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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?"

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