

2021
ENGLISH
[HONOURS]
Paper : VI

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. Answer any **one** of the following: $12 \times 1 = 12$
 - a) Do you consider Cathleen and Nora as choric characters in *Riders to the Sea*?
 - b) Consider *Riders to the Sea* as a classical tragedy.
 - c) How does Shaw shatter the romantic notions of love and war in *Arms and the Man*?
 - d) Discuss Shaw's portrayal of Bluntschli in 'Arms and the Man'.
2. Answer any **one** of the following: $6 \times 1 = 6$
 - a) "It proves all our ideas were real after all." – Explain.
 - b) "What use are cartridges in battle? I always carry chocolate instead." – Explain.
3. Answer any **one** of the following: $6 \times 1 = 6$
 - a) No man at all can be living for ever, and we must be satisfied." – Explain.
4. Answer any **one** of the following: $12 \times 1 = 12$
 - a) Consider 'Lord of the Flies' as a moral fable.
 - b) Attempt a note on the ending in Golding's "Lord of the Flies."
5. Answer any **one** of the following: $12 \times 1 = 12$
 - a) Estimate 'The Fly' as a psychological story.
 - b) Examine "Araby" as a short story.
 - c) Evaluate Achebe as an essayist as reflected in "The Novelist as Teacher".
6. Answer any **two** of the following : $6 \times 2 = 12$
 - a) What is the symbolic significance of the fly?
 - b) When, according to you, does the Boss appear to be a pitiable figure?
 - c) Bring out the final epiphany in Araby.
 - d) What is the Holy Grail? In what context is it mentioned in 'Araby'?
7. Answer any **one** of the following: $12 \times 1 = 12$
 - a) What are Russel's arguments in favour of laziness?
- b) "If it was a hundred horses, or a thousand horses you had itself, what is the price of a thousand horses against a son where there is one son only." – Explain.

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- b) How can a novelist become a teacher for his/her people? Discuss after Chinua Achebe's "The Novelist as Teacher".
- c) Comment on Virginia Woolf's suggestions about how to read a book.
8. Answer any **two** of the following: $6 \times 2 = 12$
- a) What as Achebe thinks, is 'an adequate revolution' for him to espouse?
- b) What, according to Achebe, is the difference between European writers and African writers?
- c) Why does Russel say that the real villain is the man who saves?
- d) What is the story of the traveller and twelve beggars? What does Russel want to suggest through it in his essay "In Praise of Idleness"?
9. Answer any **eight** of the following: $2 \times 8 = 16$
- a) What is the English rendering of the phrase "Arma virumque cano"? What is the source of this phrase?
- b) "I'm getting hallucinations" – Why does the speaker say this?
- c) Mention two major themes discussed in Shaw's comedy "Arms and the Man."
- d) Mention the names of the sons of Maurya.
- e) "It's that number is in it" – Identify the speaker. What does this 'number' signify?
- f) Give two examples of the Aran dialect.
- g) Who was the owner of the pair of spectacles? How was it used in the novel "Lord of the Flies"?
- h) What does the phrase 'Lord of the Flies' refer to?
- i) What do you come to know of Mrs. Mercer in "Araby"?
- j) Why doesn't the narrator buy anything for Mangan's sister?
- k) "There was something I wanted to tell you" – What did the speaker tell the listener?
- l) "But just then the Boss had an idea" – What idea is referred to here?
- m) Name two novels of Achebe as mentioned in "The Novelist as Teacher".
- n) "Can anything more insane be imagined?" – What is Russel's argument here?