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Degree (Part -I) Examination, 2023

(Vocational)

ENGLISH

| Paper : First |

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Time : Three Hours]

[Maximum Marks : 100

Note : Candidates are required to give their answers in their own words as far as practicable. The figure in the margin indicate full marks. Attempt all questions.

1. Explain the following lines with reference to the context :

[8×3=24]

~~(a)~~ The winged seeds, where they lie cold and low,
Each like a corpse within its grave, until
Thine azure sister of the spring shall blow. 8

OR

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(1)

[P.T.O.]

And the stately ships go on

To their haven under the hill;

But O for the touch of a vanished hand,

And the sound of a voice that is still.

(b)

My heart aches, and a drowsy numbness pains.

My sense, as though of hemlock I had drunk. ⑤

OR

Why do men then now not reck his rod?

Generations have trod, have trod, have trod.

(c)

Drink deep, or taste not the Pierian spring;

There shallow draughts intoxicate the brain. -6

OR

And every object that might make me fear

Misfortune to my ventures, out of doubt

Would make me sad.

2.

Answer the following questions :

[20×3=60]

- (a) Summarise the theme of the poem 'Love' by George Herbert.

OR

Write a critical appreciation of the poem 'Ode to a Nightingale' by John Keats.

- (b) Summarise the leading ideas of 'Life's Philosophy'.

OR

What is the moral lesson of E. M. Forster's 'India Agan'?

- (c) How does Portia save Antonio? Illustrate.

OR

What are the three main plots of The Merchant of Venice by W. Shakespeare.

3. Write a precis of the following passage : [16×1=16]

It is very easy to acquire bad habits, such as eating too many sweets or too much food, or drinking too much

fluid of any kind, or smoking. The more we do a thing, the more we tend to like doing it ; and if we do not continue to do it, we feel unhappy. This is called the force of habit and the force of habit should be fought against.

Things which may be very good when only done from time to time, tend to become harmful when done too often and too much. This applies even to such good things as work or rest. Some people form a habit of working too much, and others of idling too much. The wise man always remembers that this is true about himself, and checks any bad habit. He says to himself, "I am now becoming idle", and then adds "I will get myself out of this bad habit at once."

One of the most widely spread of bad habits is the use of tobacco. Tobacco is now smoked or chewed by men, often by women almost all over the world. It was brought into Europe from America by Sir Walter Raleigh, four centuries ago, and has thence spread everywhere.

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