

2019

ELECTIVE ENGLISH

Full Marks : 80

Time : 3 hours

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

SECTION—I

(Novels)

1. Answer any *three* of the following questions :

15×3=45

- (a) How does Defoe present the theme of class in *Moll Flanders*?
- (b) What role does Mrs. Smith play in Jane Austen's novel, *Persuasion*? How do her revelations effect Anne?
- (c) How does Dickens's use of secrecy and secrets contribute to his novel *Great Expectations* as a whole?
- (d) Discuss the significance of the title *A Portrait of the Artist as a Young Man* of Joyce's novel.
- (e) "*Animal Farm* is a satire of totalitarianism." Do you agree? Give a reasoned answer.

2. Write short notes on any *three* of the following : 5×3=15
- (a) Moll's mother
 - (b) Pip's meeting with the convicts out in the marshes
 - (c) Christmas dinner episode in *A Portrait of the Artist as a Young Man*
 - (d) Mr. Jones in *Animal farm*
 - (e) Captain Frederick Wentworth in *Persuasion*

SECTION—II

(Short Stories)

3. Answer any *one* of the following questions : 12
- (a) Discuss the theme of class relation in *The Garden Party*.
 - (b) "*The Rocking Horse Winner* is a critique of the obsession with materialism in modern times." Do you agree? Give a reasoned answer.
 - (c) Critically evaluate the character of Harvey Maxwell, the broker in Manhattan.

4. Explain any *one* of the following extracts : 8
- (a) If you have never seen a busy New York Broker on a busy day, you know little about men at work. Every minute of a broker's hower is crowded.
 - (b) His eyes blared at her for one strange and senseless second, as she ceased urging his wooden horse. Then he fell with a crash to the ground, and she, all her tormented motherhood flooding upon her, rushed to gather him up.
 - (c) "But, my dear child, use your common sense. It's only by accident we've heard of it. If someone had died there normally—and I can't understand how they keep alive in those poky little holes — we should still be having our party, shouldn't we?"
