

2018

ENGLISH

(Major)

Paper : 3·2

Full Marks : 80

Time : 3 hours

*The figures in the margin indicate full marks
for the questions*

SECTION—I

1. Answer the following questions as directed
(any six) : 1×6=6

(a) "But O for the touch of a vanished hand,
And the sound of a voice that is still!"
Who has been referred to as 'a
vanished hand' in the above lines?

(2)

- (b) "My whole heart rises up to bless
Your name in pride and thankfulness!"
Who is the addressee here?
- (c) "So, one day more am I ____."
(Fill in the blank)
- (d) What does the 'Dove' in *The Blessed Damozel* symbolize?
- (e) "Thou hast been, shalt be, art, alone—"
What does Matthew Arnold want to mean here?
- (f) What is the name of the rhythm used by Hopkins in the poem *Pied Beauty*?
- (g) What is the Windhover also known as?
- (h) What is a Curtal Sonnet?

2. Answer the following in brief : $2 \times 5 = 10$

- (a) How does Tennyson articulate his sense of loss in the poem *Break, Break, Break*?

(3)

- (b) Mention two ways by which Elizabeth Barrett Browning expresses her love in the poem 'How Do I Love Thee?'.
- (c) Briefly discuss D. G. Rossetti's application of medieval spiritualism in the poem *The Blessed Damozel*.
- (d) State the central theme of the poem *In an Artist's Studio*.
- (e) Why, according to G. M. Hopkins, God be praised?
3. Explain, with reference to the context, any two of the following : $5 \times 2 = 10$
- (a) "Ah, sad and strange as in dark
summer dawns
The earliest pipe of half-awaken'd
birds
To dying ears, when unto dying eyes
The casement slowly grows a
glimmering square;
So sad, so strange, the days that
are no more."

(6)

(d) "And it is very cruel that you should be tossed and tantalized between your memories and your conscience..."
Who is the speaker here?

6. Answer any *two* of the following : $5 \times 2 = 10$

(a) Describe how Mr. Stockdale's cold was cured.

(b) Write a brief note on the vision seen by Rhoda Brook.

(c) Give a character sketch of Madame Defarge.

7. Answer any *two* of the following : $10 \times 2 = 20$

(a) Critically analyze any three categories of silly novels with suitable examples as discussed by George Eliot in 'Silly Novels by Lady Novelists'. Also comment on the use of the epithet 'Silly' to these novels.

(b) Discuss Hardy's portrayal of the character of Minister Stockdale.

(7)

(c) Do you think the title of Dickens' historical novel *A Tale of Two Cities* to be an apt one? Give a reasoned answer.

Or

Critically discuss Dickens' *A Tale of Two Cities* as a historical novel.
