

2019



ENGLISH — GENERAL

Paper : CC/GE-2

Full Marks : 65

The figures in the margin indicate full marks.

Candidates are required to give their answers in their own words as far as practicable.

1. Answer the following questions in complete sentences : 1×5
 - (a) Name any two rustic characters in *The Mayor of Casterbridge*.
 - (b) What does Rosalind give Orlando after he defeats Charles the wrestler?
 - (c) Which are the two countries at war with each other in *Arms and the Man*?
 - (d) Give any one example of the “busy idle diversions” that Charles Lamb took pleasure in his childhood.
 - (e) What was George Orwell’s occupation in Burma?

 2. Answer **any one** of the following questions : 15×1
 - (a) Examine the significance of the shooting of the elephant in George Orwell’s essay.
 - (b) Discuss ‘Dream Children : a Reverie’ as a personal essay.

 3. Answer the following questions : 15×2
 - (a) Discuss *As You Like It* as a pastoral comedy.

Or,
 - (b) Compare and contrast the characters of Orlando and Oliver in William Shakespeare’s *As You Like It*.
 - (c) Attempt an analysis of Raina’s character in George Bernard Shaw’s *Arms and the Man*.

Or,
 - (d) What is the significance of the title of the play *Arms and the Man*?

 4. Answer **any one** of the following questions : 15×1
 - (a) Examine the character of Michael Henchard as portrayed by Thomas Hardy in *The Mayor of Casterbridge*.
 - (b) Assess the role played by chance and coincidence in *The Mayor of Casterbridge*.
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