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Paper Name: Rhetoric, Prosody, Grammar and Comprehension

Paper Code: ENG-DSC-243

Full Marks: 60

Time: Two and Half Hours

(The figures in the margin indicate full marks for the questions)

Answer in English

1. Answer the following questions:

1x7=7

- (a) What is the term for a figure of speech that makes a direct comparison using 'like' or 'as' ?
- (b) Identify the figure of speech in the phrase "deafening silence".
- (c) Give an example of a tetrasyllabic word.
- (d) How many feet are present in a line of pentameter ?
- (e) Name the figure of speech: "The moon was a ghostly galleon tossed upon cloudy seas."
- (f) What is the term for the running over of a sentence from one line of verse to the next ?
- (g) Identify the error in the sentence: "He returned back to his hometown."

2. Answer briefly any four of the following questions:

2x4=8

- (a) Differentiate between a metaphor and a simile.
- (b) Define Synecdoche and provide a suitable example.
- (c) What is the rhyme scheme of a Shakespearean sonnet ?

- (d) What is an Oxymoron ? Provide two original examples.
- (e) Rewrite the following sentences correctly: $\frac{1}{2}x4 = 2$
- i) Neither of the boys are coming to the party.
 - ii) The data is misleading.
 - iii) She is addicted with social media.
 - iv) He walked in the room and sat besides me.

3. Answer any three of the following questions: 5x3=15

- (a) Explain the concepts of Assonance and Consonance with examples from poetry.
- (b) Describe the structure and effect of the Spenserian Stanza.
- (c) Discuss the importance of 'unity' and 'coherence' in paragraph writing.
- (d) What is a 'caesura' ? Discuss its function in a line of verse.
- (e) Read the following passage and answer the questions given below:

Passage: The concept of the 'global village', coined by Marshall McLuhan, has become a reality in the 21st century. The internet has collapsed geographical and temporal boundaries, creating a new social fabric where information and ideas are exchanged instantaneously. This hyper-connectivity has profound implications for culture, economics, and politics. While it fosters understanding and collaboration across continents, it also presents challenges such as cultural homogenization and the spread of misinformation. The digital agora, much like its ancient counterpart, is a space of both immense opportunity and significant conflict, demanding new forms of literacy and critical engagement from its citizens.

- i) Who coined the term 'global village' ? 1
- ii) What, according to the passage, are two positive effects of

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| this hyper-connectivity ? | 1 |
| iii) What are two challenges mentioned ? | 1 |
| iv) What is the 'digital agora' compared to ? | 1 |
| v) Find a word from the passage that means 'the process of making things uniform or similar'. | 1 |

4. Answer any three of the following questions: 10x3=30

- (a) What is 'scansion' ? Scan the following lines and identify the predominant meter, commenting on any variations:

*The woods are lovely, dark and deep,
But I have promises to keep,
And miles to go before I sleep,
And miles to go before I sleep.*

- (b) Identify and explain any FIVE rhetorical devices used in the following excerpt:

"Let us be the generation that finally breaks the chains of ignorance. The time for waiting is over; the moment for action is now. Our cause is a beacon in the fog of apathy, a drumbeat in the silence of complacency. This is not just a policy; it is a promise. It is a mountain we must climb, not because it is easy, but because it is hard, and because the view from the summit will define our future."

- (c) Write a summary of the following passage. Also, identify the kind of writing (e.g., argumentative, expository) and comment on its style, including sentence structure and word choice.

Passage: The relentless pursuit of economic growth, long considered the paramount indicator of national progress, is being critically re-examined. A growing body of thought

advocates for a shift in focus towards Gross National Happiness (GNH) over Gross Domestic Product (GDP). Proponents argue that GDP is a crude measure that fails to account for environmental degradation, social equity, and the psychological well-being of a populace. A country could have a soaring GDP while its citizens suffer from stress, inequality, and a degraded environment. GNH, conversely, prioritizes sustainable development, preservation of cultural values, and good governance. This paradigm shift suggests that true development should be holistic, fostering conditions for people to lead meaningful and satisfying lives, rather than merely accumulating wealth.

- (d) Why is 'economy of expression' vital in effective writing ? Discuss any three forms of diffuseness (e.g., tautology, pleonasm, verbosity) that writers should avoid, providing original examples for each.
- (e) "Precision in writing is achieved through clarity of thought and economy of expression." Elaborate on this statement, discussing the common pitfalls that obscure precision.
