

5/CEA-1 (ii) (Syllabus-2015)

2022

(November)

ENGLISH

(Compulsory English)

(Arts)

Paper—II

Full Marks : 75

Time : 3 hours

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

1. Briefly answer the following questions : 5×7=35
- (a) What, according to J. Krishnamurti, does 'living safely' mean?
 - (b) What did Miss Ito tell the author about Hiroshima?
 - (c) How did the Père David's deer come to be found in Europe?
 - (d) What damage had the elephant already done before Orwell saw him?
 - (e) What does Slim compare courage to?

- (f) Whom does Verrier Elwin meet in Dirang? How does he describe this person?
- (g) What is the attitude of the Lamas towards books?

2. Answer any one of the following questions : 20

- (a) Discuss the auto-biographical elements in the novel, *David Copperfield*.
- (b) Examine the characters of Peggotty and Miss Betsey Trotwood. What roles do they play in shaping David Copperfield's life and character?
- (c) Discuss David's relationship with Agnes Wickfield in *David Copperfield*.

3. Answer the following as directed :

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

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Johann Sebastian Bach was _____ German musician who was born in _____ late seventeenth century and wrote most of his compositions in _____ first part of _____ eighteenth century. His brother, who was _____ professional organist, was jealous of his musical ability.

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

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_____ the midnight of December, 1998, Church bells tolled _____ usher _____ the final year _____ the twentieth century. Temples and other houses of worship opened _____ the night, as people offered prayers seeking peace and tranquility.

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

Decisions made quickly are not always wrong, but decisions made after careful thought are usually better. A quick decision does not allow enough time to consider all the important factors in a situation. That is why, it is always advisable, if time allows to think calmly and carefully when making a decision. For example, imagine you are the head of a company which is losing money. You must lay off part of the workforce. About 100 workers will lose their jobs. Should you give them one month's notice? That would make things easier for the employees, but the company would have to pay them for the month. Another approach is to tell them tomorrow that they all have been laid

off, and have them leave the building the same day. This method may seem cruel, but it would save millions for the company, at a time when every penny matters. On the other hand, the remaining employees may decide that their jobs are at risk too, and leave. Then you would have to replace them. Either approach has both advantages and disadvantages. After all not every decision is so complicated. Most decisions are comparatively simple. When a decision affects your life and the lives of others in some important way, however, a cautious, careful decision is best.

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