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2016

Part II 3-Tier

ENGLISH

PAPER—II

(General)

Full Marks : 90

Time : 3 Hours

The figures in the right-hand margin indicate full marks.

Candidates are required to give their answers in their own words as far as practicable.

1. Answer any *two* of the following questions, taking one from each novel : 2×15

(a) Justify the appropriateness of the title of Charles Dickens's *Hard Times*.

(b) To what extent does Dickens appear as a critic of society in his novel *Hard Times*?

(Turn Over)

(c) Discuss how chance and coincidences play a significant role in Hardy's *The Return of the Native*.

(d) Estimate the character of Eustacia vye as revealed in the novel *The Return of the Native*.

2. Answer any *two* of the following questions : 2×10

(a) Consider Charles Lamb as a personal essayist with reference to "The Superannuated Man".

(b) Give an account of Nehru's ideas about Indian culture and art as expressed in *Discovery of India*.

(c) What are the principles of the art of living as suggested by Nicolson in his essay "The Art of Living"?

(d) What was Rolland's attitude to Gandhi as expressed in the essay "Bose-Rolland Interview"?

3. Answer any *two* of the following : 2×10

(a) Critically comment on the significance of the title of James Joyce's short story "Araby".

- (b) Estimate the character of Mr. Behrman as revealed in O. Henry's "The Last Leaf".
- (c) What impression do you have about Mrs. Thurlow after your study of H. E. Bates's short Story "The Ox" ?
- (d) What is the significance of the 'fly episode' in Mansfield's short story "The Fly" ?
4. Answer any *four* of the following, taking at least *one* from each group : 4×5

Group-A

- (a) Comment on the character of Louisa as revealed in Dickens's *Hard Times*.
- (b) Write a short note on the death of Mrs. Yeobright in *The Return the Native*.
- (c) Write a note on the role of Diggory Venn in *The Return of the Native*.

Group-B

- (d) "I had grown to my desk, as it were ; and the wood had entered into my soul." — Comment.
- (e) Write a short note on Nehru's views on "Liberation of Mankind" in *Discovery of India*.
- (f) Comment on Nicolson's views on happiness.

Group-C

- (g) Comment on the importance of the bicycle in H. E. Bates's "The Ox".
- (h) Write a short note on Joyce's description of the market scene of Dublin in his short story "Araby".
- (i) "All the same, we cling to our last pleasures as the tree clings to its last leaves." — Elucidate.
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