



ENGLISH 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) Why did earth seem a desert to Lamb when he revisited the haunts of his childhood?
 - (ii) Describe the scene in which the first meeting between Pip and the prisoner took place.
 - (iii) Give the reasons for Pip's unhappiness.
 - (iv) Biddy did not think Pip should become a gentleman. What reasons did she give?
 - (v) What were Pip's feelings towards his sister when she died?
 - (vi) What message does the writer want to convey through the play 'The Count's Revenge'?
 - (vii) Explain briefly the line, "An eye for an eye, a tooth for a tooth" with reference to the count's Revenge.
 - (viii) How is Count of Monte Cristo finally avenged? Write briefly.
 - (ix) Attempt briefly to explain why men were attracted to sea-faring in the days of sail, in spite of the hardships and dangers of life with reference to the poem, "Sea-Fever".
 - (x) What period of his life is meant by "The Golden Age"? Why does Wordsworth give it this name?
 - (xi) With what three short lived things is human life compared? (Refer to the poem 'Daffodils')
 - (xii) Why did Orlick want to kill Pip?
 - (xiii) Briefly explain the custom of duelling.

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. O blessed Bird! the earth we pace
Again appears to be
An unsubstantial, fairy place,
That is fit home for Thee!
- b. We have short time to stay, as you,
We have as short spring;
As quick a growth to meet decay,
As you, or anything.

Q. 4 Give the character sketch of Pip.

Q. 5 Why does the Count of Monte Cristo sign his will before the duel?

Q. 6 Do you imagine Wordsworth's childhood to have been happy or unhappy? Give reasons for your answer.