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English

MODERN LITERATURE — I

(For those who joined in July 2016 and afterwards)

Time : Three hours

Maximum : 75 marks

PART A — (10 × 1 = 10 marks)

Answer ALL questions.

Choose the correct answer :

1. Where are the 29 travellers headed?
- (a) Jerusalem
(b) Golgotha
(c) The Mt of Olives
(d) Shrine of St Thomas Becket

2. 'Prothalamion' was written in honour of Lady Katherine and Lady _____.

(a) Elizabeth (b) Victoria
(c) Nancy (d) Dorothy

3. In lines 4 and 6 of "I Find no Peace, the contrast with escape is _____.

(a) heaven (b) life
(c) death (d) prison

4. Survey wrote "Hast Thou Accursed Me" while inside London's notorious _____ prison.

(a) Fleet (b) Bastile
(c) Fleat (d) Float

5. *The Book of Esther* is also known in _____ as "The Scroll".

(a) English (b) Hebrew
(c) Latin (d) Greek

6. Prosperity, according to Bacon, sows the seeds of _____.

(a) vice (b) virtue
(c) chastity (d) faithfulness



7. Faustus is a scholar at _____.
 (a) Paris (b) Wittenberg
 (c) Bern (d) Cologne
8. _____ killed Don Andréa.
 (a) Horatio (b) Alexandro
 (c) Balthazar (d) Viceroy
9. In whose house is the play *The Alchemist* set?
 (a) Subtle's (b) Mammon's
 (c) Face's (d) Lovewit's
10. Askew is Lacy's _____.
 (a) cousin (b) brother
 (c) father (d) uncle

PART B — (5 × 5 = 25 marks)

Answer ALL questions, choosing either (a) or (b).

Each answer should not exceed 250 words.

11. (a) What plan does the host propose to the pilgrims and how do they respond?
 Or
 (b) Comment on Spenser's description of the River Thames in 'Prothalamion'.

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12. (a) How far is "I Find no Peace" a sonnet?

Or

- (b) Analyse the theme of the poem "London, Hast Thou Accursed Me".

13. (a) What is Bacon's attitude to truth?

Or

- (b) What qualities make Mordecai heroic and noble?

14. (a) Comment on Marlowe's use of chorus in *Dr. Faustus*.

Or

- (b) Describe the character of Bell Imperia.

15. (a) Justify the title of the play *The Alchemist*.

Or

- (b) Describe the circumstances that led Lacy to secretly marry Rose.

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PART C — (5 × 8 = 40 marks)

Answer ALL questions, choosing either (a) or (b).

Each answer should not exceed 600 words.

16. (a) "The Wife of Bath is Chaucer's most completely drawn character" — Elucidate.

Or

- (b) Consider "Prothalamion" as a spousal verse.

17. (a) How does Wyatt express his despair with diametrically opposed concepts in "I Find no Peace"?

Or

- (b) Attempt a critique of the poem "London, Hast Thou Accursed Me".

18. (a) "Essays of Bacon constitute a handbook of practical wisdom" — Discuss.

Or

- (b) Examine the character traits of Esther.

19. (a) Discuss the morality element in *Dr. Faustus*.

Or

- (b) Consider *The Spanish Tragedy* as a revenge tragedy.

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20. (a) Examine the theme of lust and greed as developed in *The Alchemist*.

Or

- (b) Discuss Thomas Dekker's portrayal of Simmon Eyre in *The Shoemaker's Holiday*.
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