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(NEP—2020)

(3rd Semester)

ENGLISH (MAJOR/MINOR)

(Children's Literature)

Full Marks : 75

Time : 3 hours

The figures in the margin indicate full marks for the questions

(SECTION : A—OBJECTIVE)

(Marks : 10)

Tick (✓) the correct answer in the brackets provided :

1×10=10

1. What themes are commonly explored in contemporary Children's Literature regarding families?

- (a) Abandonment and diverse family structures ()
- (b) Adventures in a fantastical land ()
- (c) Stability of family structure ()
- (d) Evolution of relationships ()

2. Who said the school story is "a thing peculiar to England"?

- (a) Rudyard Kipling ()
- (b) C. S. Lewis ()
- (c) Enid Blyton ()
- (d) George Orwell ()

3. Who has condemned the Mad Hatter to perpetual teatime?
- (a) The Gryphon ()
 - (b) The Knave of Hearts ()
 - (c) Time ()
 - (d) Alice ()
4. Alice attempts to speak to the mouse in
- (a) Latin ()
 - (b) English ()
 - (c) French ()
 - (d) Gibberish ()
5. Enid Blyton's story, *Five on a Treasure Island* was first published in the year
- (a) 1941 ()
 - (b) 1942 ()
 - (c) 1943 ()
 - (d) 1944 ()
6. How are Julian and his siblings related to George?
- (a) She is the daughter of their mother's sister ()
 - (b) She is the daughter of their mother's cousin ()
 - (c) She is the daughter of their father's cousin ()
 - (d) She is the daughter of their father's brother ()
7. How did George warn the others of danger?
- (a) By calling out to them ()
 - (b) By tapping on the wall ()
 - (c) By signing her name Georgina ()
 - (d) By whistling a tune ()
8. Why does the Little Prince decide to leave his planet?
- (a) To escape loneliness ()
 - (b) To learn geography ()
 - (c) To find treasure on other planets ()
 - (d) Because of his quarrel with the rose ()

9. Where does the narrator's plane crash?
- (a) The Amazon forest ()
 - (b) The Sahara desert ()
 - (c) The Gobi desert ()
 - (d) Treasure Island ()
10. What is the fox's secret in the story, *The Little Prince*?
- (a) "Knowledge is power" ()
 - (b) "The stars guide the way" ()
 - (c) "If you tell the truth you don't have to remember anything" ()
 - (d) "It is only with the heart that one can see rightly" ()

(SECTION : B—SHORT ANSWERS)

(Marks : 15)

Answer *five* questions, taking at least *one* from each Unit :

3×5=15

UNIT—I

1. Write a short note on the characteristics of a fable.
2. What was the primary purpose of moral and instructive tales in early Children's Literature?

UNIT—II

3. Why does the opening in *Alice's Adventures in Wonderland* emphasize Alice's boredom and sleepiness?
4. Why was the White Rabbit always in a hurry in *Alice's Adventures in Wonderland* ?

UNIT—III

5. Who is Timmy? What role does he play in Enid Blyton's *Five on a Treasure Island* ?
6. Briefly describe the troubles the children had to undergo to see the contents of the wooden box.

UNIT—IV

7. What is the role of the king the little prince encountered in the first planet?
8. What is the significance of Drawing Number One in *The Little Prince*?

(SECTION : C—DESCRIPTIVE)

(Marks : 50)

Answer *five* questions, taking at least *one* from each Unit :

10×5=50

UNIT—I

1. Elaborate on the elements of fantasy in children's books, giving suitable examples.
2. What are the primary features of children's adventure stories? Provide suitable examples.

UNIT—II

3. Discuss Alice's journey of self-discovery and the challenges to her identity in *Alice's Adventures in Wonderland*.
4. How does Wonderland's social etiquette compare to the real world?

UNIT—III

5. Discuss *Five on a Treasure Island* as an adventure story for children.
6. How are the elements of friendship and teamwork explored in *Five on a Treasure Island*? How do these contribute to the development of the plot?

UNIT—IV

7. What is the significance of the flower in *The Little Prince*? What does it reveal about love and responsibility?
8. Discuss *The Little Prince* as a metaphor of the process of introspection wherein two halves of the same person meet and learn from each other.
