

2023

ENGLISH

( Honours Elective )

Paper : ENG-HE-5046

( **Nineteenth Century European Realism** )

*Full Marks : 80*

*Time : 3 hours*

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

1. Answer the following as directed :  $1 \times 10 = 10$

(a) Who is Madame Podtochina?

(b) "Arkady is a twenty-five years old person."

( Write True or False )

(c) Who is the mother of Kholstomer?

(d) Who discovered Kovalyov's missing nose?

- (e) How much did the Loisels have to pay for the original diamond necklace?
- (f) What is the nationality of Ivan Turgenev?
- (g) When was the novel *Old Goriot* published?
- (h) The events of *The Necklace* take place in \_\_\_\_\_.

( Fill in the blank )

- (i) Write the full name of the author of *Old Goriot*.
- (j) Who is the narrator in the last part of the story *Kholstomer : The Story of a Horse*?

2. Answer the following questions :  $2 \times 5 = 10$

- (a) Why did Old Goriot sacrifice his fortune?
- (b) Who are Arkady's parents?
- (c) How did Kholstomer die at the end of the story?
- (d) Who is Madame Forestier? Why did Mathilde go to her?
- (e) What is the central idea of *The Nose*?

3. Answer any *four* of the following questions :

$5 \times 4 = 20$

- (a) Write a note on the thematic aspects of *Fathers and Sons*.
- (b) What is the influence of the missing nose on Kovalyov?
- (c) What is Madame Podtochina's infatuation?
- (d) What is the message of the short story *The Necklace*?
- (e) Attempt a note on the family lineage of Kholstomer.
- (f) Give a character sketch of Nikolai.

4. Answer any *four* of the following questions :

$10 \times 4 = 40$

- (a) Give a description of the boarding house according to Balzac.
- (b) Comment on how Nikolai Gogol create the surreal situation in his short story, *The Nose*.
- (c) Comment on the defamiliarization technique employed by 19th Century Russian writers.

- (d) Critically analyze the inter-generational relationship in *Fathers and Sons*.
- (e) Put your views on animal sincerity vs. human insensitivity and exploitation in *Kholstomer : The Story of a Horse*.
- (f) Offer a description of the transformation in life of the Loiseles after the loss of the necklace.
- (g) Analyze how the nineteenth century Russian novel presents the realistic picture of the society on the basis of your reading of two prescribed works.
- (h) Put your observations on the plot structure of Balzac's *Old Goriot*.

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