

2018

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 questions :

10×3=30

(a) How does Johnson highlight Pope's literary achievements in *Life of Pope*? What is your view on the Johnsonian method? Substantiate your answer with suitable textual evidence.

(b) Would you agree with the view that Trollope writes more about his public self than his private one in his *Autobiography*? Give a reasoned answer on the basis of your reading of the prescribed chapters.

- (c) Write an essay on the mingling of realistic representation and fictionalization of experience by R. K. Narayan in *My Days*.
- (d) Attempt an analysis of the educational environment in India in the early twentieth century from your reading of the prescribed letters of Ashutosh Mukherjee.
- (e) Present, following Kafka's representation in *Letter to His Father*, an overview of his father Hermann Kafka.
- (f) Evaluate Emily Dickinson's style in her letters. Do you think her use of a particular vocabulary, images and metaphors give the reader an insight into her personality?
- (g) From a reading of prescribed letters, make an assessment of the personality of Rabindranath Tagore. What do the letters reveal about the nature of his patriotism?

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

5×3=15

- (a) Describe briefly Emily Dickinson's portrayal of Amherst in her letter to Mrs. Bowles (Winter 1858).

- (b) Write briefly on Johnson's views on Pope's translation of *Iliad*.
- (c) Describe briefly the regional ambience as depicted in R. K. Narayan's *My Days*.
- (d) Describe, after Franz Kafka, his early years as stated in his *Letter to His Father*.
- (e) Discuss Anthony Trollope's views on the function of language in fiction as evidenced in *An Autobiography*.
- (f) What are Rabindranath Tagore's views on fasting as described in his letter to the Mahatma dated May 11, 1933?

3. Answer the following questions : 2×4=8

- (a) Write briefly on R. K. Narayan's memories as a journalist.
- (b) What are Johnson's views on Pope's *The Rape of the Lock*?
- (c) Comment briefly on Trollope's use of examples in his autobiographical account.
- (d) Write briefly on what Tagore says on the treatment of people of the Punjab.

4. Answer the following questions : 1×7=7

(a) Who is Mary in Emily Dickinson's prescribed letters?

(b) Who is the author of *Doctor Thorne*?

(c) To whom was Ashutosh Mukherjee's letter addressed?

(d) How was Robert Kafka related to Franz Kafka?

(e) In which of the prescribed essays you have read, have you found a mention of the text, *Narrative of the Frenzy of John Dennis*?

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

(g) Who was Martha Blount as referred to in *Life of Pope*?
