







# ENGLISH ELECTIVE / LITERATURE SSC-II

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

- (i) Why does the beauty of the Wild Swans at Coole evoke nostalgia in Yeats?
- (ii) Who were "Saracens"? Explain with reference to the poem, "The War Song of the Saracens" by James Flecker.
- (iii) Although the little dancers seem grave, they are perfectly happy. Comment with reference to Binyon's "The Little Dancers."
- (iv) On what grounds does A. E. Housman counsel the young man not to waste the day time in sleep? Explain with reference to the poem, "Reveille."
- (v) Why is coal still the chief source of power in most countries of the world?
- (vi) Explain the purpose of an air brake.
- (vii) What is blubber? Where does it come from?
- (viii) State the importance of transatlantic wireless technology.
- (ix) Discuss the Ptolemaic theory as opposed to the one presented by Copernicus.
- (x) Who was Eddie? How did he die?
- (xi) Why, according to Professor Corrie, can't women be great artists or scientists?
- (xii) What price does Professor Corrie name in return for his bomb? With what price Mrs. Meldon counter him?
- (xiii) What is a sovereign? Why did Tom give Eddie a sovereign?

## 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 70 – 100 words:**

- a. Till last by Philip's farm I flow  
To join the brimming river,  
For men may come and men may go,  
But I go on for ever.
- b. They shall grow not old, as we that are left grow old:  
Age shall not weary them nor the years condemn.  
At the going down of the sun and in the morning  
We will remember them.

- Q. 4** What is meant by inoculation? Discuss Edward Jenner's contribution in wiping out small pox off the world.
- Q. 5** Henry Corrie says, "The weapons of war must be made immeasurably more horrible and devastating than they now are." Do you agree with him?
- Q. 6** With reference to the poem, "Snake", discuss the conflicting emotions of D.H. Lawrence on encountering the snake near the water - trough.