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FYUG Even Semester Exam., 2025

ENGLISH

(4th Semester)

Course No. : ENGDSM-251/252

(Essays and Short Stories)

Full Marks : 70

Pass Marks : 28

Time : 3 hours

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

UNIT—I

- 1.** Answer any *two* from the following questions : 2×2=4
- (a) Name four English essayists.
- (b) Name four types of prose writing.
- (c) Define biography.
- 2.** Answer any *one* from the following questions : 10
- (a) Elaborately discuss the features of prose writing.
- (b) Discuss the various elements of short story.

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UNIT—II

3. Answer any two from the following questions : $2 \times 2 = 4$

- (a) What does Bacon mean by 'revenge' as a kind of wild justice?
- (b) What are the two central ideas about revenge that Bacon has?
- (c) Why does Lamb warn against lending books in the essay, *The Two Races of Men*?

4. Answer any one from the following questions : 10

- (a) Discuss the central idea of Sir Francis Bacon's essay, *Of Revenge*.
- (b) Discuss Charles Lamb as an essayist with reference to his essay, *The Two Races of Men*.

UNIT—III

5. Answer any two from the following questions : $2 \times 2 = 4$

- (a) What did Du Bois actually fight for in *Strivings of the Negro People*?

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- (b) Mention two features of a good leader as found in the essay, *'Who is a Good Leader?'*.
- (c) Who, according to Bagchi, are good listeners?

6. Answer any one from the following questions : 10

- (a) Discuss the concept of 'double consciousness' with reference to W. E. B. Du Bois' *Strivings of the Negro People*. Discuss the major issues treated by W. E. B. Du Bois in his essay, *Strivings of the Negro People*.
- (b) What is the message of Subroto Bagchi to the young professionals with reference to his essay, *'Who is a Good Leader?'*.

UNIT—IV

7. Answer any two from the following questions : $2 \times 2 = 4$

- (a) Who is the Kabuliwala?
- (b) What does the Kabuliwala show Mini's father after he returns from jail?
- (c) How does Govind Singh receive his pension in the story, *Gateman's Gift*?

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8. Answer any *one* from the following questions : 10

- (a) Attempt a character sketch of the Kabuliwala.
- (b) Analyze the thematic concerns present in R. K. Narayan's *Gateman's Gift*.

UNIT—V

9. Answer any *two* from the following questions : 2×2=4

- (a) Why does Soapy want to get arrested?
- (b) What was the imp's aim in stealing the bread in *The Imp and the Peasant's Bread*?
- (c) What advice did the imp give to the peasant?

10. Answer any *one* from the following questions : 10

- (a) Sketch the character of Soapy in O. Henry's *The Cop and the Anthem*.
- (b) Give your own understanding of Leo Tolstoy's story, *The Imp and the Peasant's Bread*.

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