



LOYOLA COLLEGE (AUTONOMOUS), CHENNAI – 600 034

M.A. DEGREE EXAMINATION – ENGLISH LITERATURE

SECOND SEMESTER – APRIL 2015

EL 2957 - BIOGRAPHY AND TRAVELOGUE

Date : 25/04/2015
Time : 01:00-04:00

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Max. : 100 Marks

I Answer any **FOUR** of the following in about 75 words each:

(4x5=20 marks)

1. Write a short note on the life of children at Stamps, as brought out in the book, *I Know Why The Caged Bird Sings*.
2. Comment on the author's description of the summer at Turfan in the book, *Heaven Lake*.
3. Analyse the portrayal of educational institutions in *A Beautiful Mind*.
4. Highlight the agony of Wole Soyinka during his captivity.
5. Write a note on the aspirations of Harold Evans as a child.

II Answer any **FOUR** of the following in about 200 words each:

(4x15= 60 marks)

6. Attempt an essay on the portrayal of socio cultural document in *A Beautiful Mind*.
7. Write an essay on Naipaul's conception of the Indian subcontinent.
8. Explain how Maya Angelou's account of the events from her childhood brings out a tender feeling in the mind of the readers.
9. Comment on the narrative technique of Harold Evans with reference to the book, *My Paper Chase*.
10. How does Vikram Seth describe the place, 'Heaven Lake'? Why do you think the book is given this title?

III Answer any **ONE** of the following in about 300 words each:

(1x20= 20 marks)

11. Write your personal perception on nostalgia of Harold Evans and V.S.Naipaul.
12. What is the message conveyed by William Darlymple through his book, *Nine Lives*? Support your views with illustrations from the book.
