

2021

Time : 3 hours

Full Marks : 100

Pass Marks : 33

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

The figures in the margin indicate full marks.

Answer all questions.

1. Answer any **two** of the following : $25 \times 2 = 50$
 - (a) Critically analyse Swami Vivekananda's 'The Secret of Work'.
 - (b) What are the ideas conveyed by C. E. M. Joad in 'Our Own Civilization' ?
 - (c) What is the function of Education according to J. Krishnamurti ?

(d) Write a critical appreciation of 'A Mad Tea Party' by Lewis Carroll.

2. Read the following passage and answer the questions : 5×4 = 20

Holi celebrations start on the night before Holi with a Holika Dahan where people gather, perform religious rituals in front of the bonfire, and pray that their internal evil be destroyed the way Holika, the sister of the demon King Hiranyakashyap, was killed in the fire. The next morning is celebrated as Rangwali Holi- a free-for-all festival of colours, where people smear and drench each other with colours. Water guns and water-filled balloons are also used to play and colour each other. The frolic and fun with colours occur in the open streets, parks, outside temples and buildings. Groups carry drums and other musical instruments, go from place to place, sing and dance happily. People visit

family, friends and foes to throw coloured powders on each other, laugh and gossip, then share Holi delicacies, food and drinks. Some customary drinks include bhang which is intoxicating. In the evening, people dress up and visit friends and family.

- (a) Why is Holika Dahan performed ?
- (b) What happens in Rangwali Holi ?
- (c) How do people celebrate Holi ?
- (d) Why are musical instruments played ?

3. Write a precis' of the following : 20

Trees give shade for the benefit of others, and while they themselves stand in the Sun and endure scorching heat, they produce the fruit by which others profit. The character of good men is like that of trees. What is the use of this perishable body, if no use is made of it for the benefit of mankind ? Sandalwood, the more it is rubbed the more scent does it yield. Sugarcane,

the more it is peeled and cut into pieces, the more juice does it produce. Similarly, the men who are noble at heart do not lose their qualities even in losing their lives. Those who lay down their lives for the sake of others will assuredly dwell forever in a world of bliss.

4. Translate the sentences into English : $5 \times 2 = 10$

- (a) मैं फैसला कर चुकी हूँ ।
- (b) बेहतर होगा कि इस बात को अनदेखा किया जाए ।
- (c) वह खबर सुनकर हैरान रह गया ।
- (d) यह साईकिल तुम्हारे लिए बहुत छोटी है ।
- (e) तुम्हारे कक्षा में कितने छात्र-छात्राएँ हैं ?

