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M.A. DEGREE EXAMINATION – ENGLISH LITERATURE

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EL 2956 – ECOPOETICS

Date: 27-04-2016

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Max. : 100 Marks

Time: 01:00-04:00

PART- A

I. Answer any SIX of the following questions (three from each section) in about 100 words each:

(6x5=30 marks)

SECTION-I

1. What are the principles of Ecofeminist thought?
2. What are the inherent rights Mother Earth according to the Declaration?
3. Write an eco-poem on the topic, 'Go Green Save the Earth'.
4. Discuss the concept of *Thinai* in Sangam poetry.

SECTION-II

5. Distinguish between shallow ecology and deep ecology.
6. *Laudato Si*, the Encyclical letter from Pope Francis, is a visionary statement on Planet Earth. Elucidate.
7. Leonardo Di Caprio's acceptance speech on winning the Oscar for the best actor in 2016 was synchronous with the epic speech of Chief Seattle. Comment.
- 8 Write on Chaos theory or Gaia hypothesis.

PART-B

II. Answer any FOUR of the following questions (atleast two from each section) in about 200-250 words each:

(4x10=40 marks)

SECTION-I

9. Write an ecocritical film review of any popular/ documentary film you have watched.
10. Estimate the ecovisionary works of Robert Frost or Walt Whitman with a green lens.
11. Trace the ecocritical elements in Kalidasa's *Sakuntala* or ONV Kurup's *Bhoomikoru CharamaGeetham*.

SECTION-II

12. Discuss the ecological concerns raised by Thoreau in *Walden* or Atwood in *Surfacing*?
13. Write an essay on your field visit to Kodaikanal from an ecological perspective.
14. How do the films *Home* and *Animals are Beautiful People* highlight the theme of interconnectedness?

PART-C

III. Applied Criticism:

15. Analyze the given literary text using the Oikopoetic method in about 300 words:

(1 x 15 = 15 marks)

One day, God had a wish. He wanted to find out whether all the creatures lived a happy and contented life. He was eager to know what they wished for. First he met a cloud and asked him, "What do you wish for?" The Cloud replied, "I would like to touch the earth." God granted him to become rain and it touched the earth. Another day, God asked the cloud, "Are you happy?" The cloud looked sad. God asked him, "Why are you unhappy?" The cloud replied, "When I live above... I am clean. But when I reach the earth... I become muddy. So I feel sad." Another day, God asked the stars, "What do you wish for?" The stars replied, "We would like to go to the earth." God granted them to become tiny fireflies and they reached the earth. The next day God asked them, "Did your wish come true?" But the stars looked cheerless. God asked them, "Why are you unhappy?" The stars replied, "We flew around happily. But the people caught some of us and crushed us." Then God explained calmly, "It is always good to exist in the place where we belong to. The place we belong to is the place of happiness."

- 'What the Cloud and the Stars Wished For' from *Bhoomi Tales*

16. Find the Green Density Measurement (GDM) of the following poem, applying the formula.

Comment on the Green Attitude of the text in about 300 words:

(1 x 15 = 15 marks)

The last time I shut the do',
A lizard lost its serrate tail.
Must take that extra care, I know,
Though the tail again will grow.

The last time I paced the floor,
I nearly stepped upon an ant.
Must keep a watchful eye for sure
And save lives that I can't restore.

I cannot say that I really care
For all the creatures in the house.
But the lizards and the ants do share
My oikos as kin familiar.

I must confess that I detest
As all do that stupid cockroach!
I'll kill at once that foreign pest —
Ah! The lizard has found it first.

I thank the Lord I killed it not,
What a feast for my reptile!
Here's one more, the devil may rot;
All my ants I'll feed on the spot.

Periplaneta Americana from Nirmaldasan's Ode to Gaia and other Poems.

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