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CORE COURSE IV

FICTION

Objectives:

- To make learners understand different forms of novel from the Age of Tennyson to the 20th century
- To enable learners to identify diverse fictional themes and techniques
- To help learners improve their creative and imaginative faculties through the novels of major British writers

Unit – I

Charles Dickens

: *David Copperfield*

Unit– II

R.L.Stevenson

: *Treasure Island*

Unit– III

Joseph Conrad

: *Heart of Darkness*

Unit – IV

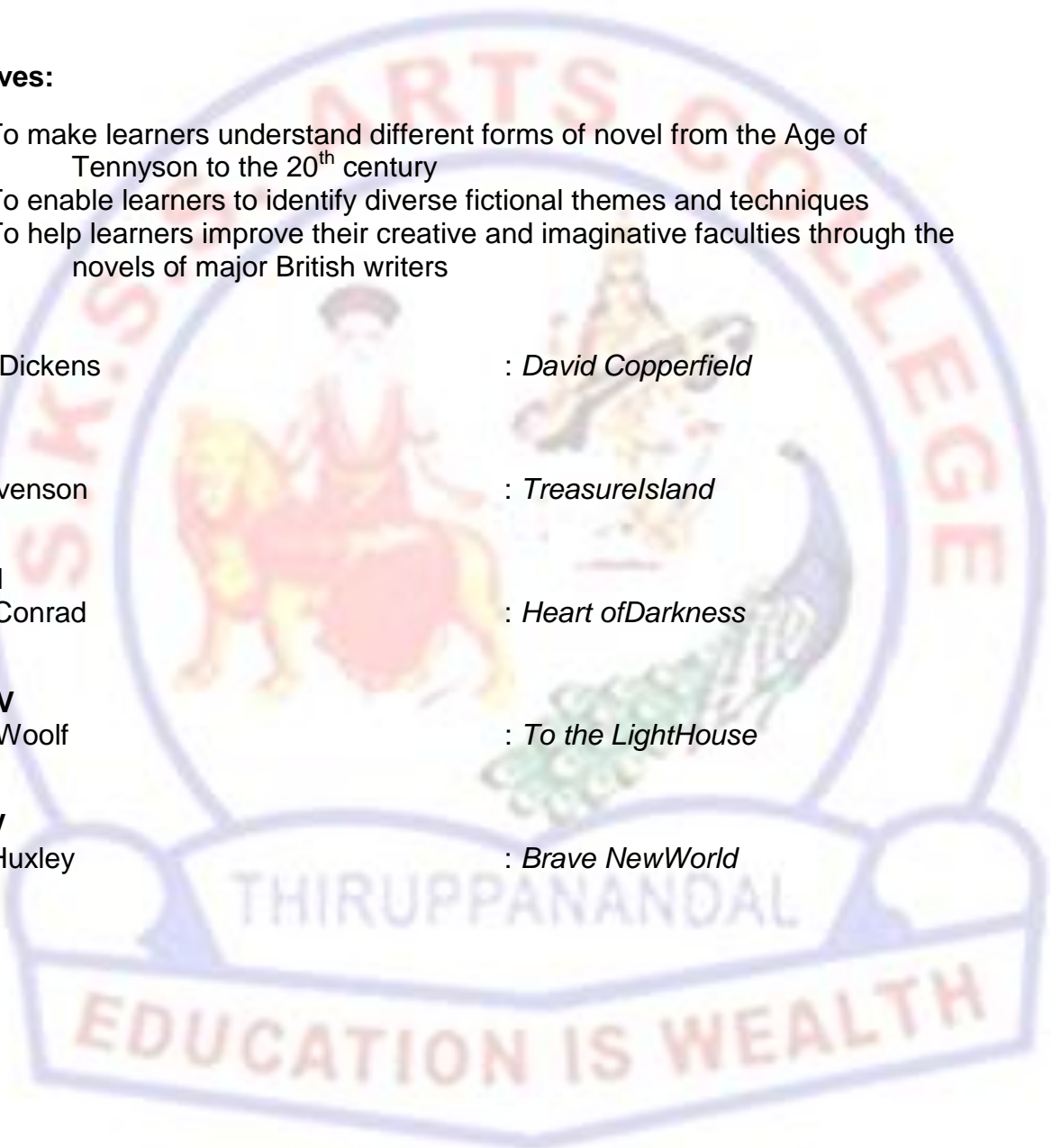
Virginia Woolf

: *To the Lighthouse*

Unit – V

Aldous Huxley

: *Brave New World*



Unit –I

Choice questions

1. How long after this father's death is David born?
 - a. Four months
 - b. One day
 - c. Six months
 - d. One week
2. Why does David go to Yarmouth?
 - a. To go to school
 - b. To visit peggotty's family
 - c. To visit his aunt
 - d. To visit his step father
3. What kind of step father is Mr.Mudstone?
 - a. Kind
 - b. Generous
 - c. strict
 - d. liberal
4. Where does Mr.M ell's mother live?
 - a. In a secluded house
 - b. In a boat
 - c. In a poor house
 - d. In a palace
5. What does Dora ask David to call her?
 - a. Young wife
 - b. Child wife
 - c. Simple wife
 - d. Rich wife
6. Dora always has the following at her side
 - a. Flowers
 - b. Her guitar
 - c. Her cat
 - d. Her dog



