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Estd - 1964
Boko, Kamrup

ENGLISH

(Honours Elective)

Paper : ENG-HE-5016

(Popular Literature)

Full Marks : 80

Time : 3 hours

The figures in the margin indicate full marks for the questions

1. Answer the following questions : 1×10=10

   (a) Whom does Harry meet during his first visit to the Leaky Cauldron?

   (b) What is the nationality of Hercule Poirot?

   (c) Who forgot to deliver Ambedkar's letter to his father telling him of their plan to visit?

   Or

   (For Visually Challenged Students)

   When did Ambedkar write his autobiographical sketches compiled in *Autobiographical Notes*?

(d) What is the White Rabbit's catch phrase?

(e) Before his death, what did Mr. Ackroyd tell Flora about Mr. Poirot?

(f) What game does Alice play in *Alice in Wonderland* ?

(g) While hiding in the classroom, Harry notices a large mirror. What is the mirror called?

(h) Who first noticed Mr. Ackroyd's death?

(i) How old was Harry when he found out that he was a wizard?

(j) How does Alice get into Wonderland?

2. Answer the following questions : 2×5=10

(a) Who is Ralph Paton? Why is he suspected of murdering Roger Ackroyd?

(b) How does Alice shrink and grow?

(c) Why did Ambedkar have to wait at Kamathi Baug public garden?

Or

(For Visually Challenged Students)

Why did the children remain in the Railway Station at Masur?

(d) Why don't the Dursleys tell Harry about his parents?

(e) What did Alice see on standing up from the pile of dry leaves?

3. Answer any *four* of the following questions : 5×4=20

(a) Discuss the role of the Queen of Hearts in *Alice in Wonderland.*

(b) Following Rowling, discuss Harry Potter's initiation into the magical world.

(c) Critically comment on the role of Caroline in the novel, *The Murder of Roger Ackroyd.*

(d) How does the death of his parents influence Harry's character and the decisions that he makes over the course of the book?

(e) Critically comment on the title of *Alice in Wonderland.*

(f) Comment critically on the title of the graphic novel, *Bhimayana : Experiences of Untouchability.*

Or

(For Visually Challenged Students)

Comment on any one instance describing the discrimination faced by Ambedkar as discussed in *Bhimayana : Experiences of Untouchability.*

4. Answer any *four* of the following questions : 10×4=40

(a) What is Popular Literature? Discuss *Alice in Wonderland* as popular literature.

(b) Discuss the role of fate and destiny in Harry's life in *Harry Potter and the Philosopher's Stone.*

(c) Comment critically on the use of the first-person narrative in *The Murder of Roger Ackroyd.*

(d) Discuss the significance of Dumbledore's relationship with Harry.

(e) Evaluate Poirot's techniques and strategies of investigation in *The Murder of Roger Ackroyd.*

(f) Critically comment on Alice's growth in Wonderland, focussing on the key events that shape her personality.

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(g) What is Mahad Satyagraha? How did Ambedkar observe the second Mahad Satyagraha in *Bhimayana : Experiences of Untouchability?* Discuss what they did during the Satyagraha.

Or

(For Visually Challenged Students)

Discuss how Ambedkar's *Auto-biographical Notes* reflects upon caste-based oppression and marginalization.

(h) Examine how the coming-of-age theme is explored in *Alice in Wonderland* and *Harry Potter and the Philosopher's Stone,* taking into account the differing contexts of the two texts.

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