

2019

ENGLISH

[ General ]

PAPER – I

*Full Marks : 90*

*Time : 3 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*

1. Answer any *two* questions : 15 × 2

- (a) Discuss Shakespeare's treatment of the conflict of Time and Love with special reference to the sonnet 'Let Me Not to The Marriage of True Minds'.

( Turn Over )

- (b) Critically evaluate John Donne's 'Batler My Heart' as a metaphysical devotional poem.
- (c) Comment on Keats' use of imagery in 'Ode to Autumn'.
- (d) Write a critical appreciation of Hardy's poem 'The Darkling Thrush'.
- (e) Consider William Wordsworth's 'Strange Fits of Passion' as a Romantic Love poem.
- (f) Describe elaborately how Matthew Arnold praises William Shakespeare in his poem 'Shakespeare'.

2. Explain with reference to the context any *three* of the following : 10 × 3

- (a) "They also serve who only stand and wait"
- (b) "Type of the wise who soar, but never roam  
True to the Kindred points of heaven and home"

(c) "Like a poet hidden  
In the light of thought,  
Singing hymns unbidden,  
Till the world is wrought  
To sympathy with hopes and fears it heeded  
not:"

(d) "Fail I alone, in words and deeds ?  
Why, all men strive and who succeeds"

(e) "I hope to see my pilot face to face  
When I have crost the bar."

(f) "For he on honeydew hath fed  
And drunk the milk of Paradise."

3. Write a precis of any *one* of the following passages and give a suitable title : 15 x 1

(a) Life in society is actually a contract between individuals who constitute the society. Among the individuals each one has to take care of the other so that there is a parity in thought or ways of life. If you adjust your

thoughts, ideas and behaviour with those of others then social life can go on smoothly and the contract can stand in order. Cooperation, adjustments and the spirit of accommodation are, therefore, necessary for proper existence in society. How often do we see this in trains and other vehicles when three people sacrifice their comfort to accommodate a fourth person beside them ! Such feeling should exist in every field of the society. You may love music and enjoy it but you cannot play it at midnight as your neighbours need an undisturbed sleep. If we want liberty uncurtailed, then it would result in chaos and confusion. True liberty should therefore be accommodative of other people's liberty.

- (b) It is language, more obviously than anything else, that distinguishes man from the rest of the animal world. At one time it was

common to define man as a thinking animal, but we can hardly imagine thought without words. More recently, man has often been described as a tool-making animal but language is the most remarkable tool that man has invented, and is the one that makes all the others possible. The most primitive tools, admittedly, may have come earlier than language : the higher apes sometimes use sticks for digging, and have been observed to break sticks for his purpose. But tools of any greater sophistication demand the kind of human cooperation and division of labour which is hardly possible without language. Language, in fact, is the great tool which makes human culture possible.

4. Identify and explain the figures of speech in any *three* of the following : 5 × 3
- (a) I wandered lonely as a cloud.
- (b) I came, I saw, I conquered.

(c) Art is long, life is short.

(d) This is nothing but imprisoned liberty.

(e) Beauty is truth, truth beauty.

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