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Paper E-107 : English Essay and Short Story

Time : 3 hours

Total Marks : 70

Part A (Short Answer)

1. Write short notes on any TWO of the following:

5 x 2 = 10

- Baconian style of writing
- Importance of characterization in short stories
- Narrative point of view
- Jeeves

Part B (Essays)

Note: Answer all the following questions:

15 x 4 = 60

- Attempt a modern interpretation of the essay "Of Studies" by Francis Bacon in the light of modern epistemology.
 - or
 - comment on the major contributions by Richard Steel and Thomas Addison in the evolution process of essay into full-fledged modern forms of the genre.
- Appreciate Charles Lamb's choice of vocabulary in creating wit and humor with reference to his "Poor Relations".
 - or
 - "One of the wise and awful truths which this brown-paper art reveals, is this, that white is a color. It is not a mere absence of color; it is a shining and affirmative thing, as fierce as red, as definite as black" Explore the philosophical implication of this quote with reference to "A Piece of Chalk" by Chesterton.
- Analyze the ways in which class consciousness is presented through Rosemary Fell in the story "A Cup of Tea".
 - or
 - Analyze the reasons for Little Chandler's discontentment with life after meeting his friend Ignatius Gallaher in "A Little Cloud".
- How is the conflict between traditional and modern ways of living in the colonial Nigeria depicted in "Marriage is a Private Affair"?
 - or
 - "If you are content with your fate, you automatically save yourself from much grief" - comment on the realization of Tamwir Fathima about this philosophy of life in "The Sound of Falling Leaves".