

2019

ENGLISH
(Elective)

Paper : 5.1

Full Marks : 80

Time : 3 hours

*The figures in the margin indicate full marks
for the questions*

1. Answer any four of the following questions :

10×4=40

- (a) How does Francis Bacon categorize books in his essay, *Of Studies*? What purpose does reading serve in the development of the intellect? Comment in the context of Bacon's perspective on the subject.
- (b) Examine critically Izaak Walton as a biographer with special reference to his *Donne on His Death Bed*.
- (c) Comment on the diversion used in Chapter 3 of *Gulliver's Travels* and its implications for the theme presented there.
- (d) Discuss how Graham Greene, as a critic, shows the seminal influence of childhood readings on a writer's life.

(2)

- (e) Write a note on Hazlitt's prose style with special reference to *My First Acquaintance with the Poets*.
- (f) Write a note on Arnold's exploration of the relationship between reason and creativity in *Literature and Science*.
2. Explain, with reference to the context, any two of the following extracts : $10 \times 2 = 20$
- (a) Some books also may be read by deputy, and extracts made of them by others; but that would be only in the less important arguments, and the meaner sort of books; else distilled books are like common distilled waters, flashy things.
- (b) He said the Lyrical Ballads were an experiment about to be tried by him and Wordsworth, to see how far the public taste would endure poetry written in a more natural and simple style.
- (c) There are a great many people who have all the material conditions of happiness, i.e., health and a sufficient income, and who, nevertheless, are profoundly unhappy.
- (d) Saints should always be judged guilty until they are proved innocent, but the tests that have to be applied to them are not, of course, the same in all cases.

(3)

3. Answer any ten of the following as directed : $1 \times 10 = 10$
- (a) Francis Bacon was the most perfect exponent of the personal essay in English literature.
(State True or False)
- (b) Who is the author of the essay, *Freedom* ?
- (c) Izaak Walton wrote *Gulliver's Travels*.
(State True or False)
- (d) State the significance of the title of the essay, *The Lost Childhood*.
- (e) Who are the Stoics?
- (f) William Hazlitt was a Romantic essayist.
(State True or False)
- (g) What is El Dorado?
- (h) Which Shakespearean character does G. B. Shaw talk about in his essay, *On Freedom* ?
- (i) To which period of English literature does Matthew Arnold belong?
- (j) Bertrand Russell was an eighteenth century mathematician.
(State True or False)

(k) After whom was the American continent named?

(l) E. M. Forster's *A Passage to India* is referred to in Orwell's essay, *Reflections on Gandhi*.

(State True or False)

4. Answer any five of the following briefly :

2×5=10

(a) Write a note on the aphoristic style of Bacon with reference to the essay read by you.

(b) Comment briefly on Hazlitt's use of quotations in the essay prescribed for you.

(c) Write a note on Walton's use of anecdotes.

(d) What is Arnold's view on literature as depicted in *Literature and Science*?

(e) How do you differentiate happiness between man and animals?

(f) What is Naipaul's opinion of Columbus in the essay, *Columbus and Crusoe*?

(g) Write a brief note on the use of irony in the third chapter of *Gulliver's Travels*.
