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ENGLISH

(General)

Full Marks : 40

Time : 2 hours

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

Students having English (Major) shall answer
Question Nos. 1, 2, 3 and 6 and other students
shall answer Question Nos. 1, 2, 3, 4 and 5

1. How does M. K. Gandhi justify his argument
that India has a rich tradition of Political
Swadeshi? What does he suggest for
strengthening it in the present? 10

Or

Who was Chinmoy Babu? Describe his
relationship with Aunty Roopwati. 10

2. Describe the encounter between the Buddha
and Angulimala. 10

Or

Narrate the author's trip to Dharamsala and
his impressions about the place as described
in the story, *Running Water*. 10

3. Answer any *two* of the following questions :
5×2=10

- (a) How did George Orwell justify the shooting of the elephant?
- (b) Describe in brief the wedding night of Auntie Roopwati.
- (c) Why does M. K. Gandhi ask the Christian Missionary Bodies in India to drop the goal of proselytizing?
- (d) Give an account of Lansina Nona's struggle against the river in the story, *The River*.

4. Frame sentences to illustrate the meaning of the following phrases and idioms (any *five*) :
1×5=5

At the drop of a hat, Beat around the bush, Burn the midnight oil, Once in a blue moon, Reap the harvest, A bone of contention, At the eleventh hour, End in smoke

5. Rewrite the following sentences correctly (any *five*) :
1×5=5

- (a) My friend and me went to the market in the town.
- (b) This is Mr. Baruah's and Mrs. Baruah's house.

- (c) Each of the students have got a prize.
- (d) I could not decide among the two books.
- (e) If I was the Prime Minister of India I would solve the unemployment problem.
- (f) I don't want to loose the opportunity.
- (g) The Principal informed the rules to the students.
- (h) My grandmother said that man was not immortal.

[For English (Major) students only]

6. "This fear, this anxiety, this feverish insistence on being different this is the source of his curses, the cause of his raving and ranting." Why does Nissim Ezekiel make this observation on V. S. Naipaul? Explain. 10

Or

How does Nissim Ezekiel distinguish between his India and Naipaul's India in the essay, *Naipaul's India and Mine*? 10
