

Tilak Maharashtra Vidyapeeth, Pune

Bachelor of Arts (B.A.) II year

Third Semester

English Literature

Prescribed Text: The Refugee and Other Stories

The Magic Drum

Home Assignment- I

Q.1: Explain the following sentences giving reference to their context in about 10-12 lines. (Any 2) (05 Marks)

1. “That makes my task so much easier... you see, I work in the king’s court.”
2. The central idea of “A Fair Deal”
3. ‘my old eyes saw things- horrible things- both there and here, that told us that we could never again go to ‘Pindi’.
4. ‘Your Bombay may be a great and grand city, son. But we can never forget our Rawalpindi – those pears and apricots and apples, those grapes and melons and baggoogoshas that you never get in Bombay....’

Q.2: Answer Any Two questions in brief: (05 Marks)

1. What kind of man Veeravara was?
2. In which way K. A. Abbas is describing the story?
3. Describe the character of king Vidyadhar- The Seeds of Truth.
4. What was the tragic storm for all?

Q.3: Write Any Two Short notes of the following: (10 Marks)

1. Compare, write three sentences each about Shiryala, Gunkara.
2. The Central idea of ‘The Magic in the Air’.
3. Effect of the news of partition.
4. Character sketch of ‘Maanji’

Home Assignment- II

Q.1: Write Ant Two Short Notes of the following: **(10 Marks)**

1. Miserliness described in the stories by Sudha Murty.
2. The theme of “The Refugee”
3. Sudha Murty as an excellent story teller.
4. Horrible and dreadful situation at the time of partition.

Q.2: Answer Any Two of the following: **(10 Marks)**

1. What questions were asked to Suryaprabha?
2. Discuss the central idea of ‘Dead Man’s Painting’.
3. Explain ‘The Prize Poem by P. G. Wodehouse’ in detail.
4. Elucidate the theme of the story ‘My Brother, My Brother’ by Norah Bruke.

Home Assignment- III

Q.1: Write Ant Two Short Notes of the following: **(10 Marks)**

1. Explain ‘The Cunning Fruit’ in your own words.
2. Elements of suspense in Will F. Jenkins’s ‘Uneasy Homecoming’.
3. What does the author want to convey through ‘The White Crow’?
4. The significance of ‘The Doll’s House’.

Q.2: Answer Any Two of the following: **(10 Marks)**

1. How is snobbery portrayed in the short story "The Doll's House" by Katherine Mansfield?
2. Write the summary of ‘Jimmy Valentine’.
3. Theme of the ‘The Horse in the Burrow’
4. How does Jimmy Valentine change throughout the story?

Home Assignment- IV

Q.1: Write Ant Two Short Notes of the following:

(10 Marks)

1. Character sketch of Jimmy
2. Theme of the story 'Two Thieves'
3. Character sketch of She Singh
4. Write the summary of 'Emperor of Alakavati'

Q.2: Answer Any Two of the following:

(10 Marks)

1. Discuss Sarat Chandra Chaterjee's 'Drought' in detail.
2. What exactly do you think causes Paul's death? Are any of the other characters in some way responsible for his death?
3. Explain the story 'The Case of the Missing Necklace' in detail.
4. Describe the lamp in 'The Doll's House'.