

B.A. 3rd Semester (Honours) Examination, 2018 (CBCS)

Subject : English

Paper : CC-VI

Time: 3 Hours

Full Marks: 60

The figures in the margin indicate full marks.

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

1. Answer any ten of the following: 2×10=20
- (a) Who are the protagonist and the antagonist in the novel, *The Murder of Roger Ackroyd*?
 - (b) What do you know about Roger Ackroyd's profession, appearance and social position from Ch. 2 of the novel?
 - (c) How is Ralph Paton related to Roger Ackroyd?
 - (d) What does Dr. Sheppard initially believe his neighbour's profession to be and why?
 - (e) Who employs Hercule Poirot to investigate the murder of Roger Ackroyd and for what apparent reason?
 - (f) What clues does Poirot find on the floor of the summer-house at Fernly Park?
 - (g) 'There would be a kind of poetic justice' — Identify the speaker. What does he mean?
 - (h) What was the real name of Herge? Which country did he belong to?
 - (i) Indicate the order of the appearance of *Tintin in Tibet* in the adventure series. How does it differ from the other stories in the series?
 - (j) Where does the plane crash and of whom, injured and crying for help, does Tintin have a vision?
 - (k) Who formed the team for the rescue of Tintin's friend and who eventually made way to the crash site?
 - (l) Quote the two favourite phrases of abuse of Captain Haddock.
 - (m) 'I suppose you think captain Haddock has got tomato juice in his veins eh?'
— When does the speaker make this remark?
 - (n) How does Tintin reach the monastery of Khor-Biyong?
 - (o) Indicate the impressive last episode of *Tintin in Tibet*.
2. Answer any four of the following questions: 5×4=20
- (a) What are the 'two houses of any importance' in the village, King's Abbot? Reproduce briefly the introduction of the people of King's Abbot as given in Ch. 2 of *The Murder of Roger Ackroyd*. 2+3=5
 - (b) What was the thing found glittering in the goldfish pond of Fernly Park? Indicate the 'three theories' evolved round it at the Mah Jong Party in Sheppard's house. 2+3=5

- (c) Name the butler of Roger Ackroyd's house. Whom did he serve before coming to Fernly Park? What earlier history of his blackmailing is discovered by Hercule Poirot? 1+1+3=5
- (d) Why do the porters refuse to go further from the crash site? Why does Tharkey return to Tintin and Captain Haddock even after leaving them at the crash site? 2+3=5
- (e) How does the Grand Abbot in the monastery convince Tintin to give up the rescue attempt and return home? What makes Tintin do the reverse? 3+2=5
- (f) Write, in brief, your assessment of the character of Captain Haddock in *Tintin in Tibet*. 5

3. Answer any two of the following questions: 10×2=20

- (a) (i) Relate how Hercule Poirot was employed to investigate the murder of Roger Ackroyd and describe his detection of the murderer.

Or,

- (ii) How does Christie achieve a lightness of tone in *The Murder of Roger Ackroyd* in spite of it being a novel about crime and detection?

- (b) (i) Analyse the series of absurd and dangerous adventures of Alice and show how Lewis Carroll's novel deals with the themes of identity and coming of age.

Or,

- (ii) How essential is the setting to the story in *Alice in Wonderland*?

- (c) (i) 'There's no place like home'. — Substantiate the realization on the basis of your study of *The Wonderful Wizard of Oz* and show how the novel revolves round the central theme of Dorothy's journey to get back her home.

Or,

- (ii) Critically discuss *The Wonderful Wizard of Oz* as a fairy tale.

- (d) (i) Discuss Herge's *Tintin in Tibet* as a popular adventure story.

Or,

- (ii) How does Herge's *Tintin in Tibet* evolve into a moving tale of pure friendship?