

**LOYOLA COLLEGE (AUTONOMOUS), CHENNAI – 600 034**

**M.A. DEGREE EXAMINATION – ENGLISH LITERATURE**

SECOND SEMESTER – APRIL 2010

**EL 2955 - BIOGRAPHY AND TRAVELOGUE**

Date & Time: 26/04/2010 / 1:00 - 4:00

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Max. : 100 Marks

I. Answer **any five** of the following, not exceeding 50 words each (5 x 2 = 10 marks)

1. What is a biography and what are the different ways of looking at a biography?
2. Describe five characteristics of a good biography?
3. What is the difference between a biography and history?
4. What is an autobiography? Explain what are subjective and objective autobiographies?
5. What are the difficulties of an autobiographer?
6. What are the differences between a biography and an autobiography?
7. What is a travelogue and what are the different kinds of travelogue?
8. Give a few examples of travelogues.

II. Answer the following, not exceeding 300 words each (3 x 20 = 60 marks)

9. (a) Comment on The Life of Johnson and explain it as a classic in the literary form of biography, as attempted by Boswell.

**OR**

- (b) Something Beautiful for God gives a glimpse of the person and spirit of Mother Teresa. Will you consider Malcolm Muggeridge as a good biographer?

10. (a) Explain the various aspects of The Diary of a Young Girl, by Anne Frank, as an autobiography, with reference to the Nazi persecution.

**OR**

- (b) Sketch the personality of APJ Abdul Kalam, as seen in Wings of Fire, and comment on it as an autobiography?

11. (a) Unveiling India is a revealing travelogue. Enumerate your reasons.

**OR**

- (b) India: A Wounded Civilization comments on the negative aspects of Indian life and culture. Would you call it an objective travelogue?

III. Justify the subject of your choice of biography and explain the process of writing it.

Your answer should not exceed 200 words. (1x15=15 marks)

IV. Explain your experiences of writing your own travelogue. Your answer should not exceed 200 words. (1x15=15 marks)

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