

2019

ENGLISH - I

First Paper

Full Marks : 80

The figures in the margin indicate full marks.

*Candidates are required to give their answers in their own words
as far as practicable.*

(Group - A is compulsory. Select either Group - B or Group - C)

Group - A

(Answer *any two* questions)

1. Explain with reference to context **any two** of the following : 10×2
- (a) He offered to take me out of it, Sir. We were going to South America.
 - (b) If you'd seen it, having the feelings for her that I had, you'd have felt the same, I know.
 - (c) I am not able to justify to my conscience a plea for mercy which has a basis inimical to morality.
 - (d) It was a great surprise to me when he did a thing like that.
 - (e) The offence with which the prisoner is charged is one of the most serious known to our law.
 - (f) You must not allow any considerations of age or temptation to weigh with you in the finding of your verdict.
2. Answer **any one** question : 20
- (a) Describe in detail, how Shylock's evil plan of victimising Antonio was defeated in the end.
 - (b) Write a note on the character of Antonio with particular reference to Act IV, Scene I of *The Merchant of Venice*.
 - (c) Summarise the contents of the letter of introduction that Bellario wrote for Balthazar to the Duke of Venice.
3. Explain with reference to context **any one** of the following : 20
- (a) That thou but lead'st this fashion of thy malice
To the last hour of act.
 - (b) By the holy Sabbath have I sworn
To have the due and forfeit of my bond.
 - (c) Of a strange nature is the suit you follow.

Please Turn Over

4. Answer *any five* questions :

4×5

- (a) What is Charing Cross? Where is it located?
- (b) What does G.B. Shaw say about the Poet Laureate?
- (c) According to G.B. Shaw, why does his wife sometimes tell him 'Don't mumble'?
- (d) Why did the B.B.C. select G.B. Shaw as a member of the Committee set up by it?
- (e) What is Cockney dialect? Why is one ashamed of it?
- (f) According to C.E.M. Joad, what can a person do if he is beaten because he is physically weak?
- (g) Which are the two periods in which Europe enjoyed order and safety, according to Joad?
- (h) Why, according to Joad, was the League of Nations set up?
- (i) Where did King Amanullah see tanks? Where did he fire a torpedo?
- (j) Name any two places mentioned by Joad where previous civilizations came to an end.

Group - B

5. Read the given passage and answer the questions which follow *in your own words* :

8×5

Among predatory dinosaurs, few flesh-eaters were bigger, faster and nastier than the 'tyrannical lizard' of popular imagination, the Tyrannosaurus Rex. At least, that is what we have been led to believe. Now research suggests that, far from being the Ferrari of dinosaurs, Tyrannosaurus Rex, whose ferocious reputation has fascinated generations of school children, was in fact a cumbersome creature with a usual running speed of 25 kms per hour. This is a mere snail's pace compared with modern animals such as the cheetah.

Unlike some of the predators today in the African Savannah, which can change direction almost immediately, the dinosaur would have had to turn slowly or risk tumbling over. And while a human can spin 45 degrees in a twentieth of a second, a Tyrannosaurus Rex would have taken as much as two seconds, as it could have been hampered by its long tail. The findings were reached after researchers used computer modelling and biomechanical calculations to work out the dinosaur's speed, agility and weight. They based their calculations on measurements taken from a fossil dinosaur representative of an average Tyrannosaurus and concluded that the creatures weighed between six and eight tonnes.

Calculations of the leg muscles suggest that the animal would have had a top speed of 40 kms an hour, which is nothing compared to a cheetah's 100 km an hour. It is sobering to reflect though, that an Olympic sprinter runs at about 35 kms an hour, not sufficient to outrun a Tyrannosaurus, should man have been around.

- (a) What have people been led to believe till now about the Tyrannosaurus Rex?
- (b) What does new research inform us about the Tyrannosaurus Rex?
- (c) How does the writer compare the turning of a Tyrannosaurus with that of a human?
- (d) What enabled researchers to achieve new findings about the Tyrannosaurus?
- (e) What information about different speeds is revealed in the concluding paragraph?

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Group - C

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

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- (a) The Noble Profession of a Lawyer
 - (b) Abolition of the Death Penalty
 - (c) A day spent at the Calcutta High Court
 - (d) Suitability of Legal Career for Women
 - (e) Justice Delayed is Justice Denied.
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