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ELECTIVE ENGLISH

Paper : 6·1

(Nature)

Full Marks : 80

Time : 3 hours

*The figures in the margin indicate full marks
for the questions*

SECTION—I

1. Answer the following as directed (any *three*) :

1×3=3

(a) *An Epistle to Burlington* is a tribute poem dedicated to ____.

(Fill in the blank)

(b) Who is the author of the book, *The Environmental Imagination*?

(c) What is the meaning of the Dutch word 'landschap'?

(d) ____ is regarded as a classic of picturesque travel writing.

(Fill in the blank)

2. (a) Write the names of two prominent romantic poems that celebrate nature. 2

Or

- (b) Write the names of two nineteenth century novels having ecocritical orientation. 2

Or

- (c) Write the names of two sub-genres of pastoral literature. 2

3. Answer any *one* of the following : 5

(a) Write a short note on 'Ecocriticism'.

(b) Discuss briefly the concept of landscaping.

(c) Write a short note on Nature in relation to Romanticism.

4. (a) "There is a constant struggle between reason and nature within the confines of a man's body." Discuss. 10

Or

(b) Attempt an essay on the pastoral convention of Europe. 10

SECTION—II

5. Answer the following as directed : 1×7=7

(a) Tennyson's long poem, *In Memoriam* is an _____. (ode/elegy)

(Fill in the blank)

(b) Who gave company to Wordsworth during his second visit to the Wye Valley?

- (c) "He drank enough
And lifted his head,"
Who is the 'He' here?
- (d) Write the name of Dickinson's poem
that speaks of the poet's encounter with
a worm-eating bird.
- (e) Who was the Earl of Burlington?
- (f) Who is the author of *Walden*?
- (g) Which poet is associated with
'sprung rhythm'?

6. Answer the following questions : $2 \times 4 = 8$

- (a) Why does the poet associate the jaguar
with Cain?
- (b) Why does Lawrence feel that he has to
expiate for what he has done to the
snake?
- (c) What does the poet declare in the poem,
Spring?
- (d) Where do the words 'red in tooth and
claw' occur? What do they mean?

7. Answer any *three* of the following : $5 \times 3 = 15$

- (a) Write a short note on the poem,
In Memoriam.
- (b) How does Wordsworth describe the
landscape near Tintern Abbey?
- (c) Why does Blake describe the season of
Autumn as 'new born'?

- (d) Discuss how Thoreau expresses his fascination for Walden in his poem, *The Ponds*.
- (e) How does Darwin show the contradictions of nature in 'Struggle for Existence'?
- (f) Describe how the encaged jaguar defies his captivity.
- (g) How does Dylan Thomas depict his transition from boyhood to maturity in the poem, *Fern Hill*?

8. Answer any *three* of the following : $10 \times 3 = 30$

- (a) Discuss Darwin's idea of the 'struggle for existence' amongst various species.
- (b) Write a critical appreciation of Blake's poem, *To Spring*.
- (c) Discuss Emily Dickinson as a poet in the light of the poems prescribed for you.
- (d) Discuss Lawrence's attitude towards the snake as expressed in the poem, *Snake*.
- (e) Give an account of Pope's description of Timon's villa.
- (f) "Ted Hughes' poetry shows an incisive perception of the world of animals." Discuss his prescribed poems in the light of this remark.

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