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Second Semester

English — Core

BRITISH NON-FICTION

(For those who joined in July 2021 onwards)

Time : Three hours

Maximum : 75 marks

PART A — (10 × 1 = 10 marks)

Answer ALL questions.

Choose the correct answer :

1. Jonah spends _____ days in the belly of a large fish.
(a) two (b) three
(c) four (d) five
2. Turks, according to Bacon, were cruel towards _____
(a) animals (b) birds
(c) insects (d) people

3. In *A Modest Proposal* Jonathan Swift suggests that children should be sold _____.
(a) at birth (b) at one year
(c) at two years (d) at four years
4. In "Omens" a _____ is always seeing apparitions and hearing death-watches.
(a) mother (b) maiden aunt
(c) maiden sister (d) cousin
5. In "My Relations," _____ are Lamb's cousins.
(a) James Lamb and Browne
(b) James Elia and Bright
(c) James Elia and Bridget
(d) James Lamb and Bridget
6. Hazlitt refers to _____ as his old friend in "On going a journey".
(a) Coleridge (b) Carlyle
(c) Charles Lamb (d) Charles
7. "Literature and science" was a lecture delivered by Arnold during his visit to _____.
(a) Italy (b) America
(c) Germany (d) France

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8. ———, is one of the five great intellectual professions mentioned in Ruskin's "The Root of Honour".

- (a) Soldiers (b) Teachers
(c) Engineers (d) Politicians

9. A tramp, according to Orwell, walks about ——— kilometers a day.

- (a) ten (b) twenty
(c) thirty (d) forty

10. The income of one hundred thousand persons in England, according to Huxley, exceeds two thousand pounds ———

- (a) a day (b) a week
(c) a month (d) a year

PART B — (5 × 5 = 25 marks)

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

Each answer should not exceed 250 words.

11. (a) Describe the circumstances that led the sailors to throw Jonah overboard.

Or

(b) How does Bacon consider the value of 'Goodness' in "Of goodness and goodness of nature"?

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12. (a) What, according to Swift, are the advantages of selling Irish babies in *A Modest Proposal*?

Or

(b) Bring out the bad omens of British people as mentioned in "Omens".

13. (a) How does Lamb describe his father's poor friend in "My relations"?

Or

(b) Trace reasons for Hazlitt's preference for journeying alone.

14. (a) What are John Ruskin's views about master-servant relationship?

Or

(b) How does J.S. Mill justify individual liberty in 'Of the Liberty of Thought and Discussion'?

15. (a) Comment on Orwell's description of tramp in "A day in a life of a tramp".

Or

(b) Bring out Huxley's comments on British newspapers and journals.

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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) Consider Jonah as one of the prophets in the *Old Testament*.

Or

- (b) Discuss Bacon's philosophy about morality as reflected in "Of Goodness and Goodness of Nature".

17. (a) Examine Swift's *A Modest Proposal* as a satire on the elite class of Ireland.

Or

- (b) Analyse the main features of Addison's prose style.

18. (a) Bring out humour and pathos in Lamb's "My relations".

Or

- (b) Discuss Leigh Hunt's views on Heaven as expressed in "An Earth upon Heaven".

19. (a) Elaborate John Ruskin's criticism on economic thinkers in *The Roots of Honour*.

Or

- (b) Analyse J.S. Mill's arguments against censorship.

20. (a) Discuss Orwell's portrayal of tramps in "A Day in a Life of Tramp".

Or

- (b) Bring out Huxley's satirical portrayal of snobbery of the English people in "English snobbery".

