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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) Write a note on the character of Louisa as revealed in Dickens's *Hard Times*.
- (b) Write a note on Dickens's use of humour and satire in *Hard Times*.

(Turn Over)

- (c) How does 'Egdon Heath' exert an influence on the characters in Hardy's *The Return of the Native*?
- (d) Write a note on Hardy's tragic vision of life with special reference to the novel you have read.
2. Attempt any *two* of the following questions : 2×10
- (a) Write a note on Charles Lamb's prose style as revealed in his essay "The Superannuated Man".
- (b) Write briefly on Nicolson's views on happiness.
- (c) What was Rolland's view on Gandhi's idea of Satyagraha ? How did Subhas Chandra Bose react to it ?
- (d) How, according to Nehru, can Indians take part in Internationalism ? Discuss.
3. Answer any *two* of the following : 2×10
- (a) Comment on Joyce's use of symbols in "Araby".
- (b) Comment on the significance of the title of H.E. Bates' "The Ox".

- (c) Write a note on the significance of the "fly episode" in Mansfield's story 'The Fly'.
- (d) Write a note on the ending of O. Henry's story, "The Last Leaf".

4. Answer any *four* of the following, taking at least *one* from each group : 4×5

Group-A

- (a) What role does Diggory Venn play in *The Return of the Native* ?
- (b) "Wildeve came like Amerigo-Vespucci"—Who was Amerigo Vespucci ? What is the significance of comparing Wildeve to Amerigo Vespucci ?
- (c) Why can't Stephen Blackpool divorce his wife ?

Group-B

- (d) "I gradually became content—doggedly contented, as wild animals in cages"—Comment.

- (e) Briefly comment on the Bose-Rolland interview.
- (f) Write in short, the significance of the title of "The Art of Living".

Group-C

- (g) What is the symbolic significance of Mrs. Thurlow's bicycle ?
 - (h) Why does the narrator want to go to the bazaar in "Araby" ?
 - (i) Who is referred to as "poor old chap" in "The Fly" and why ?
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