

2015

ENGLISH

[Honours]

PAPER – IV

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*

GROUP – A

1. Attempt any *two* of the following questions : 15 × 2
 - (a) Comment on the significance of the title of 'Pride and Prejudice'.
 - (b) How do the women characters in 'David Copperfield' contribute to the pathos of the novel?

- (c) What instances of the role of chance and coincidence do you find in the novel, 'Far From the Madding Crowd'? Comment on any two.
- (d) Do you believe that 'Kim' is a picaresque novel? Give reasons for your answer.
- (e) The charm of the world created by R.K.Narayan in 'The Man-Eater of Malgudi' lies in his use of irony. Comment.

2. Attempt any *two* of the following questions : 8 × 2

- (a) How does the character of Lydia provide a certain perspective into the role of women in eighteenth century English society?
- (b) What are David's memories of his lessons at home presided over by Mr. and Miss Murdstone?
- (c) How does Former Boldwood affect the fortunes of Bathsheba in the novel, 'Far From the Madding Crowd'?
- (d) Bring out the picture of Indian country life as depicted by Kipling in *Kim*.

(e) What typical features of the world of Malgudi, created by R.K. Narayan, do you find in 'The Man-Eater of Malgudi' ?

3. Answer any *three* questions : 4 × 3

(a) Why does Darcy's proposal anger Elizabeth ?

(b) Write a note on Little Em'by.

(c) Describe in short the first meeting of Bathsheba and Sergeant Troy.

(d) Write a note on the theme of espionage in 'Kim'.

(e) Who was Rangi ? Describe her appearance.

GROUP – B

4. Attempt any *three* of the following questions : 8 × 3

(a) How does Joyce's 'Araby' present the psychology of a confused adolescent in love ?

(b) What is the significance of the fly episode in Katherine Mansfield's story ?

- (c) Justify the title of the short story, 'The Ox'.
- (d) How effectively does 'The Wife's Letter' provide an insight into the position of women in contemporary Indian society ?
- (e) Comment on Bates's portrayal of the monotony and dreariness of Mrs. Thurlow's life.

5. Answer any *two* questions : 4 × 2

- (a) What were the boy's feelings about Mangan's sister when he went marketing with his aunt on Saturday evenings ?
 - (b) What did the Boss recollect about his son's performance in his office ?
 - (c) How did Mrs. Thurlow relax on Sunday afternoons ?
 - (d) 'Jom-Raj is wise in his deadly robbery : he only takes things of value.' Explain the context of this line.
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