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(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
 - (a) What did the prisoner do in the second year of his imprisonment?
 - (b) Why did the American lady and her daughter leave Veney?
 - (c) How did Lalajee repay the author for his kindness?
 - (d) Describe the civic condition of Malgudi before independence.
 - (e) "And that one Talent which is death to hide." What is the 'Talent' that Milton refers to in the poem?

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

2. Answer any *one* of the following questions : 10
 - (a) How did the Municipal Council in Malgudi decide to commemorate India's independence?
 - (b) What are the opinions of the banker and the lawyer about capital punishment in *The Bet*?
 - (c) What are the virtues exhibited by Corbett and Lalajee in *Lalajee*?
3. Answer any *one* of the following questions : 10
 - (a) Write a critical summary of the poem, *The Solitary Reaper*.
 - (b) Discuss the main theme of the poem, *Dover Beach*.

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(c) 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

(a) Your vision of the world—one hundred years from now

(b) The possible effects of a nuclear war

(c) The best things in life are free

(d) 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.

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