2021

ENGLISH [GENERAL]

Paper: II

Full Marks: 100 Time: 3 Hours

The figures in the right-hand margin indicate marks.

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

Answer all the questions.

GROUP-A

Describe Tschubukov's distress as the father of a grown-up daughter.

OR

Analyze A Marriage Proposal as a farce.

2. a) What role does fate play in 'The Monkey's Paw'? 10

OR

b) What is the justification of the title of the play "The Monkey's Paw"?

3. Why does Mr. White stop his wife from going to the door?

OR

How does Morris describe the rope trick?

4. Describe how the quarrel shifts from the meadows to members of the two families. 5

OR

What are the limits of common decency as suggested by Natalia?

5. Do you think the Monkey's Paw is responsible for Herbert's death?

OR

Narrate how the spell was put on the Paw by the old Fakir.

6. a) How does Natalia react as she comes to know of Lomov's marriage proposal? 5

OR

b) Why is Tschubukov unhappy as the father of a marriageable daughter?

GROUP-B

- 7. Answer any **two** questions: $10 \times 2 = 20$
 - a) Discuss how the lover and the bird watcher are merged in the personality of the poet?
 - b) Write an essay on A. K. Ramanujan's reaction to the detachment shown by other poets to the plight of the common people.
 - c) Bring out the distinctive factors of the countryside as discussed in "The Bus".
 - d) Describe how Kamala Das's memory of her grandmother's house becomes more painful in the context of her later experience in life.
- 8. Answer any **four** questions: $5 \times 4 = 20$
 - a) How is the process of killing a tree "done"?
 - b) Write a short note on the use of imagery in the poem "The Bus" by Arun Kelatkar.
 - c) How does A. K. Ramanujan describe the river during summer?
 - d) How does Ezekiel describe the best poets in his "Poet Lover Birdwatcher"? How are they compared to good lovers?
 - e) Describe after Ramanujan the river during the summer season.

- f) How according to Patel the root is "to be pulled out"?
- g) How does Kolatkar describe the rising seen and its beams?
- h) Explain—"But poets lost in Crooked restless flightThe deaf can hear, the blind recover sight."
- 9. Answer any **five** questions: $2 \times 5 = 10$
 - a) What does the poet mean by "roaring road"?
 - b) Where is Jejuri? Why is it famous?
 - c) How did the house make young Kamala Prend?
 - d) How does Ramanujan criticize songs of floods?
 - e) Why should 'hacking' and 'chopping' not suffice?
 - f) What does Ramanujan retrain from speaking about?
 - g) What does Kamala Das mean by "an armful of / Darkness"?
 - h) What does the poet mean by receiving love "at least in small change"?

GROUP-C

10. Write a critical appreciation of the following extract: $10 \times 1 = 10$

Sometimes a rain comes slowly across the sky, that turns upon its grey cloud, breaking away into light before it reaches its objective.

The rain I have known and traded all this life is thrown like keep on the beach.

Like some shape of conscience I cannot look at, a malignant purpose in a men's age.
