

2024

(May/June)

ENGLISH

(Arts)

(Alternative English)

Marks : 75

Time : 3 hours

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

1. Answer any seven of the following questions :

5×7=35

- (a) How does the astrologer present himself to his customers to look like a genuine astrologer?
- (b) What events took place in the astrologer's life before he came to the city?
- (c) Discuss the circumstances that led to Maxwell's search for a new stenographer.
- (d) How did Maxwell propose marriage to Miss Leslie?

(2)

- (e) Describe Oliver Bacon's life before he became a rich jeweller.
- (f) Why did the Duchess visit Oliver? Was her visit a successful one?
- (g) Why does Rossetti compare her suitor to a 'buzzard' and a 'mole'?
- (h) What does the unborn child pray for in *Prayer Before Birth*?
- (i) Justify the title of the poem, *London*.
- (j) Why does Wilfred Owen describe the youth as 'doomed'?

2. Compare and contrast Uncle James' behaviour towards Philip before and after his dream. 10

Or

Give a character sketch of Philip in the play, *The Boy Comes Home*.

3. Explain, with reference to the context, any one of the following : 10

- (a) "Then let me say again, "Two eggs, ham and coffee." And Mary can bring the ham up at once, and I'll get going on that. Thanks very much."
- (b) "I don't know what the object of this tomfoolery is, if it has one. But you understand that I expect you to come to the office with me tomorrow at nine o'clock."

(3)

4. Write an essay on any one of the following : 20

- (a) Climate change
- (b) My dream job
- (c) Traffic jam in Shillong

Or

Write a letter to the Secretary of PWD (Roads and Buildings) to complain about the deteriorating condition of the roads in your locality.
