







# ENGLISH ELECTIVE / LITERATURE SSC-I

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Time allowed: 2:40 Hours

Total Marks Sections B and C: 60

NOTE: Answer any nine parts from Section 'B' and any three questions from Section 'C' on the separately provided answer book. Use supplementary answer sheet i.e. Sheet-B if required. Write your answers neatly and legibly.

## SECTION – B (Marks 36)

Q. 2 Answer any NINE parts. The answer to each part should not exceed 40 to 50 words. (9 x 4 = 36)

- (i) According to legend, what were the magical powers of the music of Orpheus?
- (ii) With what three short-lived things is human life compared by Herrick?
- (iii) Why did the Earth seem a desert to Lamb when he revisited the haunts of his childhood?
- (iv) What period of his life is meant by 'The Golden Age' and why does Wordsworth give it this name?
- (v) How can 'The Count's Revenge' be called a melodrama?
- (vi) Describe the scene when the count of Monte Cristo discloses his identity to Morcerf.
- (vii) How did Fernand Mondego succeed in marrying Mercedes?
- (viii) Who is Albert and what is his importance in 'The Count's Revenge'?
- (ix) Describe the prisoner's appearance when he met Pip for the first time. How did he treat Pip in the Churchyard?
- (x) Why was Pip frightened when he saw uncle Pumblechook feeling sick, after he had drunk brandy?
- (xi) What is apprentice? How does a person become an apprentice?
- (xii) Who was Herbert Pocket? What kind of work did Herbert do?
- (xiii) Why was Provis happy even after he had been arrested?

## SECTION – C (Marks 24)

Note: Attempt any THREE questions. All questions carry equal marks.

(3 x 8 = 24)

Q. 3 Explain with reference to the context any ONE of the following stanzas in 75-100 words:

- a. Orpheus with his lute made trees,  
And the mountain tops that freeze,  
Bow themselves, when he did sing:  
To his music plants and flowers  
Ever Sprung; as sun and showers  
There had made a lasting spring.
- b. O blithe new-comer! I have heard,  
I hear thee and rejoice:  
O Cuckoo! Shall I call thee Bird,  
Or but a wandering Voice?

Q. 4 Explain Lamb's wishes in 'The Old Familiar Faces'. Why does he wish so?

Q. 5 Describe the character of the Count of Monte Cristo.

Q. 6 Pip's life had been a life of hardships and struggle. Explain.