

**2015**

**( October )**

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**MEDIA TECHNOLOGIES**

**( Honours )**

**( English for Communication )**

*Marks : 56*

*Time : 3 hours*

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

Answer Question No. **1** which is compulsory and  
**any four** questions from the remaining

**( Grammar )**

1. (a) Write a précis of the following passage  
with suitable title : 2+5=7

The man who is perpetually hesitating  
which of the two things he will do first,  
will do neither. The man who resolves,  
but allows his resolution to be changed  
by the first counter-suggestions of a  
friend; who fluctuates from opinion to

opinion and veers like a weather-cock to every point of the compass, can never accomplish anything great or useful. Instead of being progressive, he will be at best stationary, and more probably retrograde in all. It is only the man who first consults wisely, then resolves firmly, and then executes his purpose, undismayed by those petty difficulties, can advance to eminence in any line. Take your course wisely, but firmly, and having taken it with heroic resolution, the Alps and the Pyrenees will sink before you.

### ( Poetry )

(b) Answer any one of the following : 3

- (i) What, according to A. K. Ramanujan, is the destruction caused by the flooded river?
- (ii) Why was the duke jealous of the duchess as shown in the poem, *My Last Duchess*?
- (iii) What kind of freedom does Tagore envisage for his country?

### ( Prose )

(c) Attempt any one of the following : 3

- (i) Why is Vanka miserable in his master's house?
- (ii) What difficulties did the author face while removing the statue of Sir Frederick Lawley from its original place to his house?
- (iii) What, do you think, is the main theme of *The Hurled Ashtray*?

### ( Drama )

(d) Answer any one of the following : 3

- (i) Bring out the salient features of Tragedy.
  - (ii) What is a tragic comedy? How does it differ from a pure comedy?
  - (iii) What, do you think, are the distinctive traits of a tragic hero?
2. Bring out the underlying sarcasm present in the poem, *The Unknown Citizen*. 10
  3. Write a critical appreciation of the poem, *Shall I compare thee*. 10
  4. Discuss after Lawrence, the tragedy of the Modern Woman. 10

5. Bring out the irony in Arundhati Roy's prose piece, *War is Peace*. 10
6. Critically analyze the role of fate in a Tragedy with reference to *Oedipus Rex*. 10
7. One of the major roles of a Satire is criticism of society. Do you agree? Give a reasoned answer. 10
8. (a) What is an adverb? Construct four sentences using adverbs and underline them. (1+4)=5
- (b) Construct sentences with the following expressions (any five) :  $1 \times 5 = 5$
- the gift of the gab; ins and outs;  
to play false; a wild-goose chase;  
honeyed tongue; in cold blood;  
to a fault; a stone's throw

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