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Name of the Paper : Language, Literature and Culture

Name of the Course : **English : Generic Elective**

Semester : II

Duration : 3 Hours

Maximum Marks : 75

Instructions for Candidates

1. Write your Roll No. on the top immediately on receipt of this question paper.

PART A

All Questions are compulsory (3 × 15 = 45 marks)

1. What do you understand by Language? Why is it important to study language?

OR

What are the various characteristics or functions of Language? Explain any two of these.

2. It is generally believed that children educated in their mother tongue can think clearly without getting confused. Do you agree? What are the arguments for and against such a position?

OR

Poets of the Bhakti Movement rebel against rigid social and religious traditions. Discuss this with reference to Mirabai.

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3. How is gender bias reflected in language? Explain with the help of suitable examples from commercial advertisements OR books for children.

OR

We only have to speak to provide others innumerable clues about ourselves. Explore this relationship of language and our identity as we interact with others.

PART B

Attempt any three questions (3 × 10 = 30 marks)

1. What opinion do you form of Dronacharya as a Guru of the Kauravas and Pandavas?
2. "In the Tamil worldview even a king is not spared if he swerves from justice. The humblest of his subjects is allowed to interrogate him". Discuss.
3. What is the message that Tagore conveys through the story *Cabuliwallah*?
4. In the poem *To Waris Shah*, what changes does Amirita Pritam feel have come upon Punjab?
5. Though *Venkatashmi's Love Affair* is a romantic love story, the author successfully deals with issues that concern society. Do you agree?
6. Discuss the significance of the title *Joothan* by Omprakash Valmiki.