7. David eventually decides that he wants to be what?
 - a. A write
 - b. A proctor
 - c. A lawyer
 - d. A doctor
8. Dr. Strong is writing what kind of books?
 - a. Dictionary
 - b. Bible
 - c. Biography
 - d. Auto-biography
9. Mr. Creakle ends up as what?
 - a. A magistrate
 - b. A school master
 - c. A doctor
 - d. A teacher
10. How many times is Mr. Micaber thrown in jail for his debts?
 - a. Twice
 - b. Once
 - c. Three times
 - d. Many times

ANSWERS: 1-c, 2- b, 3- c, 4-c, 5-b, 6-d, 7-b, 8- a, 9-a, 10- a).

Short questions

1. Who is Clara? What happened to her?
2. How did Edward Murdstone and his sisters treat David Copperfield?
3. Why did David Copperfield visit Dover? How did it change his life?
4. Who is Dora? What happened to her?
5. What kind of person was Mr. Murdstone?
6. How did David lose all his things and money?
7. Why did David ask Agnes' advice about things when they were children?
8. David received a letter when he was in Yarmouth. Who sent him the letter?
9. What did Mr. Peggotty thank David for when he returned from Australia?
10. What happens to David Copperfield at the end?

Paragraph questions

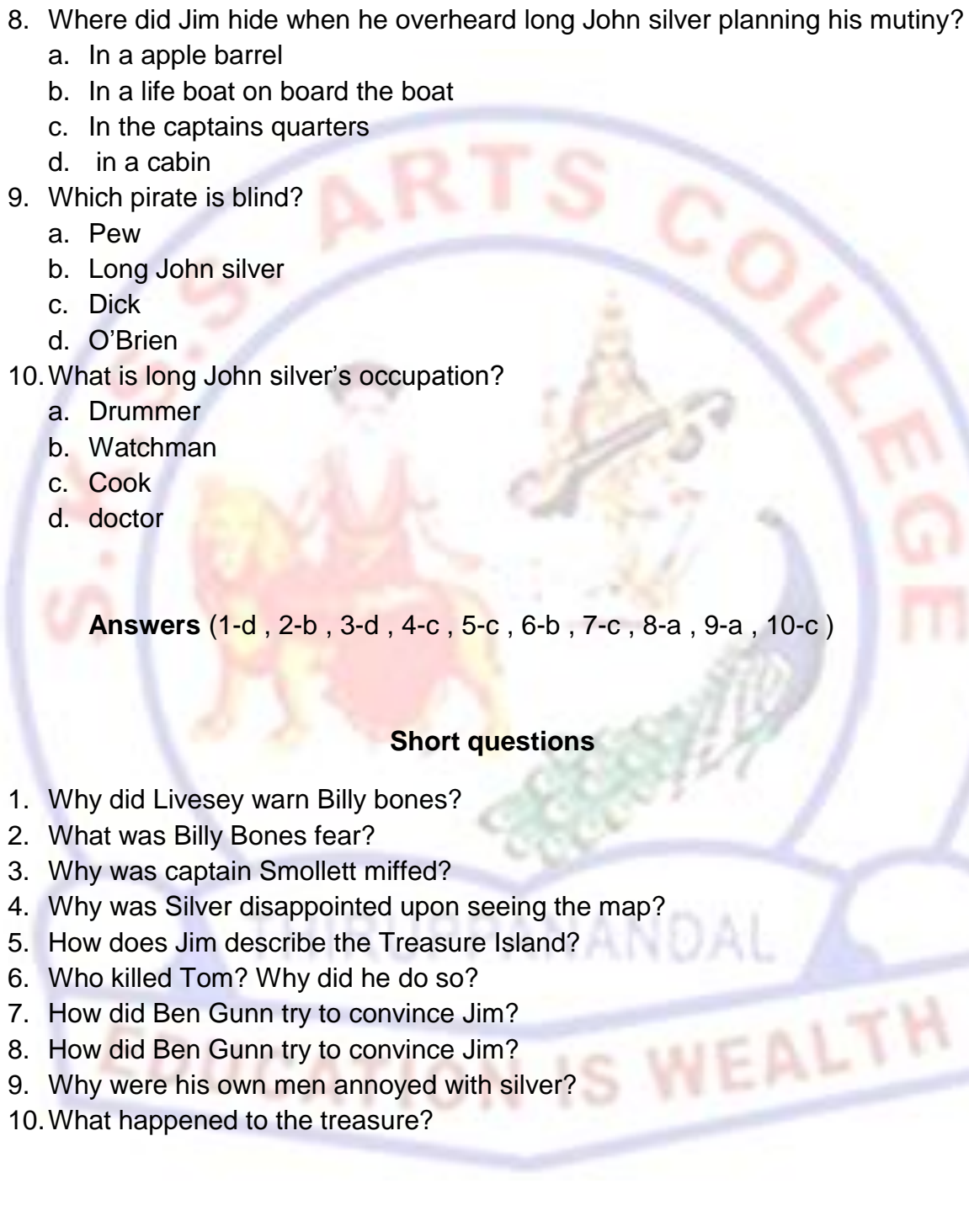
1. Write a note on humour in David Copper field.
2. Discuss the character sketch of Dora spelldown.
3. What is the role of Mr. Mudstone in the novel David copper field?
4. What kind of a personality is Uriah Heep?
5. Who is James steerforth? What is his role in the novel?
6. How the importance of father's role is portrayed by Dickens?
7. What is significance does David's marriage to Dora have in the novel?
8. What role does Australia play in the novel?
9. Compare and contrast the character of Dora and Emily in David copper field.
10. How Mr. micaber exposed Uriah Heep in David Copper field?

