I. Answer any TEN of the following in about 50 words each: (10x3=30)

1. Write a short note on the friendship between Miller and Hans as evident from the story, *A Devoted Friend*.

2. How did the manuscript disappear in the story, *Paper Money*?

3. What was the careless blunder committed by Stephen Leacock in the bank?

4. Why was the kitten Buster considered a Christmas gift by Mrs Ainsworth?

5. Recall any three visualizations of Manderlay by the author in her dream.

6. Illustrate any two wrong usages of English by the professor in Nizzim Ezekiel’s poem, *The Professor*.

7. I am silver and exact. I have no preconceptions.

   Explain the above line from the poem, *Mirror*.

8. Who is the dark villain referred to in the poem, *A Bronzville Mother Loiters in Missisipi. Meanwhile, A Missisipi Mother Burns Beacon*?

9. What does the poetic refrain in the poem, *Tonight I can Write* suggest?

10. What does Abdul Kalam talk about, replying to a few letters during his office as the president of India?

11. How does Maya Angelou express her liking for her grandmother’s store in her autobiography?

12. Was Steve Jobs successful in his spiritual journey to India? Why?

13. Talking about Writing, what was the only plausible advice the author could give to the writers?

14. How did Miller justify his indifference to Hans during the winter season?
II Answer any **FOUR** of the following in about 200 words each: \(4 \times 10 = 40\)

15. Explain how irony is used in the stories, *The Devoted Friend* and *Paper Money*.
16. Highlight the humour in the essay, *My Financial Career* and comment on the circumstances that lead to the author’s dissolving of his account.
17. *Mirror* is a poem that dwells on the vanity of women. Comment.
18. *Talking About Writing* is an essay that conveys a message that it is not an easy task. Explain with reference to the views of the author.
19. What do you understand about the personality of Steve Jobs from the extract? Explain how Walter Isaacson has succeeded in bringing it out.
20. Explain how Maya Angelou portrays the mind of a child in a vivid manner in her autobiography.

III Answer any **TWO** of the following in about 250 words each: \(2 \times 15 = 30\)

23. What are your views on love? Draft a poem giving vent to your feelings on the theme of love.
24. Attempt a brief account of a biographical sketch of a well-known personality.

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