lieutenant, which had heads on both sides.

- 5 (a) Read the following passage and answer the questions given below : 7

The fact that every one is selfish may mean that selfishness is natural, but it does not follow that it is needful. The every evils it creates should be enough to make us realize, it is not in the interest of the individual or of his society. In fact, the man who is completely self centered has to be kept away from his fellowmen in institutions provided for the purpose. We have not yet found a wave of dealing with completely self centered nations. Is it possible for ordinary man, consistently to prefer others to himself to live to make the other fellow great? To be genuinely more concerned with the welfare of people than with profits ?

To consider seriously and intelligently the needs and feelings of other classes, races and nations well as his own. Can men live above differences of party, class, race, point of view and national advantage ? If the

answer is 'yes' a new world society and philosophy uniting all men, can be constructed.

Questions :

- (1) Is selfishness needful ?
- (2) How can a new world society be constructed ?
- (3) How should the society deal with completely self-centered individuals ?
- (4) Have we found a way to deal with completely self-centered nations ?
- (5) How can we realize that selfishness is not in the interest of the individual ?
- (6) Is selfishness natural ?
- (7) Suggest a suitable title.

- (b) In many modern countries it has for some time been fashionable to think that, by free education for all – whether rich or poor, clever or stupid – one can solve all the problems of society and build a perfect nation. But we can see that free education for all is not enough. We find in such countries a far larger number of people with university degrees than there are jobs for them to fill. Because of their degrees, they refuse to do what they think “low” work; and, in fact work done with hands is thought to be dirty and shameful in such countries. 7

Questions :

- (1) What is fashionable in many countries ?
- (2) Is free education enough to build a perfect nation ?
- (3) What problems are faced with countries giving free education ?
- (4) Why do many unemployed refuse to work ?
- (5) Which work is thought to be dirty ?
- (6) In which type of countries there are fare larger number of people with university degrees without jobs ?
- (7) Suggest a suitable title to the passage.