

Odd Semester, 2020

(Held in March, 2021)

ENGLISH

(Arts)

PAPER-II

(**Compulsory English**)

Marks : 75

Time : 3 hours

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

(**PROSE**)

1. Briefly answer any *seven* of the following questions : 5×7=35
- (a) What insults did Orwell suffer while serving as a police officer in Burma?
 - (b) Describe the Monpa Houses in *A Pilgrimage to Tawang*.
 - (c) Describe Verrier Elwin's journey to Bomdi La.
 - (d) How does Krishnamurti define 'life' in his essay, *The Function of Education*?

- (e) What is the difference between moral courage and physical courage?
- (f) Why did the Pere David deer perish in China?
- (g) How did the white-tailed gnus contribute to their own downfall?
- (h) Why did the Japanese maintain complete silence concerning the disaster which had brought about their sudden defeat?
- (i) Give a brief account of Bilfinger's telegram.

(**FICTION**)

2. Answer any *one* of the following questions : 20
- (a) On the basis of your reading of *David Copperfield*, write an account of David's childhood.
 - (b) Describe the relationship between David and Dora Spenlow and its effect on David.
 - (c) Narrate in your own words the story of Uriah Heep's villainy and his exposure by Mr. Micawber.

(GRAMMAR AND COMPOSITION)

3. Answer the following questions as directed : 20

(a) Fill in the blanks with the correct articles (a, an, the): 5

_____ history of Olympic Games, is about twenty-eight hundred years old. These games were stopped by _____ royal order of _____ emperor of Rome. The modern Olympic Games which started in Athens in 1896, are _____ result of the devotion and dedication of _____ French educator Baron Pierre de Coubertin.

(b) Fill in the blanks by choosing the correct prepositions from the given list (to, in, of, on): 5

India is rich _____ flora and fauna. However, due _____ increasing population and industrial and commercial activities, there has been acute pressure _____ forests. The Government has taken several steps _____ check the sharp fall in the number _____ these species.

(c) Write a précis of the following and give a suitable title : 8+2=10

The history of civilization shows how man always has to choose between

making the right and wrong use of the discoveries of science. This has never been more true than in our own age. In a brief period amazing discoveries have been made and applied to practical purpose.

It would be ungrateful not to recognise how immense are the boons, which science has given to mankind. It has brought within the reach of multitudes, benefits and advantages which only a short time ago were the privilege of the few. It has shown how malnutrition, hunger and disease can be overcome. It has not only lengthened life but it has deepened its quality. Fields of knowledge, experience and recreation open in the past only a few, have been thrown open to millions. Through the work of science the ordinary man today has been given the opportunity of a longer and fuller life than was ever possible to his grandparents.
