

Seat No. : _____

FA-97
March-2007
English (F.S.)
Paper-II

Time : 3 Hours]

[Max. Marks : 70

- Instructions :** (1) Attempt **all** questions.
(2) **All** questions carry equal marks.
(3) Mention your options clearly.

1. (a) Raja Rao's 'Kanthapura' is a history of social and political awakening in India during the Gandhian era. Discuss.

OR

- (b) Draw a character sketch of Moorthy.

OR

- (c) Write short notes on any **two** of the following :

- (i) Bhatta.
(ii) Ratna
(iii) Humour and irony in 'Kanthapura'.

2. (a) Portia saves the day and is hence both the hero and heroine of the play. Discuss.

OR

- (b) Discuss 'The Merchant of Venice' as a tragi-comedy.

OR

- (c) Write short notes on any **two** of the following :

- (i) A pound of flesh.
(ii) Portia's ring.
(iii) The caskets.

3. (a) "The central theme of 'The Post Office' is love". Discuss.

OR

- (b) Draw a character sketch of Amal.

OR

- (c) Write short notes on any **two** of the following :

- (i) 'The Post Office as a dramatic allegory'.
(ii) Madhav.
(iii) The King's physician.

4. Write short notes on any **two** of the following :

- (i) 'The truth about the floods'
- (ii) Miss Pushpa T.S.
- (iii) 'Two Old Men'
- (iv) The Guru
- (v) Alexis

5. Answer any **five** of the following :

- (i) What was the real story of Uncle Jules ?
 - (ii) How did Princess September receive her name ?
 - (iii) In spite of his hatred for her, why does the husband praise his wife in 'The Couple' ?
 - (iv) What are the difficulties faced by the railway clerk ?
 - (v) How does Boris die ?
 - (vi) What was the truth of Mrs.Packletide's tiger ?
 - (vii) Why did George refuse to marry Elizabeth's daughter Winnie in 'When the Roses Bloom Again' ?
 - (viii) What personal experiences does the poet discuss in 'Background Casually' ?
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