

2018

ENGLISH

(General)

Full Marks : 40

Time : 2 hours

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

Students having English (Major) shall answer
Question Nos. 1, 2, 3 and 6 while other students
shall answer Question Nos. 1 to 5

1. What is 'Swadeshi' according to Gandhi?
What are its three branches? 10

Or

How did Buddha succeed in converting
Angulimala? 10

2. Narrate the circumstances under which
Orwell was compelled to shoot the elephant. 10

Or

Discuss how Lansina Nona remained
undeterred in her decision to stay in the
village alone in spite of the devastation by the
river. 10

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

5×2=10

- (a) Discuss, after Rohinton Mistry, the overwhelming impact of the television serial *Ramayana* on the psyche of the contemporary Indian people.
- (b) "Swadeshi is the only doctrine consistent with the law of humanity and love." Explain in brief.
- (c) Give a brief character portrayal of Auntie Ropwati.
- (d) Give an account of Nona's struggle against the river in the story, *The River*.

4. Frame sentences to illustrate the meaning of the following phrases and idioms (any *five*) :

1×5=5

a storm in a teacup; by fits and starts; cats and dogs; hold good; null and void; salt of the earth; tooth and nail; bolt from the blue; lion's share.

5. Rewrite the following sentences correctly (any *five*) :

1×5=5

- (a) I completely disagree to pay women less than men.
- (b) There was a little progress so far.

- (c) I have gone to Scotland but I have never gone to Wales.
- (d) She is neat but fairly slow.
- (e) He has always been jealous for his sister.
- (f) She has curly hairs.
- (g) The committee recommended the best of the two candidates.
- (h) The news was broadcasted last evening.

[For English (Major) students only]

6. How does Nissim Ezekiel try to oppose the ideas of V. S. Naipaul in his essay, *Naipaul's India and Mine*? 10

Or

- Write a note on Naipaul's view of Mahatma Gandhi. 10

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