

2015

ENGLISH

(Major)

Paper : 4.2

Full Marks : 80

Time : 3 hours

The figures in the margin indicate full marks
for the questions

SECTION—I

1. Answer the following questions : 1×6=6

- (a) What is 'rabbit's foot'?
- (b) Where is Seamus Heaney's poem, *The Skunk* set?
- (c) Which Shakespearean character does Eliot refer to in *The Love Song of J. Alfred Prufrock*?
- (d) He had done most bitter wrong
To some who are near my heart.
Who is near the poet's heart?
- (e) What classical Greek poem serves as the source of Auden's *The Shield of Achilles*?
- (f) Where does the door into the dark lead in *The Forge*?

2. Answer any *two* of the following : $2 \times 2 = 4$

(a) What does the poet mean when he says,
‘I have measured out my life with coffee
spoons’?

(b) Describe the scene by the waterside as
described by Dylan Thomas in *Poem in
October*.

(c) This man had kept a school
And rode our winged horse;

(i) Who is the ‘this man’ referred to in
the poem?

(ii) What does ‘winged horse’ refer to?

3. Explain, with reference to the context, any
two of the following : $5 \times 2 = 10$

(a) In the room the women come and go
talking of Michelangelo.

(b) And I saw in the turning so clearly a child’s
Forgotten mornings when he walked
with his mother

Through the parables of sunlight
And the legends of the green chapels
And the twice told tales of infancy
That his tears burned my cheeks and
his heart moved in mine.

(c) Between my finger and my thumb
The squat pen rests; snug as a gun.

4. Answer any *two* of the following questions :
 $10 \times 2 = 20$

(a) Justify the title of the poem, *The Love
Song of J. Alfred Prufrock*.

(b) Do you agree with the view that *The
Shield of Achilles* is about the themes
of the essential loneliness of modern
individuals and the ultimate hope of
redemption?

(c) Elaborate your views on the *Poem in
October* being labelled as a birthday
poem.

(d) Describe, after Duffy, the relationship
that exists between the speaker and his
mistress.

(e) Attempt a critical analysis of any *one* of
the following :

(i) Lake Isle of Innisfree

(ii) Digging

SECTION—II

5. Answer the following questions : $1 \times 4 = 4$

(a) What sight makes Stephen realize that
he wants to dedicate himself to art?

(b) By what name does the Captain refer to
the Chief Mate?

(c) Against which ethnic group does Henry
Ford make a statement during his lunch
with J. P. Morgan?

(d) What object does the Captain see
floating in the water which helps him
guide the ship away from the island
shore?

6. Answer the following questions : $2 \times 3 = 6$

- (a) In *A Portrait of the Artist as a Young Man*, what are the colours green and maroon symbolic of ?
- (b) In *Ragtime*, what does father manufacture?
- (c) Draw a character sketch of the Chief Mate.

Or

Describe the clothes in which the Captain dresses Leggatt.

7. Write short notes on any *two* of the following : $5 \times 2 = 10$

- (a) Charles Stewart Parnell
- (b) Stephan Dedalus's views on family or country
- (c) *Either Father or Mother*

8. Answer any *two* of the following : $10 \times 2 = 20$

- (a) In *The Secret Sharer*, Conrad tells the story of two simultaneous journeys—the literal sea journey and the young captain's journey towards self-discovery. Discuss.
- (b) In *Ragtime*, what movements of social trends do the main characters represent?
- (c) Discuss *A Portrait of the Artist as a Young Man* as a bildungsroman novel.

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