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Question Bank

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## SECTION A

### I. Fill in the blanks

1. According to Bacon the chief use of study is -----
2. For abilities which are natural is like natural plants that need \_\_\_\_\_
3. Bacon compares a faithful friend to-----
4. Bacon says that friendship increases joy and lessens \_\_\_\_\_
5. Sir Roger watches the play *The \_\_\_\_\_ Mother*.
6. The man in black appears gloomy but has a \_\_\_\_\_ heart
7. The Man in Black often helps the poor but hides his \_\_\_\_\_
8. Lamb admires the innocence and cheerfulness of young \_\_\_\_\_
9. The sweepers enjoy tea and toast at the shop of Saint \_\_\_\_\_.
10. According to Hazlitt, true enjoyment of nature comes through \_\_\_\_\_ experience.
11. Hazlitt believes that travel helps one escape from \_\_\_\_\_.
12. The essay combines reflection, nature, and the theme of \_\_\_\_\_.
13. Lynd believes that knowledge removes the thrill of \_\_\_\_\_.
14. Lynd humorously discusses how little people know about \_\_\_\_\_.
15. The essay begins with an example from a street in \_\_\_\_\_.
16. Individual liberty should not become public \_\_\_\_\_.
17. *Professions for Women* is written by \_\_\_\_\_.

- 18 Woolf discusses the challenges faced by women in entering the \_\_\_\_\_ world.
- 19 She mentions the metaphorical killing of the Angel in the \_\_\_\_\_.
- 20 The English character is marked by self-\_\_\_\_\_.
- 21 Lynd finds joy in the fact that ignorance leads to continuous
- 22 Gardiner argues that liberty means responsibility to-----
- 23 Lamb shows his love for chimney-sweepers through his gentle \_-----
- 24 Virginia mentions the metaphorical killing of the Angel in the \_\_\_\_\_.
- 25 History makes men wise; poets witty; mathematics subtle and natural philosophy \_\_\_\_\_

## SECTION B

### I. Answer the following questions in 50 words

1. What does Bacon mean by “Reading maketh a full man”?
2. How do studies help in discourse?
3. What examples does Bacon use to highlight the value of friendship?
4. What does Bacon say about solitary individuals?
5. What does Sir Roger think of the theatre?
6. How does Sir Roger behave during the play?
7. What contradiction exists in the character of the Man in Black?
8. What message does Goldsmith convey through this character?
9. How does Lamb describe the young chimney sweepers?
10. What are Lamb’s feelings toward the sweepers?
11. What role does imagination play in Hazlitt’s journey?
12. Why does Hazlitt dislike talking during travel?
13. What example does Forster give to prove English hypocrisy?
14. What contrast does he draw between the English and other cultures?
15. What is meant by "rule of the road"?
16. How does individual liberty relate to social order?
17. Who is the “Angel in the House” according to Woolf?
18. What obstacles did Woolf face as a woman writer?
19. How does Woolf describe the act of writing?
20. What does Woolf say about women’s roles in society?

## SECTION C

### II. Answer the following in 250 words

- 1 Discuss the three purposes of study as mentioned by Bacon.
2. How does Bacon advise us to read different types of books?
- 3 What are the benefits of friendship according to Bacon?
- 4 Describe Bacon's views on the need for sharing thoughts and feelings with a friend.
- 5 How does Addison use humour to present Sir Roger's character?
- 6 What does the essay reveal about 18th-century English society and entertainment?
- 7 Write a short note on the contradictory nature of the Man in Black.
- 8 How does Goldsmith use irony in portraying the Man in Black?
- 9 What does Lamb admire about young chimney sweepers?
- 10 How does Lamb blend humour and sympathy in this essay?
- 11 Why does Hazlitt prefer solitude while travelling?
- 12 What are Hazlitt's views on companionship during a journey?
- 13 What are the main characteristics of English according to Forster?
- 14 How does Forster contrast English reserve with emotional openness?
- 15 What criticism does Forster make about English hypocrisy?
- 16 What examples of ignorance does Lynd discuss in the essay?
- 17 What does Gardiner mean by "Rule of the Road"?

18 Explain with examples how individual liberty can affect others if misused.

19 Who is the “Angel in the House” and why does Woolf want to kill her?

20 What barriers did Woolf face as a woman and a writer?

## SECTION D

### IV. Answer the following in 500 words

1. Discuss Bacon’s views on the purposes and benefits of studies. How are they useful in practical life?
2. Analyze Bacon’s style of writing in *Of Studies* with examples.
3. Explain the three fruits of friendship as discussed by Bacon.
4. Describe the character of Sir Roger as portrayed in the essay. What makes him humorous and lovable?
5. Give a detailed character sketch of the Man in Black. How does he represent social hypocrisy?
6. Analyze Lamb’s use of personal experiences and his essayistic style in this work.
7. Discuss Hazlitt’s argument for travelling alone. Why does he prefer solitude?
8. Examine Forster’s views on the emotional reserve of the English. How does it affect social behavior?
9. Explain Gardiner’s views on personal liberty and social responsibility in *On the Rule of the Road*.
10. Discuss the metaphor of the “Angel in the House.” Why does Woolf say she had to kill her?

