

Tilak Maharashtra Vidyapeeth, Pune

Bachelor of Arts (B.A.) II year

Fourth Semester

English Literature

Prescribed Text: The Wings of Fire by Dr A.P.J Abdul Kalam

All questions are compulsory.

HOME ASSIGNMENT - I

Q.1: Answer **Any One** of the following:

20 Marks

1. Read any other book written by Dr A.P.J Abdul Kalam.

Write a review in around 50-60 lines with the help of following points:

- a) Style of writing
- b) Plot of the story
- c) Protagonist in the story
- d) Morals in the story

OR

2. 'The trouble with many students, professor Sponder observed, was not necessarily a lack of educational opportunities or industrial infrastructure- the trouble was in their failure to choose their field of study with sufficient care.' Discuss this statement from chapter 3. Do you think it holds true for many students?

Q. 2: Write **Any Two** Short Notes of the following:

10 Marks

- a) Describe the birth place of Dr. Kalam.
- b) Describe the situation at INCOSPAR in the early sixties.
- c) What according to the author, does one need to be a successful team leader?
- d) 'SLVs' and missiles can be called first cousins. Explain.

HOME ASSIGNMENT – II

Q.1: Answer **Any One** of the following:

20 Marks

1. Discuss the significance of Abdul Kalam as a young Muslim boy growing up in a predominantly Hindu town like Rameswaram. What do you think he learnt from this experience?

OR

2. The author's visit to NASA's research centre in USA brought out the stark differences in the working styles of organisations in the USA and India at that time. What were these differences? Discuss this answer. Do these differences still exist? How did the suggestions made by Jay Chandra Babu enable the author to get rid of some of these problems in the RATO project?

Q. 2: Write **Any Two** Short Notes of the following:

10 Marks

- a) A lesson taught by Iyadurai Solomon to the author.
- b) What was the special about the author's interview at INCOSPAR?
- c) Wernher von Braun's achievement
- d) Describe the qualities that Dr Kalam was looking for in the leaders of the missile projects?

HOME ASSIGNMENT - III

Q.1: Answer **Any One** of the following:

10 Marks

1. The author attributes rapid and proactive follow-up as an important managerial tactic. Discuss your views on how this can make a difference.
2. What, in your opinion, is most remarkable in Abdul Kalam's meteoric rise in the field of science in India? Discuss.
3. What were the setbacks in the successful launch of Agni?

Q. 2: Write in brief **Any Two** question of the following:

10 Marks

- a) How does author view technology?
- b) Was the launch of Prithvi smooth? What was the response of the west to launch of Prithvi?
- c) What was the mood in India during the Gulf War of 1991? How did the successful testing of the missiles assuage the situation.
- d) Explain briefly how the GMDP became the Integrated GMDP or IGMDP.