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M.Phil English
Entry Test Session 2009-2011

Time: 90 Minutes

Max Marks: 60

Note: Write your form number, total marks in MA/ CGPA on the answer book.

Answer both questions

1. Write an essay of about 500 words on any one of the statements given below:

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- a. Art and literature, except when conducive to strengthening the character, are nonsense. Is this a valid assessment?
- b. Literature is erotic ... because it is always concerned with seducing the reader.
- c. The most admired works of literature are those produced at a time when there are the most dramatic shifts from one way of looking at the world to another way of looking at the world.
- d. Every great or original writer in proportion as he is great or original must himself create the taste by which he must be relished.

2. In the following extracts identify the writers' views about the art of writing. Are the views expressed similar or dissimilar? What are your views about the art of writing?

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- Everything has been said before. There's nothing new to write about-always the same old things, the same old lies and the same old loves and the same old tragedy and joy. But you can write about them in a new way, your own way.
Eugene O' Neill
- Every one of my writings has been furnished to me by a thousand different persons, A thousand different things... . My work is that of an aggregation of beings taken from the whole of nature and it bears the name of Goethe.
Johann Wolfgang von Goethe.