

2017

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* questions of the following :

10×3=30

- (a) Do you think Johnson is successful in depicting Pope as a human being and as a literary stalwart in his *Life of Pope* ? Argue.
- (b) Critically examine Trollope's views on art of fiction writing as discussed in his *Autobiography*.
- (c) Attempt a critical reading of R. K. Narayan's *My Days* as a fiction that blends the forms of memoir and life-writing with it.

(2)

- (d) Can we read the prescribed letters of Ashutosh Mukherjee and Rabindranath Tagore as vital documents revealing the educational and socio-political condition of pre-independent India? Discuss.
- (e) What clue to the character of Kafka's father and Kafka's relationship with him do we have from the reading of Kafka's *Letter to My Father*? Evaluate.
- (f) "Dickinson's sensibility gets revealed through her language." Do you agree? Discuss after her *Letter to Mrs. Samuel Bowles*.
- (g) Discuss life-writing as a distinctive literary genre by tracing its history in England from 18th to 20th century.

2. Answer any *three* questions of the following :

5×3=15

- (a) Discuss Alexander Pope as a satirist from your reading of Johnson's *Life of Pope*.
- (b) Elaborate on R. K. Narayan's childhood as depicted in his *My Days*.
- (c) Analyze Tagore's dilemma over Christ's words 'Love thine enemies' as expressed in his letter to Mahatma Gandhi.

(3)

- (d) Discuss briefly Ashutosh Mukherjee's advocacy of the autonomy of a university.
- (e) Critically comment on Kafka's handling of the Epistolary form from your reading of the prescribed text.

3. Answer the following as directed : 2×4=8

- (a) "Of the *Odyssey*, Pope translated only twelve books; the rest were the work of _____ and _____."

(Fill up the blanks)

- (b) Write very briefly on *Three Clerks*. (Anthony Trollope's *Autobiography*)
- (c) Briefly comment on Kafka's relationship with Ottla from your reading of Kafka's *Letter to His Father*.
- (d) Mamie is the youngest daughter of the Bowles family. Name the other two children of Bowles.

4. Answer the following as directed : 1×7=7

- (a) Who wrote *Ode on Solitude*?
- (b) How much money did the author of *Barchester Towers* receive in advance?
- (c) What kind of school did R. K. Narayan attend in his childhood?

(d) What is Franzensbad as mentioned in Kafka's *Letter to His Father* ?

(e) What is Ashutosh Mukherjee's 'Alma Mater' ?

(f) Tagore wrote the prescribed letter to Mahatma Gandhi on 11 May, 1923.

(Write True or False)

(g) Carlo is the name of Emily Dickinson's _____.

(Fill up the blank)
