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**VIDYASAGAR UNIVERSITY**

**Question Paper**

**B.A. General Examinations 2021**

(Under CBCS Pattern)

**Semester - V**

**Subject: ENGLISH**

**Paper : DSE 1A/2A-T**

**Full Marks : 60**

**Time : 3 Hours**

*Candidates are required to give their answers in their own words as far as practicable.*

*The figures in the margin indicate full marks.*

Attempt *any one* of the following options

[Option : A]

**British Literature**

**Group-A**

Attempt any **four** of the following questions :

12×4=48

1. Discuss *As You Like It* as a romantic comedy.
2. Examine the role of Jacques in the play *As You Like It*.
3. Bring out the significance of the title of *As You Like It*.

4. Critically examine the character of Rosalind in *As You Like It*.
5. Evaluate the theme of death in the poem “Ah, Are you Digging on my Grave”.
6. Consider Hardy’s poem “Ah, Are You Digging on My Grave” as a ballad.
7. Discuss the circumstances that lead to Lynd’s reading of Epictetus.
8. Critically examine Lynd’s quest for instant wisdom.

### **Group-B**

Answer any *six* of the following:

2×6=12

1. Mention two locales in *As You Like It*.
  2. How did Adam prove his loyalty towards his master?
  3. What were Oliver’s conspiracies against Orlando?
  4. What were the adopted names of Rosalind and Celia?
  5. What is the message of the poem “Ah, Are you Digging on My Grave”?
  6. Why did the dog dig the grave?
  7. Give two instances of hyperbole in the poem “Ah, Are you Digging on My Grave”.
  8. Who was Socrates and what did he promote?
  9. Why is Pliny the Elder famous?
  10. Who was Solomon? Mention the context in which Lynd refers to Solomon.
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*Or,*

**Option - B**

**Indian Literature in Translation**

**Group-A**

Attempt any *four* of the following :

12×4=48

1. Critically evaluate Rabindranath Tagore's "The Wife's Letter" as a modern short story.
2. Consider "The Wife's Letter" as an account of a woman's protest against an orthodox, patriarchal society.
3. Comment on Tendulkar's use of irony and satire in *Silence! The Court is in Session*.
4. 'Benare is more sinned against than sinning'. Do you agree? Justify.
5. Write a short note on Tendulkar's use of monologues in *Silence! The Court is in Session*.
6. 'Social customs, after all, are of supreme importance.' Examine the significance of this remark with special reference to Vijay Tendulkar's play *Silence! The Court is in Session*.
7. Justify the appropriateness of title of Mahasweta Devi's "Draupadi".
8. Mahasweta Devi's "Draupadi" is a narrative of resistance. Elucidate.

**Group-B**

Attempt any *six* of the following :

2×6=12

1. In what form is the story "The Wife's Letter" written?
2. To whom does the wife write the letter and from where?
3. Where is Mrinal's parental home situated?
4. What verdict does Kashikar give in Benare's case?
5. What are the charges against Miss Benare?

6. What does Pongshe learn from his meeting with Miss Benare?
  7. What form of theatre does Tendulkar use in *Silence! The Court is in Session*?
  8. Who betrayed Dopdi Mejhen in “Draupadi”?
  9. Name the operation in which Dopdi was arrested.
  10. Who was Dopdi’s husband?
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