

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

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( October )

**ENGLISH**

**( Compulsory English )**

**( Arts )**

Paper—II

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) Describe the petty ways in which the Burmans give vent to their anti-European feelings.
- (b) How is moral courage superior to physical courage?
- (c) Why did Elwin describe Se La as the paradise in NEFA?

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- (d) When did man discover the dodos' paradise? How did the dodos become extinct?
- (e) Who was Bilfinger? What did he say in his telegram?
- (f) What according to Gerald Durrell is the most important reason for preserving wildlife?
- (g) How did J. Krishnamurthi define 'life' in his essay, *The Function of Education*?

( Fiction )

2. Answer any one of the following questions : 20

- (a) What was the treatment meted out to David Copperfield by Mr. Murdstone? How did it affect him? 10+10=20
- (b) Attempt a character sketch of either Mr. Micawber or Uriah Heep. 20
- (c) Examine the character of Peggotty and Miss Betsy Trotwood. What roles do they play in shaping David Copperfield's life and character? 10+10=20

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( Grammar and Composition )

3. Answer the following questions as directed : 20

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

Does modesty have \_\_\_\_ place in today's workplace? Not really. Being meek and shy is not \_\_\_\_ answer. It is better to go for \_\_\_\_ middle path between overconfidence and timidity. Entertain \_\_\_\_ healthy respect for \_\_\_\_ people you interact with and for yourself.

- (b) Fill in the blanks by choosing the correct prepositions from the given list (to, through, on, in, of) : 5

\_\_\_\_ 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 : 8+2=10

Social behaviour is an important aspect of dealing with people face-to-face. Though there are certain standards for appropriate behaviour, some general rules are universally followed.

It is important to be able to talk about things that are not connected with business with colleagues. They help build up a warm, friendly relationship and you get to know each other better. Generally, people engage in small talk just after having exchanged greetings and asking after. One usually talks about journey, weather, family, common friends, etc. Similarly, before ending the conversation and bidding goodbye, small talk about coffee/lunch/snacks, travel, etc., often occur. At a party or lunch, the range of topics is wider.

The issue of what topics are suitable when talking to strangers, especially foreigners, is rather complex and personal. It is best to avoid politics, religion and family as they are too personal. It is safe to talk about holidays, travel, traffic, public transport, tourist interests, etc. Indeed the purpose of a social conversation with a new person is to discover what you have in common, so that you can exchange experience. If the other person is older and senior to you, you might be more respectful and ask him or her questions that explore more information so you can learn from them.

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