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PAPER VIII Twentieth Century Prose and Fiction

SHORT QUESTIONS

1. Write a short note on Priestley?
2. When was 'Heart of Darkness' published?
3. Who is the writer of 'The Palace of Illusion'?
4. What is the meaning of the title 'Selected Snobberies'?
5. Who is the writer of 'Heart of Darkness'?
6. What is the genre of the work 'Brave New World'?
7. What is the style of Virginia Woolf's 'Mrs. Dalloway'?
8. What does E V Lucas think about the interconnectedness of Life and Death?
9. 'The Palace of Illusion' is the retelling of which historic Epic?
10. Who is the author of 'Brave New World'?
11. Who is the protagonist of the story 'Palace of Illusion'?
12. Pritchett's essay 'The Dean' has been inspired by whose life?
13. When was E V Lucas born?
14. What are the two main trends of Twentieth century Prose writing?
15. How is fiction of Twentieth century unique in its approach towards nature?
16. Who is the writer of the essay 'The Pleasure of Ignorance'?
17. The character 'Mrs Dalloway' suffers from which mental problem?
18. What is the main theme of the short story 'A Funeral' written by E V Lucas?
19. What according to Lucas is the pleasure in ignorance?
20. Who is the writer of the essay 'On Not Being A Philosopher'?
21. When and where was J B Priestly born?
22. What is the main theme of the essay 'On Doing Nothing'?
23. Give some characteristics of Virginia Woolf style of writing?
24. Who is the main character of Joseph Conrad's 'Heart of Darkness'?
25. Who is the narrator in Joseph Conrad's 'Heart of Darkness'?

LONG QUESTIONS

1. What is the symbolic meaning of the title 'Heart of Darkness'? Explain in detail.
2. How is the retelling of the epic a new interpretation in 'The palace of Illusion'?
3. Myth and History interconnect in Chitra Banerjee's 'The Palace of Illusion' Comment.
4. What are the main themes of the novel 'Mrs. Dalloway'?
5. What are the literary devices used by Virginia Woolf in her works?
6. What are the important interpretations in Lynd's essay 'Pleasures of Ignorance'?
7. How can you say that the retelling of a tale is more interesting than the real tale of Mahabharata?
8. What are the different types of Snobberies that the essayist talks about in his work?
9. How can a person remain untouched by human snobbery as pointed out by the essayist? Give some suggestions to support your answer.
10. What are the main factors responsible for the emergence of the new technique of stream-of-consciousness novel?
11. Elaborate on the plot of the novel 'Mrs Dalloway'?
12. E V Lucas in his 'A Funeral' shows the truth about life that is hard to accept. Do you agree or disagree?
13. Critically analyses the essay 'Pleasures of Ignorance' written by Robert Lynd?
14. What are the suggestions that Lynd gives to learn new things in life in his essay 'Pleasures of Ignorance'?
15. What is the essayist pointing out in the essay 'On Doing Nothing'?
16. Evaluate the writings of Aldous Huxley by referring to his essays?
17. Write a note on Priestly as an essayist suggesting how he has become a true representative of Twentieth century Prose and Fiction?
18. Discuss the importance of the Congo river in the narration of the story 'Heart of Darkness'?
19. How does 'Heart of Darkness' highlight the Hypocrisy of Imperialism? Comment with references from the text.
20. How does the theme of obsession and ambition ride the story of Heart of Darkness?
21. In Mrs Dalloway Woolf created Septimus as a double for Clarrisa? In what ways are they different and same to each other? Explain.
22. Draw a contrast between communication and privacy as important themes of 'Mrs Dalloway'?

23. Write a short note on the symbols and motifs used in 'Mrs Dalloway'?
24. What is the main idea in the essay 'On not being a Philosopher'?
25. What is the significance of the title 'The Palace of Illusion'?