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M. A. Ist Semester Examination

ENGLISH LITERATURE
Paper IV : Prose

Time 3 Hours]

[Max. Marks : Regular 85 / Private 100

Note : This question paper is meant for all Regular and Private students. Answer all five questions. All questions carry equal marks. The blind candidates will be given 60 minutes extra time.

1. Annotate any two of the following passages :
 - (a) When there is ill will there is a desire to dominate which arouses jealousy, anger, passion, all of which in our relationship creates constant conflict from which we try to escape and this produces further chaos, further misery.
 - (b) Cleverness is a certain knack or aptitude at doing certain things which depend more on a particular adroitness and off-hand readings, than on force or prescience such as making puns, making epigrams, making extempore verses mimicking the company, mimicking a style, etc.
 - (c) That which is past is gone, and irrevocable; and wise men have enough to do with things present and to come; therefore they do but trifle with themselves, that labour in past matters.
 - (d) His clever thinking led him to see that hard and extreme words lead no where unless they are followed by action appropriate to the language.
2. Trace the fusion of personal and national history in Nehru's Autobiography with reference to Chapter IV.

OR

Do you think "My Story" by Kamla Das fulfills all the qualities of an autobiography ? Substantiate from the fourth chapter of the book. <https://www.davvonline.com>

3. Write an essay on Bacon's prose style as revealed in his essays.

OR

Comment on Plato's political and social views as revealed in the part of the "The Republic" that you have read.

4. How according to J. Krishnamurti ideas come into being, how action springs from ideas and how ideas control action ?

OR

Summarize the views of Lala Hardayal on "Intellectual Culture".

5. Evaluate Russell as a humanist substantiating from the essay you have read.

OR

What according to Hazkutt is the "Ignorance of the Learned" ?