

**ENGLISH**

Selections from English Literature

Note : Answer **two** of the following questions. Choice within the question is mentioned. **One** question from Section-A and **one** from Section-B is compulsory All questions carry equal marks.

1. What are the strengths and weaknesses of P. B. Shelley as a poet based on his poems 'Ode to West Wind' and 'Ode to Skylark'.
2. What was Eugene O'Neill's significance as a playwright.

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3. Do you agree that Thoreau's importance lies as a philosophical writer ? Discuss.
4. Summarise Kiran Desai's 'The Inheritance of a Loss'.
5. Attempt an estimate of A. P. J. Abdul Kalam as a writer.

Section-B

6. Write a detailed note on the development of thought in Shelley's 'Ode to West Wind'.
7. How do symbols function within the 'Hairy Ape' ? Why do you think O'Neill chose to use such heavy symbolism in the text ? How do they work thematically ?
8. Write a critical appreciation of Thoreau's 'Solitude'.
9. Discuss the salient features of writings of Kiran Desai.
10. "Kalam's 'Wings of Fire' is not only an autobiography and detailed account of turning points, rather it is a journey through challenges." Do you agree ? Discuss.