## 2024

## **ENGLISH**

Paper: CC-VIII

(British Literature from 1946 to Present-Poetry and Novel)

Full Marks: 40

The figures in the margin indicate full marks.

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

Long and short questions are not to be submitted from the same text/sub-unit.

1. Answer any one of the following:

15×1

- (a) The two polarities in Philip Larkin's poetry are life and death. Do you agree? Substantiate your answer with reference to the poems prescribed in your syllabus.
- (b) How does Ted Hughes employ a mythical framework to explore the theme of roots and identity? Discuss with reference to any two poems of Ted Hughes in your syllabus.
- 2. Answer any one of the following:

5×1

- (a) Explain with reference to the context:
  - 'The woman shared

The secret like a happy funeral.'

(b) Explain with reference to the context:

'I can go anywhere

I seem to have been given the freedom'.

3. Answer any one of the following:

15×1

- (a) In Lord of the Flies, William Golding explores human nature through the survival strategies adopted by the boys. Discuss.
- (b) In Atonement, how does Ian McEwan create the possibility of redemption blending history with imagined reality?
- 4. Answer any one of the following:

5×1

- (a) Write a short note on the 'dead man in the parachute'.
- (b) Write briefly on Briony's 'crime'.