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(General)

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*The figures in the margin indicate full marks
for the questions*

UNIT—I

(Short Stories)

1. Answer any one of the following : 10

- (a) What is Behrman's masterpiece?
How did the masterpiece of Behrman
save the life of Johnsy? 4+6=10

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(Turn Over)

(b) "He (O. Henry) tried to highlight the uncommon and gave his stories an ingenious twist of a surprise ending." Discuss how far this is true in the short story, *The Last Leaf*. 10

2. Answer any one of the following : 10

(a) Comment on the character of the storyteller in *Under the Banyan Tree*. 10

(b) Describe how Nambi kept the villagers of Somal enthralled by his stories. What happened to him at the end of the story? 6+4=10

3. Answer any one of the following : 10

(a) Write a note on the element of humour in the story, *An Indian in China*.

(b) "I managed to get this permission because of two unlikely events...." What are those two unlikely events that enabled Mr. Seth to obtain his travel pass to visit Lhasa?

4. Answer any *three* of the following : $2 \times 3 = 6$

- (a) What type of person is Behrman?
- (b) Describe in brief the friendship between Johnsy and Sue.
- (c) Present a brief description of the village of Somal.
- (d) Why is Nambi an important part of the village of Somal?
- (e) Describe Seth's experience inside the local police station at Turfan.
- (f) Describe in brief the episode of Seth's buying the 'pipe' in the market.

5. Give very short answers to any *four* of the following : $1 \times 4 = 4$

- (a) Where did Sue hail from?
- (b) What is the first short story collection of O. Henry?

- (c) Where did Nambi conduct his story-telling sessions?
- (d) How long did each story of Nambi take to be narrated?
- (e) Who are the Uighers of China?
- (f) Who is the hero of the film, *Awara*?

UNIT—II

(Prose)

6. Answer any *one* of the following : 10

- (a) Describe in your words Verrier Elwin's journey from Bomdi La to Dirang.
- (b) What opinion does Verrier Elwin hold on the tribes of NEFA in his essay, *A Pilgrimage to Tawang*?

7. Answer any *one* of the following : 10

- (a) Summarise Orwell's views on Gandhian doctrines.

(b) "... British officials who spoke of him with a mixture of amusement and disapproval also genuinely liked and admired him." Discuss the qualities Orwell admired in Gandhi.

8. Answer any *one* of the following : 10

(a) What is Ptolemy's model of the universe? How is it different from Copernican theory of the universe?

5+5=10

(b) Discuss how the scientific ideas about the universe have evolved from the time of Aristotle to Albert Einstein as described in the essay, *Our Picture of the Universe*.

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9. Answer any *three* of the following : $2 \times 3 = 6$

(a) "This was sometimes a real embarrassment especially when offered early in the morning..." What was this real embarrassment for Verrier Elwin?

(b) What is the *Thutotdam* dance?

- (c) Why did Gandhi object to 'passive resistance' as the correct translation of the word *Satyagraha*?
- (d) What are the strict disciplines Gandhi imposed on himself?
- (e) What was the belief of the old lady regarding the shape and position of the world?
- (f) What did Galileo discover in the night sky with his telescope? What conclusion did his discoveries lead him to?

10. Give very brief answers to any *four* of the following :

1×4=4

- (a) What is the title of Verrier Elwin's autobiography?
- (b) Who is the author of *Gandhi and Stalin*?
- (c) Who is Hitler?

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- (d) "India caught my imagination and transported me to another hemisphere." Whose words are these?
- (e) Which country did Nicolaus Copernicus belong to?
- (f) Who wrote *On the Heavens*?
