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(General)

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for the questions*

UNIT—I

(Short Stories)

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

(a) "O. Henry's *The Last Leaf* is a
story of sympathy and sacrifice."

Elaborate. 10

(b) Describe in your own words the intimacy between the two struggling artists Sue and Johnsy. How did Sue take care of an ailing Johnsy?

4+6=10

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

(a) Describe how Nambi narrated his enthralling stories to the villagers of Somal. 10

(b) Narrate how Nambi faltered in his story-telling sessions and finally realized that his talent had dried up. How did he conclude his last story-telling session? 5+5=10

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

(a) What is the attitude of general Chinese people towards foreigners as described in *An Indian in China* ?

(b) How did the theme song of the film, *Awara* help Mr. Seth to obtain the official stamp of approval on his travel papers to visit Lhasa?

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

(a) How has the writer personified pneumonia in the short story, *The Last Leaf*?

(b) Why did Behrman smell of juniper berries?

(c) How did Nambi collect his food and cloth after he stopped telling stories to the villagers of Somal?

(d) What type of life did Nambi lead in the village of Somal?

(e) How does the Chinese officialdom treat foreigners?

(f) Who, according to Mr. Seth, are the only people to obtain official permission to travel to Lhasa and how?

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

(a) The leaves of which plant did Johnsy count lying in bed?

(b) What is the real name of O. Henry?

- (c) Who is Mari in the story, *Under the Banyan Tree*?
- (d) What is Mempi in the story, *Under the Banyan Tree*?
- (e) What does the Chinese word *Waiguoren* mean?
- (f) From which book of Vikram Seth is the story, *An Indian in China* taken?

UNIT—II

(Prose)

6. Answer any one of the following : 10

- (a) Give a detailed description of Verrier Elwin's journey from Dirang to Tawang in your own words.
- (b) Describe Verrier Elwin's experience at Tawang.

7. Answer any one of the following : 10

- (a) Why does Orwell feel that Gandhi's pacifism cannot successfully be applied to international politics?

(b) "... but regarded simply as a politician, and compared with the other leading political figures of our time, how clean a smell he has managed to leave behind!" Elaborate on this view of Orwell on Gandhi as articulated in *Reflections on Gandhi*.

8. Answer any one of the following : 10

(a) "Today scientists describe the universe in two basic partial theories." What are these two basic partial theories and how do they describe the universe? 2+8=10

(b) Discuss Hawking's evaluation of attitudinal differences to the structure of the universe before and after the twentieth century. 10

9. Answer any three of the following : 2×3=6

(a) What are the two occasions when Tawang came into world news?

(b) Give a brief description of the welcome the author received at the approach to Dirang in *A Pilgrimage to Tawang*.

- (c) Why does Orwell feel that there cannot be a leader like Gandhi in Russia?
- (d) What is Gandhi's view on close friendship?
- (e) How is the general relativity theory an extension of the gravitational theory of Newton?
- (f) What did Hubble's observations suggest?

10. Answer any *four* of the following : $1 \times 4 = 4$

- (a) What is the full form of NEFA?
- (b) Who was the political officer accompanying Verrier Elwin as his escort in *A Pilgrimage to Tawang*?
- (c) "Written in short lengths for newspaper serialization, the autobiography is not a literary masterpiece." Name the autobiography Orwell refers to here.

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- (d) In which journal was Orwell's essay, *Reflections on Gandhi* first published?
- (e) Who is the author of the book, *On the Revolutions of the Heavenly Spheres*?
- (f) Who has founded the theory of relativity?