Essay questions

1. Write a brief summary of Charles Dickens' David Copper field.
2. Charles dickens' David copper field is a story about growing up explains the statement.
3. How does Dickens portray trials and tribulations of the Victorian era in David Copper field?
4. Dickens uses pairs of characters in David Copper field to draw out contrast between the two elucidate.
5. How the idea of constancy of emotion and love does figures in to the novel and illuminate David character.
6. What is role of marriage in Charles Dickens' 'David Copper field'?
7. What is the significance of steer forth and Emily's character in David Copper field.
8. Write an essay on motifs that can be found in Charles Dickens' David Copper field.
9. What role does a symbol play in Charles Dickens' David copper field?
10. Considered David copper field as a Bildungsroman?

Unit –II
Choice questions

1. What does Jim's father do for a living?
 - a. He is a farmer
 - b. He is a doctor
 - c. He is a lawyer
 - d. He is an innkeeper
2. Where is Billy when receives the black spot?
 - a. On the road
 - b. In the inn
 - c. On the ship
 - d. In the house
3. To whom does Jim first show the map?
 - a. His father
 - b. Captain Smollett
 - c. His mother
 - d. Dr..Livesey
4. Who interrupts Jim's narration to tell the story for a while?
 - a. Smollett
 - b. Trelawney
 - c. Livesey
 - d. Billy bones
5. When the treasure initially discovered wherewas it taken immediately after its excavation?
 - a. To the ship
 - b. To the stockade
 - c. To a cave
 - d. To the black house
6. How does a Billy bone die?
 - a. Silver kills him
 - b. From a stroke
 - c. He is hanged for piracy
 - d. To the attempt suicide
7. What phrase does long John bird repeat over and over?
 - a. Piece of six
 - b. Pieces of four
 - c. Pieces of eight
 - d. Pieces of ten

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8. Where did Jim hide when he overheard long John silver planning his mutiny?
 - a. In a apple barrel
 - b. In a life boat on board the boat
 - c. In the captains quarters
 - d. in a cabin
 9. Which pirate is blind?
 - a. Pew
 - b. Long John silver
 - c. Dick
 - d. O'Brien
 10. What is long John silver's occupation?
 - a. Drummer
 - b. Watchman
 - c. Cook
 - d. doctor

Answers (1-d , 2-b , 3-d , 4-c , 5-c , 6-b , 7-c , 8-a , 9-a , 10-c)

Short questions

1. Why did Livesey warn Billy bones?
2. What was Billy Bones fear?
3. Why was captain Smollett miffed?
4. Why was Silver disappointed upon seeing the map?
5. How does Jim describe the Treasure Island?
6. Who killed Tom? Why did he do so?
7. How did Ben Gunn try to convince Jim?
8. How did Ben Gunn try to convince Jim?
9. Why were his own men annoyed with silver?
10. What happened to the treasure?

