

2018

ENGLISH

( General )

Full Marks : 40

Time : 2 hours

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

Students having English (Major) shall answer  
Question Nos. 1, 2, 3 and 6 while other students  
shall answer Question Nos. 1 to 5

1. What is 'Swadeshi' according to Gandhi?  
What are its three branches? 10

*Or*

How did Buddha succeed in converting  
Angulimala? 10

2. Narrate the circumstances under which  
Orwell was compelled to shoot the elephant. 10

*Or*

Discuss how Lansina Nona remained  
undeterred in her decision to stay in the  
village alone in spite of the devastation by the  
river. 10

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3. Answer any *two* of the following questions :  
5×2=10

- (a) Discuss, after Rohinton Mistry, the overwhelming impact of the television serial *Ramayana* on the psyche of the contemporary Indian people.
- (b) "Swadeshi is the only doctrine consistent with the law of humanity and love." Explain in brief.
- (c) Give a brief character portrayal of Auntie Roopwati.
- (d) Give an account of Nona's struggle against the river in the story, *The River*.

4. Frame sentences to illustrate the meaning of the following phrases and idioms (any *five*) :  
1×5=5

a storm in a teacup; by fits and starts;  
cats and dogs; hold good; null and void;  
salt of the earth; tooth and nail; bolt from  
the blue; lion's share.

5. Rewrite the following sentences correctly  
(any *five*) :  
1×5=5

- (a) I completely disagree to pay women less than men.
- (b) There was a little progress so far.

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- (c) I have gone to Scotland but I have never gone to Wales.
- (d) She is neat but fairly slow.
- (e) He has always been jealous for his sister.
- (f) She has curly hairs.
- (g) The committee recommended the best of the two candidates.
- (h) The news was broadcasted last evening.

[ For English (Major) students only ]

6. How does Nissim Ezekiel try to oppose the ideas of V. S. Naipaul in his essay, *Naipaul's India and Mine*? 10

Or

Write a note on Naipaul's view of Mahatma Gandhi. 10

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