

2020

**ELECTIVE ENGLISH**

Full Marks : 100

Pass Marks : 33

Time : Three hours

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

*Answer the questions in your own words as far as practicable.*

**SECTION – A**

**(PROSE)**

1. *Answer the following question in about 100–120 words :*

- (a) Write, after R L Stevenson, a brief note on the role of desire and curiosity in achieving happiness. 8

*Or*

- (b) Comment on the changes that Rajasthan underwent millions of years ago until the time it assumed the present landscape. 8

2. *Answer the following question in about 60 words :*

- (a) How does Nehru show that worship and kindness do not always go together ? 4

*Or*

- (b) Why is Kailasa considered as the most remarkable of all the cave temples? 4
3. Answer the following question in about 50 words : 3
- (a) Describe the event which shows Nehru's love for small animals. 3
- Or
- (b) Which cave is known as Do Thal cave and why? 3
4. Answer the following questions in about 35 words each : 2
- (a) What were Pandit Nehru's cell companions? 2
- (b) How many storeys does the Dasa-Avatara cave have? What does the lower storey have? 1+1=2
- (c) How does R L Stevenson describe an aspiration? 2
- (d) How is the land around Udaipur? 2
- (e) What made the Saraswati dry and dedicated the prosperous plain as a desert to the bald and ironic vulture? 2

**SECTION – B**  
**(POETRY)**

5. Explain the extract with reference to the context : 8
- (a) Thou art slave to fate, chance, kings and desperate men,  
And dost with poison, war, and sickness dwell;  
And poppy or charms can make us sleep as well;  
And better than thy stroke; why swell'st thou then?

Or

And bending down beside the glowing bars,  
Murmur, a little sadly, how love fled  
And paced upon the mountains overhead  
And hid his face amid a crowd of stars.

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6. Answer the following question in about 100 – 120 words :

(a) Write the critical appreciation of the poem "Dover Beach".

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Or

(b) Bring out the criticism of life as given by the poet in "Prayer Before Birth".

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7. Answer the following question in about 60 words :

(a) The land's sharp features seemed to be  
The century's corpse outland,  
His crypt the cloudy canopy.

Explain the above given lines after the poet.

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Or

(b) My father, sceptic, rationalist,  
trying every curse and blessing,  
powder, mixture, herb and hybrid.

What does the poet express in these lines ?

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8. Answer the following question in about 50 words :

(a) Why does Hopkins sing of the glory of God ? 3

Or

(b) Far as I gaze at the depth of thy immensity  
I find no trace there of sorrow  
or death or separation.

What does the poet convey here ? 3

9. Answer the following questions in about 35 words each :

(a) A dog starved at his master's gate  
Predicts the ruin of the state.

What, according to William Blake, do the above lines mean? 2

(b) How is the song of the thrush an ironic song in "The Darkling Thrush"? 2

(c) How does the poet feel as soon as he feels God's presence in his own being ? 2

(d) The peasants came like swarms of flies  
and buzzed the Name of God a hundred times  
to paralise the Evil One.

Why are the peasants compared to a swarm of flies ? 2

(e) For rose-moles all in stipple upon  
trout that swim ;

Write the meaning of the given line. 2

(f) 'The burnt-out ends of the smoky days'.

What is the significance of the above line ?

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**SECTION – C**

**(NOVEL)**

10. *Answer the following question in about 100–120 words :*

(a) Give a character sketch of Mr. Utterson.

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*Or*

(b) Discuss the duality of human nature in Dr. Jekyll and Mr. Hyde.

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11. *Answer the following question in about 60 words :*

(a) Why did Dr. Hastie Lanyon and Dr. Jekyll fall out with each other ?

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*Or*

“Henry Jekyll forge for a murderer”

Why does Mr. Utterson feel so ?

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12. *Answer the following questions in about 50 words each :*

(a) How did Mr. Lanyon die ?

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(b) How does Enfield describe Mr. Hyde ?

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13. *Answer the following question in about 35 words each :*

What does Jekyll say in his letter to Utterson ?

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**SECTION – D**  
**(GRAMMAR AND PHONOLOGY)**

14. *Frame sentences using any four of the following idiomatic phrases.* 1×4=4
- (a) Cock and bull story
  - (b) To cut corners
  - (c) To burn the midnight oil
  - (d) A bitter pill
15. *Rewrite the sentences as directed :* 1×4=4
- (a) "Let's get in", said the boys to the gatekeeper. (Change into indirect speech)
  - (b) I saw a building. It was very tall. (Join the two sentences to form a simple sentence)
  - (c) Nothing can make it bad. (Change the voice)
  - (d) I voted for James. (Correct the sentence)
16. *Complete the following sentences :* 1×3=3
- (i) There are \_\_\_\_\_ diphthongs in English language ?
  - (ii) Sounds that do not contrast or are not distinct from one another are called \_\_\_\_\_ .
  - (iii) Lips are spread or neutral during the production of \_\_\_\_\_ vowels.

17. Answer the following questions in one sentence each : 1×3=3

- (i) How are vowels and consonants defined in phonetics ?
- (ii) What is a semi-vowel ?
- (iii) How are dental sounds produced ?

18. Identify the short and long vowels in the following words : 1×2=2

- (i) fool
- (ii) full

19. Choose the correct answer from the given alternatives to complete the following statements.

(i) There are \_\_\_\_\_ in English.

- (a) 42 sounds
- (b) 40 sounds
- (c) 24 sounds
- (d) 44 sounds

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(ii) Plosives are also known as \_\_\_\_\_ .

- (a) stops
- (b) Fricatives
- (c) Affricates
- (d) Nasals

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