English Language Paper: A

Time Allowed: 3 ½ Hrs. Max. Marks: 100

Group – II

Important Note: All parts of a question must be attempted together at one place, otherwise you may not get any credit. Over-attempts will not be marked.

All questions carry equal marks.

Q.1. Explain with reference to the context any THREE of the following:

- He was talking of you and me, my dear, He was talking of you and me.
- ii) So little happens, the black dog Cracking his fleas in the hot sun Is history.
- What conquest over pain and misery,What heroes greater than were ever of yore.
- iv) It isn't particularly easy to be me. That's All, if you'll just think that over before we discuss my young life.
- v) Do you think I might wake mama? She'll never forgive us if she misses this. You know how she is always yearning for something to happen.

Q.2. Attempt any THREE of the following questions:

(Each answer in about 150 words.)

- i) The mayor calls Happy Prince, "Little better than a beggar". Why?
- ii) Popova catches our attention by not what she says but what she does. Comment. (The Bear)
- The Duchess is more loathsome than the Jeweller. Comment.
- The New Constitution was no more than a piece of April foolery. Elaborate.
- The wife in 'The Shadow in the Rose Garden' cannot help digging her past. Discuss.

Q.3. Attempt any THREE of the following questions:

(Each answer in about 150 words.)

- i) 'Lord must build if the work is to stand...'? Comment. (Tolerance)
- All exploration is based on human fallibility.
 Comment. (To Err is Human)
- iii) How does the writer differentiate between the hosts and the guests?
- iv) Why did the Muslims of India ask for a country of their own? (Pakistan and the Modern World)
- v) All "fanatical creeds" are harmful to mankind. Discuss. (Science and Values)

Q.4. Attempt any THREE of the following questions:

(Each answer in about 150 words.)

- i) What does many a road track signify in Lights Out'?
- ii) Is poison unexcused wrath? (A Poison Tree)
- iii) The poet feels repentant after his encounter with the snake. Why? (Snake)
- Death is friendly and patronizing for the poetess.
 Comment. (Because I Could Not Stop For Death)
- v) Modern man can't 'stand and stare'. Explain. (Leisure)

The Old Man And The Sea by Hemingway

Q.5 Attempt any THREE of the following questions:

(Each answer in about 150 words.)

- The Old Man fights against the marlin without being despaired. Comment.
- Write a note on Old Man's life on land.
- iii) How does the Old Man physically look?
- Santiago's suffering is more remarkable than even his killing of the fish. Discuss.
- v) Is Santiago a superstitious man?