

2020
ENGLISH
[HONOURS]
Paper : IV

Full Marks : 100

Time : 4 Hours

*The figures in the right-hand margin indicate marks.**Candidates are required to give their answers in their own words as far as practicable.*1. Attempt any **eight** of the following questions:

2×8=16

- a) Who is Colonel Fitzwilliam in the novel *Pride and Prejudice*? What is his role in the development of the plot?
- b) How does Wickham justify his dislike for Mr. Darcy to Elizabeth?
- c) What is the meaning of the fact that Mr. Bennet's property is 'entailed'?
- d) "You take delight in vexing me. You have no compassion on my poor nerves" – Who says this, to whom and in what context?
- e) Who is Madame Defarge's husband in the novel *A Tale of Two Cities*? What was his role in the novel?

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Who is a redleman?

- f) "Long live the King and the Queen". What is the significance of the shouting of the Mender of the roads?

OR

What is the profession of Diggory Venn?

- g) "There is a man who would give his life, to keep a life you love beside you." – Who says this, to whom and in what context?

OR

"Your words have no longer their old flavour. And so love dies with good fortune" – Who says this, to whom and when?

- h) Why did Charles Darney decide to go back to Paris?

OR

What was Clym's occupation in Paris and what is his plan in Egdon?

- i) "Had I a little son, I would christen him Nothing-to-do" – Explain in brief.
- j) Refer to the context in which Lamb quotes a passage from 'a Tragedy by Sir Robert Howard'.

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- k) "Why could not Lamb enjoy the Sundays when he was engaged in a job?"
- l) What was Chesterton's opinion about 'the old poets who lived before Wordsworth'?
- m) Who is Joan of Arc? Why is she mentioned in Chesterton's essay?
- n) Why is Southern England compared to 'a piece of chalk'?

2. Answer any **one** of the following questions:

12×1=12

- a) Write an essay on the then British Society as depicted in the novel *Pride and Prejudice*.
- b) Discuss Jane Austen's portrayal of women in the novel *Pride and Prejudice*.

3. Answer any **one** of the following questions:

12×1=12

- a) Attempt an essay on the character of Lucie Manette.
- b) Write an essay on Hardy's art of plot construction with reference to the novel *The Return of the Native*.
- c) Write an essay on the significance of the title of Mahashweta Devi's story *The Hunt*.

OR

- d) Discuss *Operation Bashai Tudu* as a historical fiction.

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

6×3=18

- a) Attempt a brief note on the role of Lydia Bennet in the novel *Pride and Prejudice*.
- b) Discuss the relationship between money and marriage in Jane Austen's England.
- c) Write a brief essay on the role of prisons in the novel *A Tale of Two Cities*.
- d) Discuss very briefly Dickens' use of the motif of the 'doubling' in *A Tale of Two Cities*.
- e) What is your opinion on the ending of the novel *The Return of the Native*?
- f) Can the novel *The Return of the Native* be considered as a conflict between the modern and the ancient ideas and thoughts? Discuss briefly.
- g) Write a brief note on the exploitative machinery that is operative on the tribal people in India, as depicted in the story *The Hunt*.
- h) How are the tribal people represented in *Operation Bashai Tudu*?

5. Answer any **one** of the following questions:
12×1=12
- a) Discuss Charles Lamb's *The Superannuated Man* as a personal essay.
 - b) What, according to you, is the main theme of Chesterton's essay *A Piece of Chalk*?
6. Answer any **one** of the following questions:
12×1=12
- a) Write an essay on how the French Language influenced the English language.
 - b) Write an essay on the influences of the Christianity on the English language.
 - c) Write a note on the influences of advancement of Science and Technology on the English language.
7. Answer any **one** of the following questions:
6×1=6
- a) Write a note on the Scandinavian influences on English vocabulary regarding governance, administration and judiciary.
 - b) Write a short essay on the influence of Shakespeare on the English vocabulary.
 - c) Write a short note on how the American English varies from the British English in terms of vocabulary.

8. Answer any **two** of the following questions:
3×2=6
- a) Define air stream mechanism. What kind of air stream mechanism is used in the English language?
 - b) What do you understand by affricate sound? Give examples.
 - c) What is the difference between nasal sounds and nasalised sounds?
 - d) Write three-term description of the word 'Peace'.
9. Write phonemic transcription of the following words:
1×6=6
- a) dictionary
 - b) sugar
 - c) student
 - d) phonetics
 - e) tasty
 - f) language
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