2021

ENGLISH — GENERAL

Paper : GE/CC-1

Full Marks: 65

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 five of the following questions:

 1×5

- (a) What does the word 'Araby' mean?
- (b) Who was the protagonist's wife in 'The Lagoon'?
- (c) Whose photograph was there on the boss's table in 'The Fly'?
- (d) "But thy eternal summer shall not fade"— Whose 'eternal summer' is referred to here?
- (e) How much gladness does the poet want the skylark to teach him in 'To a Skylark'?
- (f) What is the girl's name as mentioned in William Wordsworth's 'Strange Fits of Passion'?
- (g) Which fruit is being pressed in the cider-presser in the poem 'To Autumn'?
- 2. Answer any two of the following questions:

 15×2

- (a) Consider Shelley's 'To a Skylark' as a lyric.
- (b) Keats' 'Ode to Autumn' conveys a serene acceptance of life. Discuss.
- (c) How does Shakespeare describe his friend's beauty in 'Shall I compare Thee to a Summer's Day'?
- (d) Give a critical appreciation of the poem 'Strange Fits of Passion'.
- 3. Answer any two of the following questions:

15×2

- (a) Analyse the character of the boss in Katherine Mansfield's short story 'The Fly'.
- (b) Write a note on the theme of 'Araby'.
- (c) Analyse the character of Arsat in Conrad's 'The Lagoon'.