

2023

ENGLISH — GENERAL

Paper : GE/CC-2

(Essay, Drama and Novel)

Full Marks : 65

The figures in the margin indicate full marks.

Candidates are required to give their answers in their own words as far as practicable.

1. Answer the following questions in full sentences : 1×5
 - (a) What name does Celia assume for her disguised self in the forest of Arden?
 - (b) Who is the 'chocolate cream soldier' in *Arms and the Man*?
 - (c) Why were Michael Henchard and his family travelling?
 - (d) Where was the narrator of 'Shooting an Elephant' posted?
 - (e) What were the names of Lamb's Dream Children?

 2. Answer **any one** of the following questions : 15×1
 - (a) How does Orwell narrate the experience of shooting the elephant?
 - (b) Discuss Charles Lamb's 'Dream Children : A Reverie' as a Romantic essay.

 3. Answer the following questions : 15×2
 - (a) Sketch the characters of Rosalind and Celia in William Shakespeare's *As You Like It*.

Or,
 - (b) Why would you call *As You Like It* a successful comedy? Explain with textual references.
 - (c) Why does G. B. Shaw call *Arms and the Man* an anti-romantic comedy? Discuss with textual references.

Or,
 - (d) Write a brief essay on the relationships between Bluntschli and Raina in *Arms and the Man*.

 4. Answer **any one** of the following questions : 15×1
 - (a) Write an essay on the character of Michael Henchard in *The Mayor of Casterbridge*.
 - (b) Is *The Mayor of Casterbridge* a tragedy? Discuss with textual references.
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