2016

ENGLISH

(Major)

Paper : 2.2

Full Marks: 80

Time: 3 hours

The figures in the margin indicate full marks for the questions

SECTION—I

- **1.** Answer each of the following questions in 1 sentence: 1×6=6
 - (a) Fill in the blank:

 Nothing besides remains: round

 the decay

 Of that _____ wreck, boundless

 and bare,

The lone and level sands stretch far away.

- (b) What was the fruit of that forbidden tree in Paradise Lost?
- (c) What does the word 'Champak' mean in the poem, The Indian Serenade?
- (d) What does Wordsworth compare Lucy to in She Dwelt Among the Untrodden Ways?

- (e) Who are the other sweepers locked up in the coffins of black in the poem, The Chimney Sweeper?
- (f) Which sacred river flows through Xanadu and where does it flow to?
- **2.** Answer the following in brief: $2 \times 5 = 10$
 - (a) Write a note on Milton's style in invocation to Book-I of Paradise Lost.
 - (b) Attempt, after Pope, a character sketch of Belinda.
 - (c) How does Blake articulate issues of racism in The Little Black Boy?
 - (d) Explain the irony used in Shelley's poem, Ozymandias.
 - (e) Write a note on Coleridge's use of fantasy as a narrative frame in Kubla Khan.
- 3. Explain, with reference to the context, any two of the following: $5\times2=10$
 - (a) All human things are subject to decay
 And when fate summons, monarchs
 must obey.
 - (b) Did He smile His work to see?

 Did He who made the lamb make thee?

- (c) If Solitude, or fear, or pain, or grief,
 Should be thy portion, with what healing
 thoughts
 Of tender joy wilt thou remember me,
 And these my exhortations!
- (d) Or on a half-reap'd furrow sound asleep,
 Drowsed with the fume of poppies, while
 thy hook
 Spares the next swath and all its twined
 flowers:
- 4. Answer any two of the following: 10×2=20
 - (a) What is personification? How does Keats personify Autumn season?
 - (b) "Mac Flecknoe is not only a satire, it is also a comedy." Discuss.
 - (c) Discuss The Rape of the Lock as a commentary on the fashionable society of the Eighteenth Century.
 - (d) Write an essay on how Wordsworth in Tintern Abbey traces his experiences of evolving into a 'living soul'.
 - (e) Critically analyse the poem, La Belle Dame sans Merci.

SECTION-II

- **5.** Answer each of the following questions in 1 sentence: 1×4=4
 - (a) Who is described as 'an odd mixture of bashfulness and obstinacy' in *The Way* of the World?
 - (b) Millamant controls half of her fortune.
 Who controls the other half?
 - (c) How many daughters does Mr. and Mrs. Bennet have?
 - (d) Who is Colonel Fitzwilliam?
- **6.** Answer any *two* of the following in brief: $5\times2=10$
 - (a) Give reasons for the immense popularity of the novel, *Pride and Prejudice*.
 - (b) How does Jane Austen unify wit and drama in Pride and Prejudice?
 - (c) Why did The Way of the World fail on the stage?
 - (d) Attempt a character sketch of Lady Wishfort.

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7. Answer the following:

10×2=20

(a) Justify by illustrating from *Pride and Prejudice* the description of Jane Austen's work as 'two inches of ivory'.

Or

To what extent does Jane Austen succeed in depicting the life and manners of her time in *Pride and Prejudice*? Discuss and elaborate.

(b) "Unities of Time, Place and Action have been skilfully maintained in the play, The Way of the World." Explain.

Or

"The Way of the World provides a crystal clear picture of the loose morals of the upper classes of the Restoration society." Illustrate.

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