



Biyani Girls College
Department of Social Science
Model Test Paper
Class : BA SEM - II
Subject : English literature
Paper : Prose and fiction

Time Allowed: 3 Hours

Maximum Marks: 120

Q1. Write the reference to context of any two- (5*2=10)

1. Studies serve for delight, for ornament, and for ability. Their chief use for delight is in privateness and retiring; for ornament, is in discourse; and for ability, is in the judgment and disposition of business. For expert men can execute, and perhaps judge of particulars, one by one; but the general counsels, and the plots and marshalling of affairs, come best from those that are learned
2. I despatched my dinner as soon as I could, with my usual taciturnity; when, to my utter confusion, the lady seeing me quitting my knife and fork, and laying them across one another upon my plate, desired me that I would humour her so far as to take them out of that figure and place them side by side.
3. Some people say it is a very easy thing to get up of a cold morning. You have only, they tell you, to take the resolution; and the thing is done. This may be very true; just as a boy at school has only to take a flogging, and the thing is over. But we have not at all made up our minds upon it; and we find it a very pleasant exercise to discuss the matter, candidly, before we get up. This at least is not idling, though it may be lying
4. Out through that window, three years ago to a day, her husband and her two young brothers went off for their day's shooting. They never came back. In crossing the moor to their favorite snipe-shooting³ ground they were all three engulfed in a treacherous piece of bog. It had been that dreadful wet summer, you know, and places that were safe in other years gave way suddenly without warning.



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Q2. Answer any four of the following- (5*4=20)

1. How does the astrologer create an impression of wisdom ?
2. What is the meaning behind title third thoughts?
3. What is H.Belloccs attitude towards modern educational reform.
4. What are the benefits of reading according to bacon.

Q3. LONG QUESTIONS -

(10*3=30)

1. Write the prose appreciation of “on studies” by Bacon.

Or

Analyze the character of narrator in Third thoughts by EV LUCAS. What qualities help him turn the situation to his advantage.

2. "In his essay 'Popular Superstitions,' Joseph Addison explores the irrational fears and beliefs that people hold, particularly those rooted in folklore, omens, and ghost stories. How does Addison use satire, irony, and rational argument to critique these superstitions.

Or

Discuss Belloc’s views on the purpose of education and his concerns about state interference in educational matters.

3. Discuss the character of the astrologer in ‘an astrologers day’.

Or

In what ways does ‘Getting Up on Cold Mornings’ reflect broader themes of procrastination, comfort, and resistance to routine. Discuss these themes in detail. How might these themes still resonate with modern readers?

- 4, Discuss the theme of class distinction and illusion in “A Cup of Tea.”

Or

Discuss the theme of fate and irony in “An Astrologer’s Day.”