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Q. 2. Write a précis of the following passage and also suggest a suitable title:

Manto was a victim of some kind of social ambivalence that converged on self-righteousness, hypocrisy, and mental obtuseness. His detractors branded him as vulgar and obscene and implicated him into a long-drawn legal battle questioning the moral validity of his writings. Without being deterred by their negative tactics, he remained firm in his commitment to exploring the stark realities of life offensive to the conservative taste of some self-styled purists. In the line of Freud, he sought to unravel the mysteries of sex not in an abstract, non-earthly manner but in a palpable, fleshy permutation signifying his deep concern for the socially disabled and depressed classes of society, like petty wage-earners, pimps, and prostitutes.

For Manto, man is neither an angel nor a devil, but a mix of both. His middle and lower middle class characters think, feel and act like human beings. Without feigning virtuosity, he was able to strike a rapport with his readers on some of the most vital socio-moral issues concerning them. As a realist, he was fully conscious of the yawning gap between appearance and reality; in fact, nothing vexed him more than a demonstrable duality in human behaviour at different levels of the social hierarchy. He had an unjaudiced view of man's faults and follies. As a literary artist, he treated vulgarity discreetly --- without ever sounding vulgar in the process. Like Joyce, Lawrence, and Caldwell, in Manto's work too, men and women of the age find their own restlessness accurately mirrored. And like them, Manto was also 'raised above his own self by his sombre enthusiasm'.

Q. 3. Read the following passage carefully and answer the questions given at the end.

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Globalization is viewed by its proponents as a process of cementing economic, cultural and political bonds between peoples of different countries of the world. One may regard it as a process by which they are welded into a single world society, to be termed as global society. It means internationalization of production and labour leading to integration of economies of developing and developed countries into global economy. To quote Rosabeth M.Kanter, "The world is becoming a global shopping mall in which ideas and products are available everywhere at the same time."

Globalization is a natural outcome of computer networking and electronic mass communication. Information technology has made it possible for nations of the world to contact one another beyond their national borders. Besides, globalization is also promoted through the growth and proliferation of multinational companies and corporations that operate as transporter networks. Anyhow the flow of capital technology and labour across the borders of countries has accentuated the process of globalization.

Deregulation, liberalism and privatization being assiduously pursued in the developing countries are some other manifestations of globalization. These countries are opening their economies to follow these trends. The size of the public sector is shrinking for the private sector to assume an increasingly important role in the economic development of the Third World countries. The downsizing of the public sector is in line with the spirit of market economy. This is suggested as a measure to cover up their fiscal deficit.

Questions:

(4 marks each)

1. Define globalization.
2. What is electronic mass communication?
3. What does the term Third World denote?
4. What is privatization?
5. Explain 'liberalism' in the above context.

Q.2 Précis

Title : Manto : A Realist and Bold Writer

The author describes Manto as a bold writer. His critics labelled him as vulgar and questioned morality in his writings. All of this could not stop him from revealing the bitter realities of life. Also, this shows his concern for the lower and middle class of society. Moreover, Manto considered man as a mix of both angel and devil. He was aware of dual human nature. He pointed-out man's faults. He talked about obscenity without sounding vulgar. By discussing socio-moral issues, he developed nexus with his readers. Like other writers, people find their restlessness mirrored in Manto's work too.

Q.3

1. Globalization is a process of cementing economic, cultural and political bonds between peoples of different countries of the world. It is a process by which countries are being changed into a single world society, to be termed as global society.
2. Electronic mass communication means different countries across the world are communicating through electronic media. It assists in making whole world as a global society. Information technology has made it possible for nations of world to contact one another beyond their national border.
3. The term Third World denote the developing countries in the world. These countries are pursuing deregulation, liberalism and privatization. These are the manifestations of globalization.

ii. Privatization is basically the downsizing of public sector is in line with the spirit of market economy. It is a suggested measure to cover up the fiscal deficit.

5. Liberalism is being open to follow new trends. In this context, liberalism is more related to globalization and economy. For the purpose of integrating with other countries, adopting liberalism is manifestation of it.