

2021

(July)

ENGLISH

(Alternative English)

(Commerce)

Marks : 75

Time : 3 hours

The figures in the margin indicate full marks
for the questions

1. Answer any *seven* of the following questions in not more than 5 sentences each : 5×7=35
- What did the prisoner do in the second year of his imprisonment?
 - Why did the American lady and her daughter leave Veney?
 - How did Lalajee repay the author for his kindness?
 - Describe the civic condition of Malgudi before independence.
 - "And that one Talent which is death to hide." What is the 'Talent' that Milton refers to in the poem?

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- What does Wordsworth compare the song of the Solitary Reaper to?
- What images did Arnold use in the last stanza of *Dover Beach* to describe the condition of the world?
- "When then weepiest, unkindly kind, My life's blood doth decay." What does John Donne mean by these words?
- What are the difficulties that the Magi encountered during their journey?

2. Answer any *one* of the following questions : 10

- How did the Municipal Council in Malgudi decide to commemorate India's independence?
- What are the opinions of the banker and the lawyer about capital punishment in *The Bet*?
- What are the virtues exhibited by Corbett and Lalajee in *Lalajee*?

3. Answer any *one* of the following questions : 10

- Write a critical summary of the poem, *The Solitary Reaper*.
- Discuss the main theme of the poem, *Dover Beach*.

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- Describe the experiences of the Magi as depicted in the poem, *The Journey of the Magi*.

4. Write an essay on any *one* of the following topics : 10

- Your vision of the world—one hundred years from now
- The possible effects of a nuclear war
- The best things in life are free
- Climate change—its effects on the society and its people

5. Insert articles where necessary : 1×5=5

He was walking in ____ orchard and ____ seed of ____ mustard flower reminded him of ____ fruit he had tasted ____ long time ago.

6. Insert prepositions where necessary : 1×5=5

Susan lives ____ a small house ____ long island ____ her family. Once she invited me ____ dinner. I was very pleased ____ her invitation.
