



- b) What is the significance of the expression "Railway Raju"? Comment on Raju's role as a tourist guide.
- c) Write a short note on the episode of the hibiscus bush.
5. Answer any **one** of the following:  $12 \times 1 = 12$
- a) What estimate of Benare do you form from the last two monologues?
- b) How is the technique of play within the play employed in "Silence! The Court is in Session"?
6. Answer any **one** of the following:  $6 \times 1 = 6$
- a) Comment on the role of Rokde in the play "Silence! The Court is in Session".
- b) Comment on the patriarchal attitude of Ponshe and Karnik.
- c) How can you relate the character of Samant with the toy parrot he carries in his hands?
7. Answer any **one** of the following:  $12 \times 1 = 12$
- a) Comment on the note of irony in "The Parrot's Training".
- b) Discuss how Amitava Ghosh deal with the issue of violence in his essay 'The Ghost of Mrs. Gandhi'.

8. Answer any **two** of the following:  $6 \times 2 = 12$
- a) What 'impertinence' of the bird does the Kotwal notice in "The Parrot's Training" and how is the bird punished for it?
- b) Comment on the role of the nephews in "The Parrot's Training".
- c) Comment on the significance of the ending of "The Parrot's Training".
9. Answer any **one** of the following:  $6 \times 1 = 6$
- a) "It is when we think of the world the aesthetic of indifference might bring into being that we recognize the urgency of remembering the stories we have not written." What is the significance of this line?
- b) Comment on the atmosphere in the University campus on the day of the fateful event in 'The Ghost of Mrs. Gandhi'.
- c) How does Amitav Ghosh narrate his engagement with the works of V.S. Naipaul and in which context?
10. Answer any **eight** of the following:  $2 \times 8 = 16$
- a) Who were to play the roles of President Johnson and Rawte in the original mock lawcourt that the Sonar Moti Tenement was to perform?

- b) What is the full name of Punkshe? What role does he perform in the play 'Silence! The Court is in Session'?
- c) Who is referred to as "Mr. Prime objective" and why?
- d) "Can't shut up at home, can't shut up here" – Who says so and about whom?
- e) "Then I certainly don't want it"– Who says so? What is 'it' referred to here?
- f) "I have a problem, sir."– Who says so? How does the person spoken to react?
- g) Who is James J.Malone?
- h) Why does Raju's mother object to buying the 'Jutka'?
- i) Name the classical dance form that Rosie practises. What name does she assume as a professional dancer?
- j) 'You look like a Maharaja now'– Who says so? Who is referred to as 'Maharaja' and why?
- k) What punishment did the king order to mete out to the fault-finders?
- l) How do the nephews convince the Raja that 'the bird's education has been completed'?

- m) Name the Latin American novelist mentioned in Amitav Ghosh's 'The Ghoshes of Mrs. Gandhi' and the imaginary place where his novels are set.
- n) "That was the most chilling thing of all" What is referred to as 'the most chilling thing' and why?

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