

Time : 2 hrs 30 mins

Total marks: 75

Q.1 Read the story and analyse it on the basis of:

a. Premise b. Plot c. Setting d. Characters e. Point of view f. Genre g. Theme 15

In Greece there was a ruler so harsh that the people plotted to drive him out of the city. The plot was discovered, and the king commanded that the leaders be put to death. One of the leaders whose name was Charlie lived at some distance from Greece. He asked that before he was put to death he be allowed to go home to say goodbye to his family. He promised he would come back to die at the appointed time.

The king did not believe that Charlie would keep his word, and he said, "I will not let you go unless you find some friend who will come and stay in your place. Then, if you are not back on the day set for execution, I shall put your friend to death in your stead." The king thought to himself, "Surely no one will ever take the place of a man condemned to death."

Now, Charlie had a very dear friend named David who came forward at once and offered to stay in prison while Charlie was allowed to go away. The king was very much surprised, but he had given his word. Charlie was therefore permitted to leave for home while David was shut up in prison.

Many days passed, the time for the execution was close at hand, and Charlie had not come back. The king, curious to see how David would behave now that death seemed so near, went to the prison.

"Your friend will never return," he said to David.

"You are wrong," was David's answer. "Charlie will be here if he can possibly come. But he has to travel by sea, and the winds have been blowing the wrong way for several days. However, it is much better that I should die than he. I have no wife and no children, and I love my friend so much that it would be easier to die for him than to live without him. So I am hoping and praying that he may be delayed until my head has fallen."

The king went away more puzzled than ever. The fatal day arrived but Charlie had not come. David was brought forward and led to the place where he was to be hanged. "My prayers are heard," he cried. "I shall be permitted to die for my friend. But mark my words: Charlie is faithful and true; you will soon know that he has done his utmost to be here!" Just at this moment, a man came galloping up at full speed on a horse covered with foam. It was Charlie. In an instant he was on the place where he was to be hanged and had David in his arms.

"My beloved friend," he cried, "praise the gods that you are safe. I have suffered so much agony from the fear that my delay was putting your life in danger!"

There was no joy in the face of David because he did not care to live if his friend must die. But the king had heard all. At last he was forced to believe in the unselfish friendship of these two. His hard heart melted at the sight, and he set them both free, asking only that they would be his friends also.

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Q.2 A. Write a poem on any one of the following in about 12 to 14 lines: 8

i. Father

ii. Rains

iii. Dreams

B. What are the types of plots? Explain with suitable examples. 7

OR

P. Write a poem on any one of the following in about 12 to 14 lines: 8

i. Friends

ii. Happiness

iii. Terrorism

Q. What are the types of genres? Explain with suitable examples. 7

Q.3

A. Establish a dialogue between you and God. God asks you to be his assistant and you question him about your job profile covering various points like nature of work, salary, holiday, hours of work, etc. (Add your own points too) 8

B. What is a 3-Act script? Explain each act in detail. 7

OR

P. Establish a dialogue between two friends, one of them believes in ghosts and other doesn't. The dialogue should cover their points of view and arguments. 8

Q. What is the difference between dialogues and narratives? Explain with examples. 7

Q.4 Write the Act I of any ONE of the following storylines. 15

A. Young man is unemployed... wants to earn some quick money...buys a lottery ticket... doesn't win... but thinks of a business idea

B. A group of friends go out for a picnic... they take the car... go to a deserted fort... one of them goes missing

Q.5 Write short notes on: (Any 3) 15

a. Creativity

b. Role of figures of speech in poetry

c. Point of view

d. Literary fiction

e. Blogs