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B.A., Sem.-III

MDC-ENG-234 : English (Nature and Culture through Literature)

Time : 2:00 Hours]

[Max. Marks : 50

1. Write short notes on any **two** of the following : 10
 - (1) Bond's generosity towards the untouchable servant.
 - (2) Ruskin Bond's struggle for escape in *Escape from Java*.
 - (3) Impact of trees on Ruskin Bond in the story *Maplewood: An Introduction*
 - (4) Impact of World War II on Ruskin Bond's childhood

2. Write short notes on any **two** of the following : 10
 - (1) Ruskin Bond's loneliness in 'Coming Home to Dehra'.
 - (2) Dream of Ruskin Bond in 'What is Your Dream ?'
 - (3) Mythological stories in *All Creatures Great and Small*.
 - (4) Ruskin Bond's relationship with his grandmother.

3. Write short notes on any **two** of the following : 10
 - (1) Bond's friendship with Bansi - the tonga driver in 'My Last Tonga Ride'
 - (2) Bond's encounter with Biniya
 - (3) Bond's Memories of his father depicted in the story *The Last Tonga Ride*
 - (4) The themes of time, loss and continuity in *As Time Goes By*

4. Write short notes on any **two** of the following : 10
 - (1) Ruskin Bond's concern over deforestation and the loss of natural beauty in *Death of Trees*
 - (2) Ruskin Bond's relationship with Prem Singh in *From Small Beginnings*
 - (3) *Desert Rhapsody* explores the beauty and solitude of the desert, as well as the quiet strength found in companionship. Discuss
 - (4) Food as cultural representation in the story *Desert Rhapsody*

5. Choose the correct option : (Any Ten)

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- (1) Who is the author of '*Our Trees Still Grow in Dehra*' ?
(A) Ruskin Bond (B) Tagore
(C) Premchand (D) Raja Rao
- (2) '*Our Trees Still Grow in Dehra*' is full of _____ elements.
(A) Biographical (B) Autobiographical
(C) Humorous (D) Tragic
- (3) What is the name of the cottage from where Ruskin Bond started his journey of freelance writing ?
(A) Oaktree Cottage (B) Pinewood Cottage
(C) Maplewood Cottage (D) Applewood Cottages
- (4) Which event does Ruskin Bond use as a base for the story '*Escape from Java*' ?
(A) World War I (B) Civil War
(C) Gulf War (D) World War II
- (5) Who gave Ruskin Bond company when his father was admitted in hospital for malaria ?
(A) A Sweeper Boy (B) A School Teacher
(C) A Care Taker (D) None
- (6) For how many rupees did grandfather buy toto the monkey from the tonga owner ?
(A) Five Rupees (B) Six Rupees
(C) Ten Rupees (D) Fifteen Rupees
- (7) Which flowers did Ruskin Bond see from his window in '*Coming Home to Dehra*' ?
(A) Marigold (B) Lotus
(C) Rose (D) Mogra
- (8) Who was Ruskin Bond's favourite tonga driver in '*Last Tonga Ride*' ?
(A) Bansilal (B) Mohanlal
(C) Ratanlal (D) Madanlal
- (9) What did Ruskin Bond hear from the window in the story '*Biniya Passes By*' ?
(A) A girl Singing (B) A dog barking
(C) A bird chiring (D) A boy crying
- (10) Which sweet of Jodhpur did Bhim serve to Ruskin Bond in the '*Desert Rhapsody*' ?
(A) Ghewar (B) Mawa Kachori
(C) Rasmalai (D) Gulab Jambun
- (11) According to the story '*Death of Trees*' how do the trees fall ?
(A) With Happiness (B) With sadness
(C) With dignity (D) With regret
- (12) Which award did Ruskin Bond win in the year 1993 ?
(A) Booker Prize (B) Padma Shri
(C) Padma Vibhushan (D) Sahitya Akademi Award