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ENGLISH

(Major)

Paper : 5.5

Full Marks : 60

Time : 3 hours

The figures in the margin indicate full marks for the questions

1. Answer any *three* of the following : 10×3=30

   (a) From a reading of Samuel Johnson's *Life of Pope*, would you conclude that it is a balanced analysis of the character of the poet? Can it be said that, through this essay, Johnson displays his under-standing of the aim of biography?

   (b) "Among English novels of the present day, and among English novelists, a great division is made." (Anthony Trollope, *Autobiography*, Chapter XII) Comment on Trollope's views on the art of the novel in his *Autobiography*.

(c) Critically examine R. K. Narayan's use of the form of the autobiography in his memoirs, *My Days.*

(d) What does Franz Kafka's *Letter to My Father* reveal about his relations with his father and the nature of Franz Kafka's mind?

(e) From a reading of Emily Dickinson's letters to Mrs. Samuel Bowles, attempt an analysis of the nature of Dickinson's mind and sensibility.

(f) Show, from a reading of the prescribed letters of Rabindranath Tagore and Ashutosh Mukherjee, how the epistolary genre is employed by them to voice political views.

2. Answer any *three* of the following :   5×3=15

(a) "Of his domestic character frugality was a part eminently remarkable." (*Life of Pope*) Describe.

(b) Elaborate on the idea expressed in *Barchester Towers* and *The Three Clerks.*

(c) What does Rabindranath Tagore express in his Letter to Gandhi, dated May 11, 1933?

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(d) Elaborate on R. K. Narayan's description of his boyhood days in *My Days.*

(e) Briefly explain the sentiments expressed by Ashutosh Mukherjee in the prescribed letter by him.

3. Write briefly on the following :　　　2×4=8

(a) Samuel Johnson's views on Pope's *Essay on Criticism* in *Life of Pope*

(b) R. K. Narayan's description of his school in *My Days*

(c) Franz Kafka's description of his childhood in *Letter to My Father*

(d) The Three Clerks in Anthony Trollope's *Autobiography,* Chapter VI

4. Give very short answers to the following :　1×7=7

(a) Who was the Viceroy to whom Tagore wrote his letter renouncing knighthood?

(b) Who was Mrs. Samuel Bowles?

(c) Does Samuel Johnson's *Life of Pope* mention Alexander Pope's deformity?

(d) When was R. K. Narayan's *My Days* published?