

2025

ENGLISH — MINOR

Paper : MN-2

[Introduction to English Literature (Prose)]

Full Marks : 75

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 **any four** questions (each within **600** words) : 15×4

- (a) Trace the development of the English novel in the 18th century with particular reference to any two novelists.
- (b) What is the contribution of Charles Dickens to the English novel in the Victorian Age?
- (c) Write a note on Francis Bacon as an essayist with special reference to 'Of Studies'.
- (d) Comment on the theme of grief and loss in Jhumpa Lahiri's 'A Temporary Matter'.
- (e) Discuss Lamb's prose style with special reference to 'Dream Children : A Reverie'.
- (f) Comment on the moral dilemma of the narrator in Orwell's 'Shooting an Elephant'.

2. Answer **any three** questions (each within **200** words) : 5×3

- (a) Write a brief note on Thomas Carlyle as an essayist.
 - (b) What does Lamb say about his days in his great grandmother's house?
 - (c) How does Joyce create the atmosphere of drabness and boredom in Dublin in 'Araby'?
 - (d) What was the attitude of the local people towards the British in Orwell's 'Shooting an Elephant'?
 - (e) Discuss the significance of the power cut in 'A Temporary Matter'.
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