

2016

ENGLISH

[ Honours ]

PAPER – VII

Full Marks : 90

Time : 4 hours

*The figures in the right hand margin indicate marks  
Candidates are required to give their answers in their  
own words as far as practicable*

SECTION – I

1. Answer any *three* of the following questions : 8 × 3
  - (a) Attempt a study of Bacon's prose-style with special reference to 'Of Friendship'.
  - (b) Bring out the aspects of Lamb's romanticism as manifested in 'The Superannuated Man'.
  - (c) How does Shaw differentiate 'Natural' slavery from 'Unnatural' slavery in his essay, 'Freedom' ?

- (d) Orwell's 'Shooting an Elephant' offers a strong critique of Imperialism. — Elucidate.
- (e) How does Forster, with his 'Notes', come to the conclusion that 'The English character is incomplete' ?
- (f) Show, after Huxley, how modern 'pleasure' is 'horrible'.

2. Answer any *five* of the following questions : 4 × 5

- (a) Why does Bacon say that the last fruit of friendship is 'full of many kernels' ?
- (b) Briefly narrate the 'parable of Pythagoras', alluded to by Bacon.
- (c) Why does Lamb compare his feeling immediately after supranuation to that of a prisoner released from Bastille after forty years' confinement ?
- (d) Explain Lamb's description of himself as 'Retired Leisure'.
- (e) What does Forster say about the 'slowness' of English character ?

- (f) Comment on Forster's argument that an Englishman has an "undeveloped heart not a cold one".
- (g) What is Shaw's definition of a perfectly free person ?
- (h) How, according to Shaw, is the master class deluded by what he calls, the "prodigious mass of humbug" ?
- (i) Why did Orwell initially think that he should not shoot the elephant ?
- (j) How and when does Orwell realise "the futility of the white man's domination in the East" ?
- (k) What is "Ku Klux Klan" ? Why does Huxley refer to it ?
- (l) Why does Huxley think "old pleasures" to be superior to modern ones ?

SECTION – II

3. Answer any *two* of the following : 8 × 2
- (a) How is Shakespearean tragedy different from the classical tragedy ?

- (b) Attempt a brief study of the contribution of Elizabethan poets to the development of the English lyric.
- (c) Bring out the salient features of the 'Comedy of Humours' with suitable illustrations.
- (d) Attempt a study of the influence of psycho-analysis on the Modern novel.

SECTION – III

4. Attempt an essay on any *one* of the following : 30
- (a) Future of Books in the 21st Century
  - (b) Literature, Culture and society
  - (c) Post-modernism
  - (d) Nationalism
  - (e) Global warming
  - (f) Post-Independence Indian English Drama.
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