Instructions: (i) Answer all questions.
(ii) All questions carry equal marks.
(iii) Mention your options clearly.

1. (a) Discuss Raja Rao’s ‘Kanthapura’ as a literary document of India’s freedom struggle till 1930s.

OR

(b) ‘Moorthy is symbolic of the Gandhian impact in India.’ Discuss.

OR

(c) Write short notes on any two:
   (i) Exploitation of the coffee states
   (ii) Bade Khan
   (iii) Ratna

2. (a) Though Shakespeare created an unforgettable character in Shylock, the dramatist has often been blamed for being racialist. In the light of this statement, discuss Shylock’s character as a sinner or sinned against.

OR

(b) Evaluate ‘The Merchant of Venice’ as a typical Shakespearean Comedy.

OR

(c) Write short notes on any two:
   (i) The caskets
   (ii) The bond
   (iii) Bassanio, the romantic hero
3. (a) According to Yeats, the main theme of ‘The Post Office’ is deliverance. Discuss.

OR

(b) “Amal is the central, the most dominating character of the play.” Discuss.

OR

(c) Write short notes on any two:
   (i) Elements of a fairy-tale in the ‘Post Office’.
   (ii) Gaffer.
   (iii) The King’s physician.

4. Write short notes on any two:
   (i) Efim and Elisha
   (ii) ‘The Couple’
   (iii) ‘The Railway Clerk’
   (iv) Uncle Jules
   (v) Mrs. Packletide

5. Give answers to any five of the following:
   (i) Which particular city is Ezekiel talking about in ‘The Island’?
   (ii) What promise did the bird make to Princess September?
   (iii) Whom does the poet meet on Bellasis road?
   (iv) Why did the Christian boys hate Ezekiel?
   (v) Why does the crowd in ‘Entertainment’ disperse in shame?
   (vi) What are the chief qualities of Miss. Pushpa?
   (vii) Why does Elizabeth Waine wish to leave her husband’s house?
   (viii) How does Alexis defeat his enemy in ‘The Game of Chess’?