

**ENGLISH (ELECTIVE) PAPER-II**

TIME ALLOWED: 2.30 Hours

**SUBJECTIVE**

MAXIMUM MARKS: 80

**NOTE: - Write same question number and its part number in answer book, as given in the question paper.**

**SECTION-I**

2. **Keeping in view the poems “Prayer Before Birth” “Young and Old” and “The Watchers”, answer any SIX of the following short questions:-** **6 × 2 = 12**
- (i) What is the prayer of the still unborn child?
  - (ii) Why does the child wish to be killed before being born?
  - (iii) How does the child yet to be born wish for the company of Nature?
  - (iv) How is optimism shown in the poem “Young and Old”?
  - (v) What is the contrast between Youth and Old age?
  - (vi) Who is the writer of the poem “Young and Old”?
  - (vii) Why could the spirits not decide about the ruler of the world?
  - (viii) How is man able to rule the world?
  - (ix) What is the role of machines in the power of man?
3. **Keeping in view the drama, “The Merchant of Venice”, answer any EIGHT of the following short questions:-** **8 × 2 = 16**
- (i) How was Shylock a greedy person?
  - (ii) How much successful was Portia as a lawyer?
  - (iii) Discuss Jessica as a daughter and as a beloved.
  - (iv) Why did Shylock demand a pond of flesh for money?
  - (v) Draw a brief sketch of Bassanio’s character.
  - (vi) Do you find poetic justice in the play “The Merchant of Venice”?
  - (vii) Elaborate Lorenzo-Jessica episode.
  - (viii) Describe universality in the characters of Shakespeare.
  - (ix) Discuss comic elements in the drama “The Merchant of Venice”.
  - (x) How did Nerissa play her role as a clerk of Portia?
  - (xi) Why was Antonio so sad in the beginning of the play?
  - (xii) How did Portia prove herself a sincere wife?
4. **Keeping in view the novel, “Under the Greenwood Tree”, answer any SIX of the following short questions.** **6 × 2 = 12**
- (i) How has Hardy described the natural scenery of Mellstock?
  - (ii) Was Hardy pessimistic as a novelist?
  - (iii) Discuss the role of Maybold in the novel.
  - (iv) Was Vicar successful in winning Fancy’s heart?
  - (v) Elaborate Fancy’s physical charm as a girl.
  - (vi) Write a note on Dewy family in the novel.
  - (vii) Describe the performance of the Parish Choir.
  - (viii) What was the effect of Fancy’s charm on Dick?
  - (ix) How successfully does Hardy draw rustic characters?

**SECTION-II**

5. Draw a character sketch of Shylock. OR 15  
Critically evaluate the poem “Across the Indus”. OR  
Discuss the character sketch of Dick in your own words.
6. Write an essay of 300-350 words on any one of the following topics: - 15  
(a) Our National Poet (b) Load-shedding (c) Terrorism
7. Write a letter to the editor of a newspaper pointing out negative effects of mobile phones on the students. 10  
OR  
Write a letter to the editor of a newspaper pointing the problem of petrol shortage and its solution.