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ENGLISH

Paper : ENGMIN2014A

(Classical Literary Criticism)

Full Marks : 70

Pass Marks : 28

Time : Three hours

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

1. Choose the correct answer of the following :
1×10=10

(a) How many books are there in 'The Republic'?

(i) 5

(ii) 10

(iii) 7

(iv) 9

(b) The soul of tragedy, according to Aristotle, is

(i) Thought

(ii) Character

(iii) Plot

(iv) Spectacle

(c) The term "Sublime" in Longinus' work refers to

(i) Grandeur and elevated style

(ii) Simple and plain language

(iii) Satirical and humorous writing

(iv) Common and everyday language

(d) Sidney Wrote 'An Apology for Poetry' as a reply to Stephen Gosson's

(i) The School for Good and Evil

(ii) The School of Abuse

(iii) The School for Scandal

(iv) None of the above

(e) Sir Philip Sidney says, "Poetry is an art of imitation." He gets this idea from

(i) Horace

(ii) Longinus

(iii) Aristotle

(iv) Plato

(f) What mode of satire is used in "An Essay on Criticism"?

(i) Juvenalian

(ii) Menippean

(iii) Horatian

(iv) Lucianic

(g) What is the primary concern of Pope's "An Essay on Criticism"?

(i) The political climate of the time

(ii) The behaviours of writers and critics in Pope's contemporary age

(iii) The romantic relationships of the author

(iv) The Scientific discoveries of the era

(h) According to Johnson Shakespeare did not violate the rules of the unity of

(i) Time

(ii) Place

(iii) Action

(iv) Stagecraft

(i) Aristotle could not agree with his master Plato on the matter of

(i) imitation

(ii) Plot construction

(iii) Character portrayal

(iv) diction

(j) Longinus divides the sources of sublimity as 'innate' and 'acquired'. The number of innate sources is

(i) Four

(ii) Two

(iii) Three

(iv) One

2. Answer the following questions : **(any five)**
2×5=10

(a) What does Socrates say about justice ?

(b) What profession grows when the citizens of a city are poorly disciplined ?

(c) How does Aristotle define tragedy ?

(d) What, according to Longinus, is sublimity ?

(e) What was Sidney's purpose of writing "An Apology for Poetry" ?

(f) What, according to Sidney, is the nature and function of poetry ?

(g) What is the primary purpose of 'An Essay on Criticism' ?

(h) What does Johnson say about Shakespeare's plays ?

3. Answer the following questions : **(any six)**
5×6=30

(a) What is the main argument in Plato's "Republic Book X" ?

(b) What, according to Aristotle, are the key features of an ideal tragic plot ?

- (c) Define true and false sublime.
- (d) Why does Sidney think that poetry is superior to philosophy and history?
- (e) "A little learning is a dang'rous thing :
Drink deep, or taste not the Pierian
spring"—Explain.
- (f) What are the faults of Shakespeare as
mentioned by Johnson in his "Preface
to Shakespeare"?
- (g) What are the charges levelled by
Stephen Gosson against poetry?
- (h) Briefly discuss Aristotle's concept of
tragic hero.
- (i) How does Johnson defend Shakespeare's
tragi-comedy?

- (c) Make a critical estimate of Pope's "An
Essay on Criticism"?
 - (d) How does Sidney refute the allegations
made against poetry?
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4. Answer the following questions : **(any two)**

10×2=10

- (a) What, according to Aristotle, are the
elements necessary for a successful
tragedy?
- (b) Briefly discuss the important sources
of the sublime.