Paragraph questions

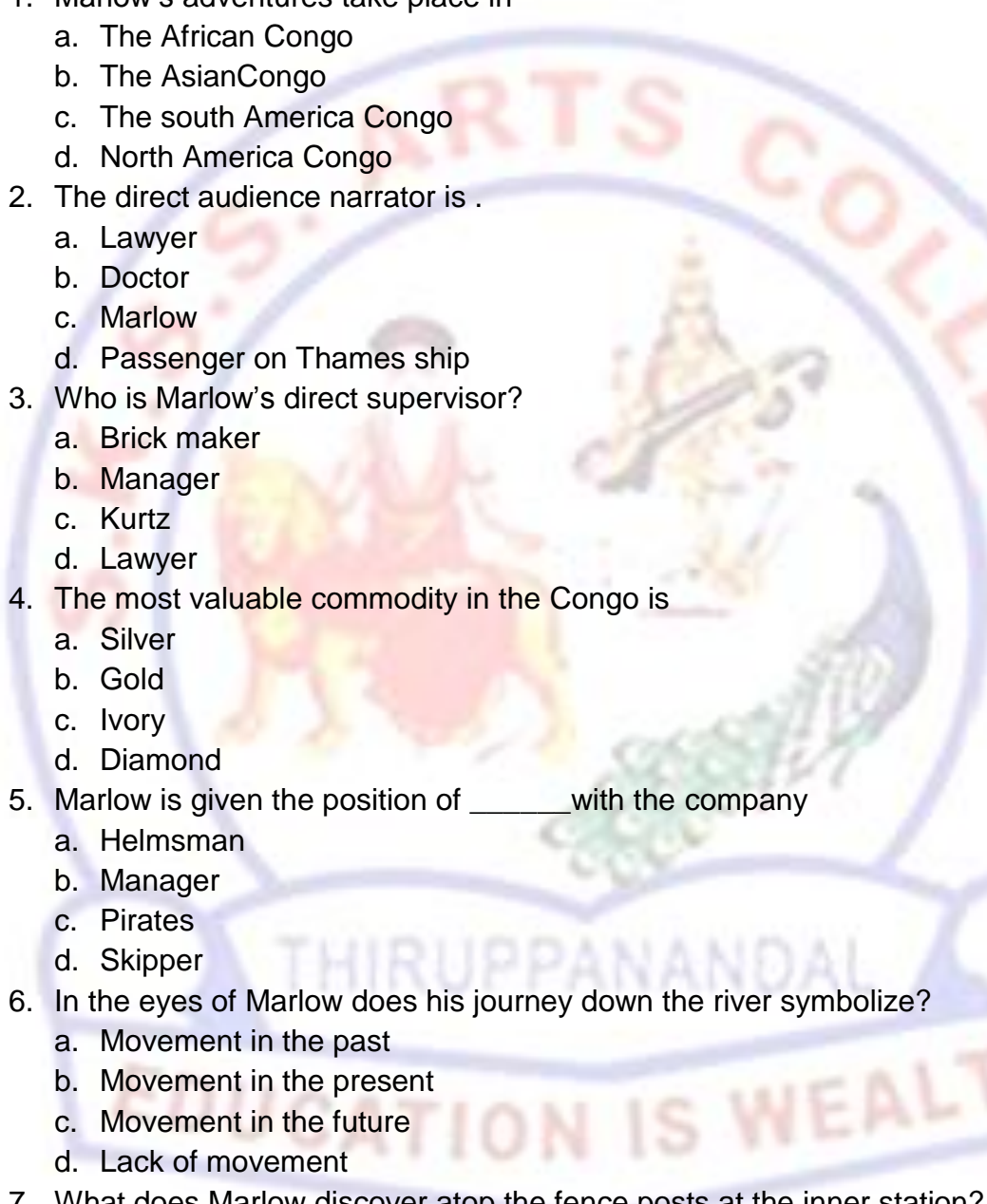
1. What is the theme of Treasure Island?
2. What is the main conflict in the novel Treasure Island? How is it resolved?
3. Describe the entry of the seaman in the admiral Benbow Inn. What did he look like?
4. What struggle does Jim Hawkins face in Treasure Island?
5. How many men are in the faithful party in Treasure Island?
6. Describe the settings of Treasure Island.
7. How is captain Smollett and the loyal crew being in the stockade on advantage to them?
8. Why did captain Billy Bones go to the Ben bow Inn?
9. Discuss the implication of silver's escaping punishment at the end of Treasure Island.
10. Write a brief character sketch of Dr. Livesey

Essay questions

1. Write a summary of R.L. Stevenson's Treasure Island.
2. What type of the novel is "Treasure island" by Robert Louis Stevenson.
3. What are the conflict in Treasure Island?
4. Why does Stevenson blur the line between human and animals in Treasure Island?
5. Why does Stevenson put Jim in to the narrative then take him out, in Treasure Island?
6. In Treasure Island what made JimHaw kin's mature?
7. 'Treasure Island' is about Jim's education elucidates.
8. Discuss long john silver as a "bad – good" villain.
9. What is the significance of the flags in R.L. Stevenson's Treasures Island?
10. Describe the significance of the rebel figure in Robert Louis Stevenson's Treasure Island.

