

2022

ENGLISH

(B.A. Fourth Semester-End Examination-2022)

PAPER-GE4T

Full Marks: 60

Time: 03 Hrs

The figures in the right hand margin indicate marks.

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

Illustrate the answers wherever necessary.

**1. Attempt any two of the following questions taking one
from each group: **2×10=20****

Group-A

- i) Write a note on the significance of the title of the novella *The Old Man and the Sea*.
- ii) Critically analyse the character of Shylock in the play *The Merchant of Venice*.

Group-B

- iii) Critically comment on the fruits of friendship as you find in Bacon's "Of Friendship".
- iv) Write a note on G.B. Shaw's idea of freedom as reflected in "Freedom".

2. Attempt any four of the following questions. **4×5 = 20**

- i) Comment on the relationship between the old man and the boy.

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- ii) What do the sharks symbolise in *Old Man and the Sea*?
- iii) Comment on Santiago's dream of the lions on the sea beach.
- iv) Why does G.B. Shaw think that 'We are slaves to necessities'?
- v) What is man's natural slavery to another man as we find in G.B. Shaw's "Freedom"?
- vi) Write a short note on the portrayal of the character of Portia in *The Merchant of Venice*.
- vii) Discuss the relationship between Antonio and Bassanio. What does their friendship reveal about their characters?
- viii) What, according to Shaw, is the necessity of making friends?

Group -C

3. Attempt any ten of the following questions. 10x2 = 20

- i) How is the old man described in the beginning of the novella?
- ii) What does the fish Marlin symbolise in *The Old Man and the Sea*?
- iii) Why does Santiago treat the fish as human being?
- iv) What happened at the end of the novella *The Old Man and the Sea*?

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- v) Why is the word 'Salao' used while describing Santiago in the opening page of *The Old Man and the Sea*.
- vi) What is Fabian Society? In which way was G.B. Shaw associated with it?
- vii) What according to G.B. Shaw, is the additional heavy slavery that the wives must undertake?
- viii) Why does G.B. Shaw think that Trade Union's strike is not the correct method to claim right?
- ix) Why does Bassanio need money?
- x) What was the contract signed between Antonio and Shylock?
- xi) Why did Portia want Bassanio to delay in his selection?
- xii) Who was Jessica? Whom did she elope with?
- xiii) Who did choose the gold casket? What was inscribed on it?
- xiv) 'For a crowd is not company'.— Who does Bacon mean by this statement?
- xv) What does Bacon mean by employing the latin phrase 'Cor ne edito' in "Of Friendship"?

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