

2023

**ENGLISH**

(Ability Enhancement Course)

Paper : ENG-AEC-0100402

**(Alternative English-I)**

Full Marks : 30

Time : 1½ hours

1. Answer the following questions : 1x5=5
- a) Fill in the blank :  
Maud Gonne is compared to \_\_\_\_\_ in No Second Troy.
  - b) Choose the correct answer :  
The Palanquin bearers carry the bride  
i) like a flower    ii) like a bird    iii) like a star    iv) All the above
  - c) In which anthology was the poem 'This is a photograph of me' published?
  - d) Who kills the oaks?
  - e) Name the women programme in the radio as referred in Audition.
2. Answer any 5 of the following : 2x5=10
- a) Who was the Helen of Troy eluded in the poem 'No Second Troy'?
  - b) Mention any two major themes of the poem 'No Second Troy'.
  - c) Pick out the words from the poem which describe the movement of the bride.
  - d) Why the bride is referred as 'a pearl on a string'?
  - e) Where did the author drown in the photograph?
  - f) What was the left-hand corner of the photograph?
  - g) Who lived in the house in the poem 'So Many Oaks'?
  - h) What was the greatest ambition of Prafulla?
  - i) Where did the grandmother of the narrator lose his wedding ring?
  - j) What did the narrator pick up at a race meeting?

Answer any 3 of the following :

5x3=15

- a) What is the significance of the title of the poem 'No Second Troy'?

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- b) How does the poet describe the bride in the poem 'The Palanquin Bearer'?
- c) Critically appreciate of the poem 'This is a photograph of me'.
- d) Justify 'Audition' as a short story.
- e) Write a short note on the character of grandmother.
- f) Discussed how did grandmother lose her wedding ring and how did she recollect it?

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