Unit – III

Choices questions

1. Marlow's adventures take place in
 - a. The African Congo
 - b. The Asian Congo
 - c. The south America Congo
 - d. North America Congo
 2. The direct audience narrator is .
 - a. Lawyer
 - b. Doctor
 - c. Marlow
 - d. Passenger on Thames ship
 3. Who is Marlow's direct supervisor?
 - a. Brick maker
 - b. Manager
 - c. Kurtz
 - d. Lawyer
 4. The most valuable commodity in the Congo is
 - a. Silver
 - b. Gold
 - c. Ivory
 - d. Diamond
 5. Marlow is given the position of _____ with the company
 - a. Helmsman
 - b. Manager
 - c. Pirates
 - d. Skipper
 6. In the eyes of Marlow does his journey down the river symbolize?
 - a. Movement in the past
 - b. Movement in the present
 - c. Movement in the future
 - d. Lack of movement
 7. What does Marlow discover atop the fence posts at the inner station?
 - a. Human heads
 - b. Monkey skulls
 - c. Dead infant
 - d. Dead man
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8. The blind-folded woman in Kurt's sketch carries.
 - a. Scale
 - b. Torch
 - c. Purse
 - d. Bag
 9. Which of the following receives Kurt's "report" after his death?
 - a. Kurt's intended
 - b. A representative of the company
 - c. A journalist
 - d. A doctor
 10. Which of the following is not something that Marlow gives to the Russian trader?
 - a. Food
 - b. Tobacco
 - c. Shoes
 - d. socks

Answers (1-a, 2-d, 3-b, 4-c, 5-d, 6-a, 7-a, 8-b, 9-c, 10-a)

Short questions

1. What is the theme of Conrad's 'Heart of Darkness'?
2. Who were on board in Nellie?
3. How are the two women outside the secretary's office symbolic?
4. What is unique about the chief accountant's appearance?
5. Why was the manager successful at his job?
6. When he is on the boat who does Marlow overhear speaking about Kurtz?
7. How does Marlow score the natives during the fight?
8. Why does the Russian take Kurtz through to illnesses?
9. Who is with Kurtz when Marlow first sees him?
10. Explain the irony of where they bury Kurtz?

Paragraph questions

1. What is Conrad's heart of darkness about?
2. Why is Marlow given the role of narrator in heart of darkness?
3. What picture of imperialism does Conrad present it in 'Heart of Darkness'?
4. How is 'darkness' used as a symbol in heart of darkness?
5. Why does Marlow seek to pilot a steam boat up the Congo Rivers?
6. In Joseph Conrad's Heart of Darkness .why does Marlow respect the accountant.
7. Write a brief character sketch of Marlow.
8. Where does the heart of darkness lie in Joseph Conrad's heart of darkness?
9. What kind of relationship does Marlow entertain with Mr. Kurtz?
10. Write a brief character sketch of Kurtz.

