

2. Answer any eight from the following questions. (each within 50 words)

2×8 = 16

- (a) What is the difference between 'plot' and 'story'?
- (b) What is the irony at the end of the story "A Cup of Tea"?
- (c) Name the members of the famous Bloomsbury group.
- (d) What does Khushwant Singh state about the Indian short story?
- (e) What is the basis of the bet laid between the banker and the lawyer?
- (f) Is it correct to say that a short story is a short novel?
- (g) Who had eventually won the bet in Chekhov's short story, "The Bet"?
- (h) Identify two examples of personification in "The Last Leaf".
- (i) Give a brief character sketch of Elizabeth Bates.
- (j) What is the full name of R. K. Narayan? Name two of his famous fictional works.

3. Answer any five from the following questions. (each within 100 words)

4×5 = 20

- (a) Why is character so important in a short story? Discuss.
- (b) Trace the development of the short-story as a literary genre.
- (c) What are the qualities of Katherine Mansfield as a short-story writer?
- (d) Who is Miss Smith? Why did Rosemary Fell consider helping her?
- (e) Write a short note on the central idea of Chekhov's story "The Bet".
- (f) Write a note on the imagery used in the story "Odour of Chrysanthemums".
- (g) Discuss the main theme of the story "The Last Leaf".

4. Answer any two from the following questions. (each within 250 words) 8×2 = 16
- (a) What is realism? Discuss Anton Chekhov as a realist short story writer with reference to his story "The Bet".
 - (b) Discuss the style and technique used by D. H. Lawrence in the story "Odour of Chrysanthemums".

Or

What references of the effects of environmentally unfriendly industrial practices do you find in D. H. Lawrence's story "Odour of Chrysanthemums"?

- (c) Discuss how the stories of Katherine Mansfield help to analyse the true human experience with reference to the story "A Cup of Tea".

5. Answer any two from the following questions. (each within 300-500 words) $10 \times 2 = 20$
- (a) What is a short story? Discuss the short story as a literary genre with particular reference to its major characteristics.
 - (b) O Henry's stories are marked by a sense of irony and an unexpected twist at the end. Discuss with reference to the story "The Last Leaf".
 - (c) Give an account of R. K. Narayan's literary output and contribution to Indian English literature.

Or

Who is Dr. Raman? Why does Gopal seek a truthful opinion from Dr. Raman. Discuss in detail.

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