



LOYOLA COLLEGE (AUTONOMOUS), CHENNAI – 600 034

B.A. DEGREE EXAMINATION – ENGLISH LITERATURE

SIXTH SEMESTER – APRIL 2017

EL 6609 - RHETORIC AND STYLISTICS

Date: 24-04-2017
Time: 09:00-12:00

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Max. : 100 Marks

Answer any FIVE of the following questions in about 50 words each: (5X3=15)

1. What is Rhetoric?
2. List out the three means of persuasion.
3. Write a brief note on Cicero's approach to Rhetoric.
4. Define Asyndeton.
5. What is Style?
6. What is Antithesis?
7. What is Apostrophe?
8. How is Rhetoric presented in News articles?

Attempt any FOUR of the following questions in about 200 words each choosing not more than Two from section. (4x10=40)

Section-A

9. Write a note on Sophists's contribution to Rhetoric.
10. Expatiate on the characteristics of Persuasive communication.
11. Elaborate on the five canons of Rhetoric.

Section-B

12. Comment on the qualities of good style.
13. Trace the role of Rhetoric in Political discourse.
14. What are your views on Modern Rhetoric?

Answer the following questions in about 500 words each (3x15=45)

15. Trace the evolution of the realm of Rhetoric.

(OR)

What do you know about Aristotle's Rhetoric theory.

16. How does Stylistics act as a bridge between language and literature?

(OR)

Illustrate any five figures of speech prescribed in your syllabus.

17. Analyze the following speech in terms of rhetorical devices and figures of speech

Abraham Lincoln's Gettysburg Address

Four score and seven years ago our fathers brought forth on this continent, a new nation, conceived in liberty, and dedicated to the proposition that all men are created equal.

Now we are engaged in a great civil war, testing whether that nation, or any nation so conceived and so dedicated, can long endure. We are met on a great battlefield of that war. We have come to dedicate a portion of that field, as a final resting place for those who here gave their lives that that nation might live. It is altogether fitting and proper that we should do this.

But in a larger sense, we cannot dedicate – we cannot consecrate – we cannot hallow – this ground. The brave men, living and dead, who struggled here, have consecrated it, far above our poor power to add or detract. The world will little note, nor long remember, what we say here, but it can never forget what they did here. It is for us the living, rather, to be dedicated here to the unfinished work which they who fought here have thus far so nobly advanced. It is rather for us to be here dedicated to the great task remaining before us – that from these honored dead we take increased devotion to that cause for which they gave the last full measure of devotion – that we here highly resolve that these dead shall not have died in vain – that this nation, under God, shall have a new birth of freedom – and that government of the people, by the people, for the people, shall not perish from the earth.