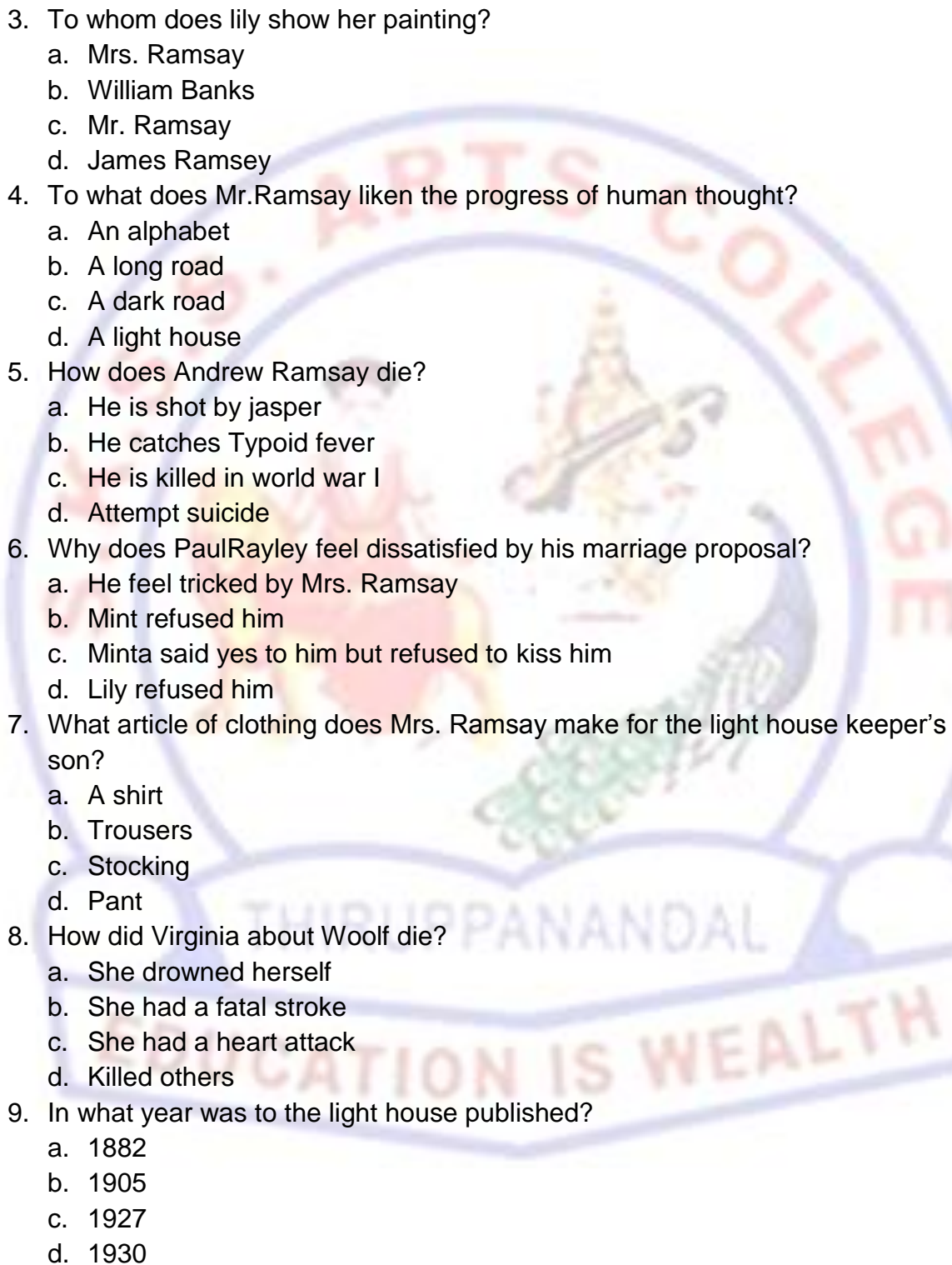
Essay question

1. Write a detailed summary of Joseph Conrad's 'Heart of Darkness'?
2. In what ways is Joseph Conrad's heart of darkness a commentary against imperialism?
3. Write in detail the various themes that are predominantly found in heart of darkness.
4. What makes Marlow's views on natives distinct from other European present in the novel?
5. Why does Marlow refer to the company men as pilgrims in heart of darkness?
6. How does the depict the "savages" of the Congo region?
7. What role does female characters the play in 'Heart of Darkness'?
8. How is the setting of Joseph Conrad's novel 'Heart of Darkness', important to the overall understanding of the book?
9. Discuss the significance of Marlow's character.
10. What symbols does Conrad employ in 'Heart of Darkness'?

Unit – IV

Choice questions

1. What will outlive the memory of Shakespeare according to Mr. Ramsay?
 - a. A small stone
 - b. A grain of sand
 - c. His love for Mrs. Ramsay
 - d. His love for James
2. Which of the Ramsay's guests is a poet?
 - a. Augustus Carmichael
 - b. Paul Rayley
 - c. Lily Briscoe
 - d. Charles tensely

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3. To whom does Lily show her painting?
 - a. Mrs. Ramsay
 - b. William Banks
 - c. Mr. Ramsay
 - d. James Ramsey
 4. To what does Mr. Ramsay liken the progress of human thought?
 - a. An alphabet
 - b. A long road
 - c. A dark road
 - d. A light house
 5. How does Andrew Ramsay die?
 - a. He is shot by Jasper
 - b. He catches Typhoid fever
 - c. He is killed in World War I
 - d. Attempt suicide
 6. Why does Paul Rayley feel dissatisfied by his marriage proposal?
 - a. He feels tricked by Mrs. Ramsay
 - b. Minta refused him
 - c. Minta said yes to him but refused to kiss him
 - d. Lily refused him
 7. What article of clothing does Mrs. Ramsay make for the lighthouse keeper's son?
 - a. A shirt
 - b. Trousers
 - c. Stocking
 - d. Pant
 8. How did Virginia Woolf die?
 - a. She drowned herself
 - b. She had a fatal stroke
 - c. She had a heart attack
 - d. Killed others
 9. In what year was *The Light House* published?
 - a. 1882
 - b. 1905
 - c. 1927
 - d. 1930

10. How many years pass in the second section of the novel?

- a. 5
- b. 10
- c. 12
- d. 15

Answer (1-a, 2-a, 3-b, 4-a, 5-c, 6-a, 7-c, 8-a, 9-c, 10-b)

Short questions

1. How does Woolf contrast Mrs. Ramsay's outlook with that of her husband?
2. What makes Mrs. Ramsay so attractive and magnetic to Tensey?
3. Why does Mrs. Ramsay feel an impulse of terror?
4. What does the Light House represent to Mrs. Ramsay?
5. How do Mr. and Mrs. Ramsay feel about Prue, Andrew and Jasper?
6. Why does Mrs. Ramsay feel misunderstood?
7. What are Mrs. Ramsay's feelings about her husband at this point?
8. Who is Macalister?
9. What is the significance of Ramsey's house?
10. Who is James? What does his father's act remind him of?

