

2019

(October)

ENGLISH

Paper—II

(Compulsory English)

(Arts)

Marks : 75

Time : 3 hours

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

(Prose)

1. Briefly answer the following questions : $5 \times 7 = 35$

- (a) What according to J. Krishnamurthi, does 'living safely' mean?
- (b) What did Miss Ito tell the author about Hiroshima?
- (c) Why are the Père David's deer called so? How did they become extinct in China?

- (d) What damage had the elephant already done before Orwell saw him?
- (e) Whom does Verrier Elwin meet in Dirang? How does he describe this person?
- (f) Explain what Slim means by 'we, the British have our own, special kind of courage'.
- (g) What is the attitude of the Lamas towards books?

(Fiction)

2. Answer any one of the following questions : 20

- (a) Using examples from David's early life, highlight the ill-treatment of children in Victorian England.
- (b) Discuss David's relationship with Dora in *David Copperfield*.
- (c) Attempt a character sketch of either Agnes Wickfield or Steerforth.

(Grammar and Composition)

3. Answer the following questions as directed : 20

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

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 (from, of, on, in) : 5

Man is the maker _____ his own fortune. We cannot prosper in life if we are afraid _____ hard labour. Some people think that success _____ life depends _____ luck or chance. Nothing can be farther _____ the truth.

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

Did you never hear the story of Newton, and his little dog Diamond? One day, when he was fifty years old, and had been hard at work for more than twenty years, studying the theory of light, he

went out of his chamber, leaving his little dog asleep before the fire. On the table lay a heap of manuscript papers containing all the discoveries which Newton had made during those twenty years. When his master was gone, up rose little Diamond, jumped upon the table, and overthrew the lighted candle. The papers immediately caught fire.

Just as the destruction was complete, Newton opened the chamber door, and perceived that the labours of twenty years were reduced to a heap of ashes. There stood little Diamond, the author of the mischief. Almost any other man would have sentenced the dog to immediate death. But Newton patted him on the head with his usual kindness, although grief was at his heart. "O Diamond, Diamond", exclaimed he, "thou little knowest the mischief than hast done".

This incident affected his health and spirits for some time afterwards, but from his conduct towards the little dog, you may judge what was the sweetness of his temper.
