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(May/June)

ENGLISH

(Alternative English)

(Arts)

Marks : 75

Time : 3 hours

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

1. Answer any *seven* of the following questions :

   5×7=35

   (a) What information does the astrologer give to Guru Nayak? And what does he advise him to do?

   (b) Why did the Duchess visit Oliver? Was her visit a successful one?

   (c) Why did Pitcher look up in surprise when Mr. Maxwell came through the office door? What does this reveal about Harvey Maxwell?

(d) How does Blake describe the faces that he met as he wandered through the streets of London? What does this show about the social condition of 18th century England?

(e) Who are the 'doomed youth' in Wilfred Owen's poem? Why does the poet describe them as 'doomed'?

(f) Why does the poet call her friend 'the blindest buzzard' and 'a mole'? What do these two terms convey in Rossetti's poem, *A Sketch* ?

(g) Describe some of the horrors and difficulties that the unborn speaker envisages as he prays to be protected in Louis MacNeice's *Prayer Before Birth.*

(h) Give a brief description of Maxwell's stenographer. What is her relationship with Maxwell?

2. Give a character sketch of Philip in Milne's play, *The Boy Comes Home.*　　　　10

Or

Analyze the theme(s) of Milne's play, *The Boy Comes Home.*

3. Explain, with reference to the context, any *one* of the following :　　　10

(a) My dear uncle, this is a holiday. Being in London is holiday. Buying an evening paper—wearing a waistcoat again—running after a bus—anything—it's all holiday.

(b) That's no excuse for not being punctual. I suppose he learnt punctuality in the Army.

4. Write an essay on any *one* of the following :　　20

(a) COVID-19 Pandemic—Its effects on human life

(b) Meghalaya—50 years of Statehood : Opportunities and Challenges

(c) 'Go Green'—Measures to promote environmental consciousness and sustainability

Or

Write a letter to the Managing Director of the Electricity Board to complain about the frequent power cuts in your locality.

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