

2018

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 questions : 10×4=40

- (a) Write a note on the salient features of Bacon's prose style with special reference to *Of Studies*.
- (b) What was Hazlitt's impressions of Coleridge and Wordsworth on meeting them for the first time in 1798?
- (c) Comment critically on Arnold's holistic view of literature as also comprising an apparent opposition to science. Illustrate your answer from *Literature and Science*.
- (d) Discuss, after Orwell, Gandhi's qualities as a leader.
- (e) Critically analyze Shaw's views on *Freedom*.

(f) How is the engagement with culture focussed upon in Naipaul's *Columbus and Crusoe*? Answer with reference to his argument in the essay.

2. Explain with reference to the context any *two* of the following : 10×2=20

(a) Reading Maketh a full man; conference a ready man; and writing an exact man.

(b) Of late years it has been the fashion to talk about Gandhi as though he were not only sympathetic to the Western Leftwing-movement, but were even integrally part of it.

(c) It was in January, 1798, that I rose one morning before daylight, to walk ten miles in the mud, and went to hear this celebrated person preach. Never the longest day I have to live, shall I have such another walk as this cold, raw, comfortless one, in the winter of the year 1798.

(d) If then there is to be separation and option between humane letters on the one hand, and the natural sciences on the other, the great majority of mankind, all who have not exceptional and overpowering aptitudes for the study of nature, would do well.

3. Answer any *five* of the following briefly :

2×5=10

- (a) What is the purpose of the agreement between the Liliputians and Gulliver?
- (b) What is the difference between Gandhi and the Pacifists?
- (c) What, according to Orwell, is the likely impact of Gandhi's non-violent policy on world politics?
- (d) Who are the famous 18th century writers mentioned in Shaw's essay, *Freedom*?
- (e) What is Naipaul's opinion of Columbus in the essay, *Columbus and Crusoe*?
- (f) Comment briefly on Hazlitt's prose style.

4. Answer any *ten* of the following as directed :

1×10=10

- (a) Francis Bacon was an impersonal essayist.

(State True/False)

- (b) Charles Lamb wrote the essay, *My First Acquaintance with Poets*.

(State True/False)

- (c) Whose book did Naipaul use as his starting point for his essay, *Columbus and Crusoe*?

- (d) What is the basic difference between Orwell and Gandhi? Answer very briefly.
- (e) Orwell's *Reflections on Gandhi* is a review of Gandhi's autobiography *My Experiments with Truth*.
(State True/False)
- (f) Bertrand Russell received the Nobel Prize for literature.
(State True/False)
- (g) *Lyrical Ballads* was written by _____.
(Fill in the blank)
- (h) Bertrand Russell was a mathematician and a philosopher.
(State True/False)
- (i) V. S. Naipaul is an Indian poet.
(State True/False)
- (j) Who is the author of *A Passage to India*?
- (k) Matthew Arnold was one of the most imposing figures of Victorian Criticism.
(State True/False)
- (l) Jonathan Swift was an eighteenth century satirist.
(State True/False)

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