Paragraph questions

1. Write a brief character sketch of Mr. Ramsey.
2. What is the role of Lily Briscoe in Virginia Woolf's 'To the Light House'?
3. Write a brief character sketch of James Ramsay.
4. How does Woolf's use of symbolism advance her thematic goals in 'To the Light House'?
5. Virginia's 'To the Light House' is a novel about the search for meaning in life. How do the characters conduct their search? Are they successful in finding the answer?
6. Compare and contrast Mr. and Mrs. Ramsey. How are they alike? How are they different?
7. How does Virginia Woolf portray the transience of time in her novel 'To the Light House'?
8. The Ramsay's summer house is a silent and yet a powerful symbol. What makes it so?

9. What is missing in Lily Briscoe's picture in Virginia Woolf's 'To the Light House'?
10. How does Virginia Woolf draw on the 'Light House' Freud's influence?

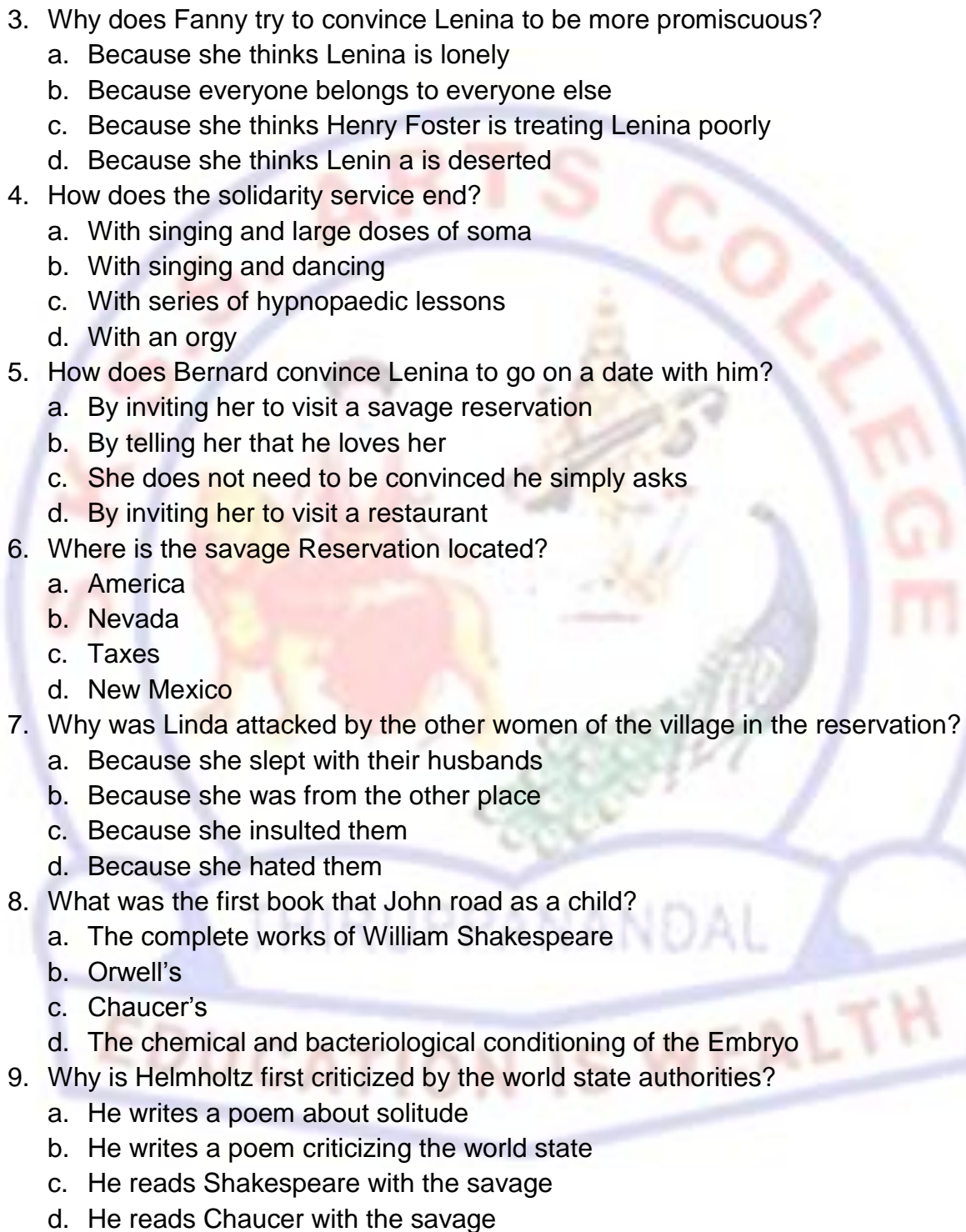
Essay questions

1. Write a detailed summary of Virginia Woolf's 'To the light house'.
2. How does Virginia deal with the concept of life in her novel 'To the light house'?
3. Discuss the theme of human relationship in 'To the light house'.
4. How Virginia Woolf has used the technique of stream of consciousness in the novel?
5. Write an essay on the role of James Ramsay in the novel.
6. How do women in the novel respond to the gender role that they perceive are that are imposed upon them?
7. Childhood incidences can have a major bearing in adulthood. How is this idea revealed in Virginia Woolf's 'To the Light House'?
8. How does Woolf's manipulation of time in 'To the light House' contribute to the effectiveness of the work as a whole?
9. What makes Virginia Woolf's 'To the light House' a feminist novel?
10. How does the evaluation of character take place in Virginia Woolf's 'To the light House'?

