

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*.