

AH -1406 CV-19  
M.A. (Previous)  
Term End Examination, 2019-20  
**ENGLISH**  
**Paper-III**  
**Reading in Prose**

Time : Three Hours]

[Maximum Marks : 100  
[Minimum Pass Marks : 36

Note : Answer **all** questions. The figures in the right hand margin indicate marks.

1. Explain the following passages with reference to the context :- 5x4=20
  - (a) A man that is young in years may be old in hours, if he have lost no time but that happen rarely, generally, youth is like the first cogitations, not so wise as the second. For there is youth in thoughts, as well as in ages.  
**Or**  
Certainly virtue is like precious odours, most fragrant when they are increased or crushed : for prosperity doth best discover vice, but adversity doth best discover virtue.
  - (b) The greatest fools in practice are sometimes the wisest men in theory, for they have all the advantage of their own experience and self reflection to prompt them; and they can give the best advice to others, though they do not conceive themselves bound to follow it in their own instance.  
**Or**  
Then I told what a tall, upright graceful person their great – grand mothers field one was; and how in the youth she was esteemed the best dancer – here Alice's little right foot played an involuntary movement, till upon my looking grave, it desisted- the best dancer, I was saying in the country, till a cruel disease, called a cancer came, and bowed her down with pain : but it could never bend her good spirits, or make them stoop, but they were still upright, because she was so good and religious.
  - (c) The book consists of everything that you see around you – the rocks and mountains and valleys and rivers and Seas and Volcanoes. This book is always open before us but few of us pay any attention to it or try to read it. It we learnt how to read it and understand it, how many interesting stories it could tell us.  
**Or**  
Faith its degeneration when alone bigotry Fanaticism Sectarianism Narrowing finite therefore can't get to the infinite. Sometimes gain in intensity but loses in extensity and in bigots and fanatics become worship of his own pride and vanity.
  - (d) My parents were widely regarded as an ideal couple. My mother lineage was the more distinguished, one of her fore bears having been bestowed the title of Bahadur by the British. I was one of many children – a short boy with rather undistinguished looks born to tall and handsome parents.  
**Or**  
Religion as it is generally understood, is opposed to the spirit of science. The method of science is Empirical while that of religion is dogmatic. Science does not rely on authority but appeals to communicable evidence that any trained mind can evaluate. science does not admit any barriers
  - (e) What I must do is all that concerns me, not what the people think. This rule, equally arduous in actual and in intellectual life, may serve for the whole distinction between greatness and meanness. It is the harder, because you will always find those who think they know what is your duty better than you know it.  
**Or**  
How does it become a man to behave toward this American government today? I answer that he cannot without disgrace be associated with it. I cannot for an instant recognize that political organization as my government which is the slave's government also.
2. Evaluate Bacon's Essay "Of youth and age". 16  
**Or**  
Write a summary of John Ruskin's "A Vindication of the Rights of women".
3. Write a critical summary of Essay "Common Sense" written by Hazlitt. 16  
**Or**  
Write a critical summary of "essay Dream Children" written by Charles Lamb.
4. Explain the beauty and wisdom revealed in Nehru's letters to his daughter 16  
**Or**  
What are the views of Swami Vivekanand on faith and love.
5. What are the views of Dr. Kalam on God and Religion. 16  
**Or**  
Thematically analyse Radha Krishnan's "Recovery of Faith".
6. In "Self Reliance" there is a perfect blend of transcendentalism and practical realities of life? 16  
**Or**  
Discuss the thoughts presented in the Essay "Civil Disobedience".