2020

ENGLISH [HONOURS]

Paper: VI

Full Marks: 100 Time: 4 Hours

The figures in the right-hand margin indicate marks.

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

- 1. Answer any **one** of the following: $12 \times 1 = 12$
 - a) Write a note on superstition in *Riders to*
 - b) Do you consider Maurya as a tragic protagonist? Substantiate your answer with references from the text.
 - c) Write a note on the character, Raina in Arms and the Man
 - d) Do you think that the title *Arms and the Man* is appropriate? Give reasons for your answer.
- 2. Answer any **one** of the following: $6 \times 1=6$
 - a) "You have the soul of a servant, Nicola"– Explain.
 - b) "Remember: nine soldiers out of ten are born fools" Explain.

- 3. Answer any **one** of the following: $6 \times 1 = 6$
 - a) "God won't leave her destitute ... with no son living." Explain.
 - b) "Bartley came first on the red mare; and I tried to say "God speed you," but something choked the words in my throat" Explain.
- 4. Answer any **one** of the following: $12 \times 1 = 12$
 - a) Write a note on Golding's art of characterization with reference to 'Lord of the Flies.
 - b) Do you think that the setting is important in *Lord of the Flies*? Give reasons for your answer.
- 5. Answer any **one** of the following: $12 \times 1 = 12$
 - a) Do you think that the characters of Woodifield was necessary for the delineation of the character of the Boss?
 - b) Evaluate "Araby" as a short story.
 - c) Comment on the ending of Chekov's short story "The Bet".
- 6. Answer any **two** of the following : $6 \times 2 = 12$
 - What is the significance of the appearance of the Boss in the short story 'The Fly'.
 - b) Briefly comment on the ending of the short story, "*The Fly*".
 - c) What sort of a relation did the narrator have with Mangan's sister?

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- d) Do you think that Chekov has tried to convey a message through the lawyer breaking the contract in the short story "*The Bet*"? Briefly illuminate.
- 7. Answer any **one** of the following: $12 \times 1 = 12$
 - a) Comment on Russell's style of writing as revealed in the essay "In Praise of Idleness".
 - b) Examine Chinua Achebe as an essayist with special reference to "The Novelist as a Teacher".
 - c) Explain Woolf's final answer to the question she raises in the title of her essay 'How to Read a Book?'
- 8. Answer any **two** of the following: $6 \times 2 = 12$
 - a) Do you find an element of humour in Achebe's essay "The Novelist as teacher?" Answer briefly with reference to the text.
 - b) "... to teach the boy that there is nothing disgraceful in the African weather that the palm tree is a fit subject for poetry."
 Explain after Achebe.
 - c) "Work is of two kinds" –

 How does Russell classify work in his essay
 'In Praise of Idleness?"
 - d) Do you think that Russell has been sarcastic in his treatment of idleness?
- 9. Answer any **eight** of the following: $2 \times 8 = 16$
 - a) What is the source of the title *Arms and* the *Man*?

- b) Which mountain peaks have been referred to in the opening stage direction of *Arms and the Man*?
- c) When and from whom did Bluntschli have Petkoff's coat?
- d) "I seen the fearfullest thing"— what was the 'thing'?
- e) Where did Bartley want to go and why?
- f) In the play *Riders to the Sea* who hides the bundle in the turf-loft and why?
- g) Who discovered the pig's head in the forest?
- h) What was the function of the pair of spectacles in *Lord of the Flies*? What was the function of the conch shell?
- i) Who happened to come across the Boss's son's grave and where?
- j) How do you know that Woodifield is not as fit and healthy as the Boss?
- k) Why could the narrator not start for Araby early?
- 1) What does the word "Araby" mean to you?
- m) Why does Russell think that savings are the cause of many evils?
- n) "Most of my readers are young. They are either in school or college ..."— What are these young readers' expectations of Achebe?

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