



LOYOLA COLLEGE (AUTONOMOUS), CHENNAI – 600 034

M.A. DEGREE EXAMINATION - ENGLISH LITERATURE

SECOND SEMESTER – APRIL 2013

EL 2957 - BIOGRAPHY AND TRAVELOGUE

Date : 07/05/2013
Time : 9:00 - 12:00

Dept. No.

Max. : 100 Marks

SECTION A

I. Answer any four of the following in about 100 words each:

4x5 = 20

1. Write five characteristics of a biographer.
2. What are challenges of writing an autobiography.
3. Highlight the differences between biography and autobiography.
4. Define the term travelogue and explain its purpose.
5. What are the qualities of a good travel writer?
6. What are the qualities of Vikram Seth's travelogue that distinguishes it from an ordinary run-of-the-mill travelogue.

SECTION B

II. Answer the following questions in about 250 words each:

2x10= 20

7. Narrate your travel experience to Mahabalipuram and the places that you visited on the way observing the essential features of a travelogue.
8. Discuss the different stages involved in writing a biography of a person of your choice.

SECTION C

III. Answer the following questions in about 400 words each:

3x20=60

9. Attempt a comparison of the movie '*A Beautiful Mind*' and the biography of the same by 'Sylvia Nayar' and explain how the novel adheres to the principles of a good biography.

Or

How does Harold Evans narrate print media's glorious history while recalling his personal tale as a journalist?

10. Evaluate Maya Angelou's autobiography '*I Know Why the Caged Birds Sings*' in the light of race and family problems.

Or

Critically analyze the travel experience of V.S. Naipaul in Karnataka and Bombay.

11. Write an account of how Vikram Seth shares his experiences with the Chinese people in his travelogue.

Or

How does William Dalrymple present a dazzling travelogue of both place and spirituality in nine lives: *In Search of Sacred in Modern India*.
