

18. (a) Summarize 'Half a Rupee Worth' by R. K. Narayan.

Or

- (b) Elaborate was Rakesh's family happy about their son's return from the U.S.

19. (a) Summarize *The Time Machine* by H.G. Wells.

Or

- (b) Give a detailed overview of *Treasure Island*.

20. (a) Discuss the moral of *A Tale of Two Cities*, and how are the two cities significant.

Or

- (b) Discuss the role of coincidence in the novel *Mayor of Castorbridge*.
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ANSE 2

(For candidates admitted from 2002–2003 onwards)

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Part III — English — Major

FICTION

Time : Three hours

Maximum : 100 marks

SECTION A — (10 × 2 = 20)

Answer ALL the following questions in a sentence or two each.

1. What were the two special qualities of Gessler's shoes?
2. Why was Bellchambers' disappearance so shocking in "The Robe of Peace"?
3. What is the moral of the story Mabel?
4. What is the moral of the story a nice cup of tea?
5. How much money did the poor man have 'half a rupee worth'?
6. Why is the title of the story devoted son justified?
7. What is the main idea of *Treasure Island*?

8. What did the time traveler do to fend off the Morlocks?
9. Why was Darnay arrested in *A Tale of Two Cities*?
10. What is the most important theme in *Mayor of Casterbridge*?

SECTION B — (5 × 6 = 30)

Answer ALL the questions.

11. (a) Sketch the short summary of 'The Robe of Peace'.

Or

- (b) Explain the themes discussed in 'Quality' by Galsworthy.

12. (a) Write the character sketch of Mabel by William Somerset Maugham.

Or

- (b) Explain the symbolism used in 'A Cup of Tea' by Katherine Mansfield.

13. (a) Write the character sketch of Subbiah in the story half a rupee worth.

Or

- (b) Describe the conflicts in "A Devoted Son."

14. (a) Explain the setting and climax of *Treasure Island*.

Or

- (b) Discuss the transformation of Raju in *The Guide* by R. K. Narayan.

15. (a) Give the meaning of the woodman and the farmer in *A Tale of Two Cities*.

Or

- (b) Discuss the *Mayor of Casterbridge* as a tragic story.

SECTION C — (5 × 10 = 50)

Answer ALL the questions.

16. (a) Summarize 'The Robe of Peace' and its themes.

Or

- (b) Analyze 'Quality' by Galsworthy with reference to its themes.

17. (a) Justify 'women are sometimes stronger than men' in 'Mabel'.

Or

- (b) Give a brief summary of 'A Cup of Tea' by Katherine Mansfield.