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National Law University and Judicial Academy, Assam
B.A., LL.B. (Hons.): I-Year, I-Semester (Academic Year: 2019-20)

Mid Semester Examination (September - October, 2019)

Subject Code: 1.1 English - I

Time: **1:15 Hrs.**

Total Marks: **20**

INSTRUCTIONS:

1. Read the questions carefully and answer.
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Answer any two questions from the following. All questions carry equal marks.

1. "Shylock as a comic villain is both farcical and scary. There is an extraordinary energy in Shylock's prose and poetry..." Critically analyse the character of Shylock, the Jew with suitable illustrations from the play, *The Merchant of Venice*.
2. Anna Akhmatova's poem *Requiem* is considered a poem 'cycle' because it is made up of a collection of shorter poems which are not meant to be read in isolation, but together as part of one cohesive longer work. Critically appreciate the *Requiem* as a lyrical cycle of lamentation and despair, portraying the suffering of the common people under Soviet terror.
3. Read the given passage carefully. Write a precis and add a suitable title. The precis should not contain more than a third of the total number of words in the given passage.

WHAT is truth? said jesting Pilate, and would not stay for an answer. Certainly there be, that delight in giddiness, and count it a bondage to fix a belief; affecting free-will in thinking, as well as in acting. And though the sects of philosophers of that kind be gone, yet there remain certain discoursing wits, which are of the same veins, though there be not so much blood in them, as was in those of the ancients. But it is not only the difficulty and labor, which men take in finding out of truth, nor again, that when it is found, it imposed upon men's thoughts, that does bring lies in favor; but a natural, though corrupt love, of the lie itself. One of the later school of the Grecians, examined the matter, and is at a stand, to think what should be in it, that men should love lies; where neither they make for pleasure, as with poets, nor for advantage, as with the merchant; but for the lie's sake. But I cannot tell; this same truth, is a naked, and open day-light, that doth not show the masks, and mummeries, and triumphs, of the world, half so stately and daintily as candle-lights. Truth may perhaps come to the price of a pearl, that shows best by day; but it will not rise to the price of a diamond, or carbuncle, that shows best in varied lights. A mixture of a lie does ever add pleasure. Does any man doubt, that if there were taken out of men's minds, vain opinions, flattering hopes, false valuations, imaginations as one would, and the like, but it would

leave the minds, of a number of men, poor shrunken things, full of melancholy and indisposition, and unpleasing to themselves? (296 words).

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Subject Code: 1.2 History - I

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Answer any two questions from the following. All questions carry equal marks.

1. Examine the historical significance of Kautilya's *Arthashastra* or the two Epics in the context of ancient Indian history. 10 Marks
2. The Ganga Valley in general and the Middle Ganga Plains in particular has been labelled as an 'area of attraction'. To what extent can this be justified for the period starting from the 6th century BC? 10 Marks
3. Write short notes on the following: 10 Marks
 - (a) Asoka's *Dhamma* as a political ideology
 - (b) Asokan Inscriptions as an Archaeological source

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Subject Code: 1.3 Political Science - I

Time: **1:15 Hrs.**

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Answer any two questions from the following. All questions carry equal marks.

1. State, the core subject matter of Political Science, has been evolving passing through various distinctive stages. And some of the peculiar characteristics of the modern state are increasingly striking.

- (a) Elaborate the notable Phases in the evolution of the modern state.
- (b) Discuss the salient Characteristics of the modern nation state.

10 Marks

2. Amongst the hordes of theories about the origin of state, the fundamental points of social contract theory and divine right theory stand diametrical. One of the foremost social contract theorists is undoubtedly Thomas Hobbes, the 17th century English political philosopher, who had theorized about social contract being the basis of the origin of the state. Divine Right Theory, on the contrary, is one distinct theory that underlines the divine origin of the state.

- (a) Delineate the social contract theory of Thomas Hobbes in relation to the origin of the state.
- (b) Discuss how the social contract theory of Thomas Hobbes is a sharp contradiction to the divine right theory of the state.

10 Marks

3. Write Short Notes on the Following:

- (a) Merits and potential Problems of the Modern Nation State
- (b) Nature and prospective Challenges of the Post Modern State

10 Marks

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Subject Code: 1.4 Sociology - I

Time: 1:15 Hrs.

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Answer any two questions from the following. All questions carry equal marks.

1. "Each perspective views society from a different vantage point, asks different questions, and reaches different conclusions."
Compare and contrast the Structural- Functionalist perspective and the Conflict perspectives of Sociology with suitable illustrations.
2. "Neither the life of an individual or the history of a society can be understood without understanding both."
Discuss with suitable illustrations the concept of 'sociological Imagination' in the light of the above statement.
3. Do you think that Freud and Cooley are in basic disagreement on the nature of the self?
Explain your answer with suitable illustrations

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Subject Code: 1.5 Legal Methods and Social Sciences

Research Methodology

Time: 1:15 Hrs.

Total Marks: 20

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Answer any two questions from the following. All questions carry equal marks.

1. Write an essay on "The concept of Justice" in your own words.
2. Discuss in detail the importance and significance of Writs as per relevant provisions of the Constitution of India.
3. Write notes on:
 - (i) Legal Methods
 - (ii) Relation between law and Logic.

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Subject Code: 1.6 Law of Torts and Motor Vehicles Act

Time: **1:15 Hrs.**

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Answer any two questions from the following. All questions carry equal marks.

1. Discuss the general exceptions to the liability in tort.
2. X and Y Co. limited was engaged in hazardous and dangerous activity. Deadly toxic gases leaked as a result of an earthquake, which caused the death of at least one thousand persons in and around the premises of the Company. Discuss the law to be applied for deciding the liability of X and Y company.
3. Discuss the law relating to Remoteness of Damages. What tests do the courts prefer in deciding questions on remoteness of damages?