UNIT-V

Choice questions

1. The term for birth in the Hatchery is _____.
 - a. Social predestination
 - b. Hatching
 - c. Decanting
 - d. Podansky process
2. What two hypnopaedic lessons are the children in the nursery learning during the boys' tour of the hatchery?
 - a. Elementary sex and elementary class consciousness
 - b. Elementary sex and elementary caste structure
 - c. Elementary Fordism and elementary class consciousness
 - d. Elementary class and elementary caste structure

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3. Why does Fanny try to convince Lenina to be more promiscuous?
 - a. Because she thinks Lenina is lonely
 - b. Because everyone belongs to everyone else
 - c. Because she thinks Henry Foster is treating Lenina poorly
 - d. Because she thinks Lenin a is deserted
 4. How does the solidarity service end?
 - a. With singing and large doses of soma
 - b. With singing and dancing
 - c. With series of hypnopaedic lessons
 - d. With an orgy
 5. How does Bernard convince Lenina to go on a date with him?
 - a. By inviting her to visit a savage reservation
 - b. By telling her that he loves her
 - c. She does not need to be convinced he simply asks
 - d. By inviting her to visit a restaurant
 6. Where is the savage Reservation located?
 - a. America
 - b. Nevada
 - c. Taxes
 - d. New Mexico
 7. Why was Linda attacked by the other women of the village in the reservation?
 - a. Because she slept with their husbands
 - b. Because she was from the other place
 - c. Because she insulted them
 - d. Because she hated them
 8. What was the first book that John read as a child?
 - a. The complete works of William Shakespeare
 - b. Orwell's
 - c. Chaucer's
 - d. The chemical and bacteriological conditioning of the Embryo
 9. Why is Helmholtz first criticized by the world state authorities?
 - a. He writes a poem about solitude
 - b. He writes a poem criticizing the world state
 - c. He reads Shakespeare with the savage
 - d. He reads Chaucer with the savage

10. Of the following, who rejects Lenina's sexual advances?

- a. The director
- b. Benito
- c. John
- d. Mustapha

Answers (1-c, 2-a, 3-a, 4-d, 5-a, 6-d, 7-a, 8-d, 9-a, 10-c)

Short questions

1. When was hypnopaedia first used successfully?
2. The Director says that wordless conditioning is crude and wholesale. What reasons does he give for this?
3. Whose suggestions are incorporated into the children's mind?
4. Who is the stranger who appears and startles the Director?
5. Where is Lenina when she tries discussing the New Mexico trip with Bernard?
6. What does Controller Mustapha mind talk about that shocks the students?
7. Why was Fanny worried about Lenina's dating habits?
8. How is Bernard Marx different from his associates?
9. What does John mean when he says; "I claim them all"?
10. Why does John torture himself?

Paragraph questions

1. What are six steps of the Bokanovsky process in the novel 'Brave New World'?
2. How does 'Brave New' World by Aldus Huxley connect to modern life psychologically?
3. In what ways is our modern society similar to the future society of 'Brave New World' by Aldus Huxley?
4. Are men and women equal in the novel 'Brave and New World'?

5. Why is it necessary for the masses to use transportation and consume other products?
6. How is the nine years war important?
7. What is the purpose of the Hatchery and conditioning center?
8. Why are there only old people in the world state?
9. Explain how John the savage and Mustapha Mond are presented as foils in 'Brave New World'.
10. What is the point of conditioning in 'Brave New World'?

Essay questions

1. Write a detailed summary of Aldous Huxley's 'Brave New World'.
2. Give a detailed thematic analysis of Aldous Huxley's 'Brave New World'.
3. In Huxley's 'Brave New World' in what ways does Bernard Marx abuse power?
4. What is the world state's response to over populations in 'Brave New World' by Aldous Huxley?
5. Describe the caste system in 'Brave New World'.
6. Why are Helmholtz and Bernard misfit in 'Brave New World' by Huxley?
7. What is ironic about John's proclamation that he is going to a brave new world in 'Brave New World'?
8. Why are Bernard Marx and Helmholtz Watson expelled from civilization in 'Brave New World'?
9. What role does science play in 'Brave New World'?
10. How are families and community portrayed in 'Brave New World'?

