

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

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.

- (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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