

2019

Part – II

ENGLISH

(General)

Paper – II

Full Marks – 90

Time : 3 Hours

*The questions are of equal value for any group/half.*

*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 : 15×2
  - (a) Discuss how *Hard Times* addresses the oppressive nature of industrialism in Victorian England.
  - (b) Write an essay on the character of Stephen Blackpool in Dickens's *Hard Times*.
  - (c) What role do chances and coincidences play in Hardy's *The Return of the Native* ?

(d) Estimate the character of Eustacia Vye in Hardy's *The Return of the Native*.

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

10×2

(a) Consider Charles Lamb as a personal essayist with special reference to the essay 'The Superannuated Man'.

(b) Bring out the significance of the title of Nicolson's essay 'The Art of Living'.

(c) What was Bose's opinion of Gandhi as you find it in the essay 'Bose - Rolland Interview'?

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

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

(a) How does James Joyce present the stark contrast between romance and reality in his short story 'Araby'?

(b) Write a note on the character of the Boss in Katherine Mansfield's 'The Fly'.

(c) Comment on Bates's use of symbols in 'The Ox'.

- (d) Discuss how O. Henry's 'The Last Leaf' is a remarkable story of hope, friendship and sacrifice.

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

**GROUP – A**

- (a) How does Sissy Jupe become the saviour of the Gradgrind family ?
- (b) Explain the use of two symbols in Dickens's *Hard Times*.
- (c) Comment on the role of Diggory Venn in *The Return of the Native*.

**GROUP – B**

- (a) What does Charles Lamb miss on Sundays ?
- (b) What opinion does Nehru hold on 'Liberation of Mankind' in *The Discovery of India* ?
- (c) What was the context of Bose's meeting with the French philosopher Romain Rolland ?

**GROUP – C**

- (a) What was the narrator's experience at Araby, the Grand Oriental Fete, in Joyce's short story 'Araby' ?

- (b) Why could Mrs Thurlow never ride her bicycle ?
- (c) "But all that was over and done with as though it never had been". – What was over and done with ? Which incident led to the circumstances referred to here ?
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