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ENGLISH LANGUAGE AND LITERATURE

MAENG01C02: Prose and Fiction – I

Time: 3 Hours

PART - A

Max. Marks: 80

Answer any 5 of the following in 80 words.

 $(5 \times 4 = 20)$

- 1. What does Bacon say about the formative value of travel in "Of Travel"?
- 2. What conditions contribute to women's degradation, according to Wollstonecraft?
- 3. Describe the significance of the three spirits in A Christmas Carol.
- 4. What conflict drives the soldier's behaviour in "The Passion in the Desert"?
- 5. How does Pinocchio learn responsibility in Collodi's narrative?
- 6. Describe Captain Vere's role in shaping the moral tension in Billy Budd.

PART - B

Answer any 3 of the following in 150 words.

 $(3 \times 8 = 24)$

- 7. Analyse how The Slaughter Yard represents political violence.
- 8. Examine how the final revelation in "Dream Children" alters the meaning of the narrative.
- 9. Analyse how education challenges caste hierarchy in Saraswativijayam.
- Create a comparison of how social identity is shaped in *Desiree's Baby* and Nigorie.
- 11. Write a note on how humour is used to expose human behaviour in "Memoir of a Turkey".



PART - C

Answer any 3 of the following in 300 words.

 $(3 \times 12 = 36)$

- 12. Discuss the moral conflict and aesthetic themes in *The Picture of Dorian Gray*.
- 13. Analyse the psychological complexity of the Underground Man in *Notes from Underground*.
- 14. Discuss the specific experiences of enslaved women in Incidents in the Life of a Slave Girl.
- 15. Examine how Emerson's essay "Self-Reliance" presents the relationship between individual intuition and moral responsibility.
- Examine the portrayal of social restrictions and gender in Ichiyo Higuchi's Nigorie.

