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[Total Marks : 80]

Instructions:

- 1) All questions are compulsory
- 2) Answer sub-questions in Q.1 and Q.2 in not more than 100 words each.
- 3) Answer Q.3 to Q.6 each in not more than 400 words.
- 4) Figures to the right indicate maximum marks allotted to the question

Q.1 Answer **Any Four** in not more than 100 words each: (16 marks)

- i. Isolation as a theme in The Martian
- ii. The role of Melissa Lewis
- iii. Growing potatoes on Mars
- iv. Ethics and the Three Laws of Robotics
- v. Dr. Susan Calvin
- vi. The thematic significance of the story Robbie

Q.2 Answer **Any Four** in not more than 100 words each: (16 marks)

- i. Dr. Watson, the narrator
- ii. Rational versus supernatural in The Hound of the Baskervilles
- iii. Death of Selden
- iv. A. K. Bhattacharya, the fraudster:
- v. Comment on the drugging episode in Inspector Ghote goes by train
- vi. The backpackers in Inspector Ghote goes by train

Q.3 Answer Any one of the following: (12 marks)

- A) The Martian by Andy Weir is a thrilling story of the struggle to survive on a deserted planet. Support your essay on the statement with appropriate textual evidence.

OR

- B) Critically examine how The Martian by Andy Weir takes a leap into the world of Sci Fi. Discuss with the help of suitable examples.

Q.4 Answer Any one of the following: (12 marks)

- A) The genre of science fiction always takes place in the future. Could the same be said about I, Robot by Isaac Asimov? Substantiate with relevant references

OR

- B) Describe any three robots in I, Robot by Isaac Asimov that have appealed to your literary taste.

Q.5 Answer Any one of the following: (12 marks)

A) Examine the suitability of the title *The Hound of the Baskervilles* by Sir Arthur Conan Doyle as an example of detective fiction.

OR

B) Describe the powers of deduction and observation as portrayed by Sherlock Holmes in *The Hound of the Baskervilles*

Q.6 Answer Any one of the following: (12 marks)

A) Whether in Bombay or Calcutta, Inspector Ghote goes by Train explores the significance of an Indian detective who attempts to solve the inherent threat of the unknown. Discuss with situational instances from the text

OR

B) Traveling by train, hoping to relax, Inspector Ghote's fellow passengers soon prove anything but restful. Discuss the crime story that unfolds through the characters in *Inspector Ghote goes by Train*.