

2023

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 words as far as practicable.

All the questions are compulsory.

SECTION – A
(SHORT STORIES)

1. *Explain the following extract with reference to the context :*

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

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Or

(b) The winter evening settles down
With smell of steaks in passage ways.
Six O'clock.
The burnt-out ends of smoky days.

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P.T.O.

2. *Answer the following question in about 125 words :*

(a) Write the theme of the poem "Prayer Before Birth".

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Or

(b) Give the central idea of the poem "Death, be not proud".

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

(a) "He fathers-forth whose beauty is past change,"

Explain the significance of the line.

4

Or

(b) How does the poet describe the beauty of the night scene at Dover in the poem "Dover Beach"?

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4. *Answer the following question in about 50 words each :*

(a) How is W.B. Yeats's love different from that of those who loved his beloved?

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Or

(b) "FARAS I GAZE at the depth of Thy
immensity

I find no trace there of sorrow or death or
separation."

Explain the above lines.

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5. Answer the following questions in about 35 words :

- (a) "A dog starv'd at his master's gate"
What does the above line mean ? 2
- (b) How does the 'Thrush' symbolize the limitless joy ? 2
- (c) How does Rabindranath Tagore feel when he turns away from God ? 2
- (d) What is the poet reminded of in the poem "Dover Beach" ? 2
- (e) How does the poet describe the Sky in "Pied Beauty" ? 2
- (f) 'But one man loved the pilgrim soul in you',
Explain. 2

SECTION - B

(ONE-ACT PLAY)

6. Answer the following question in about 125 words each :

- (a) Write how Nehru describes the disadvantages of monsoon that had affected his life in jail ? 8

Or

- (b) How, according to R.L. Stevenson, do desire and curiosity play an important role in achieving happiness ? 8

7. Answer the following question in about 60 words :

- (a) How does Dom Moraes describe the summer season in Rajasthan ? 4

Or

- (b) Write briefly about Kailasa Temple. 4

8. *Answer the following question in about 50 words :*

- (a) Give a description of 'Cave No. 33'. 3

Or

- (b) Write what have the recent discoveries revealed about the Rajasthan plain. 3

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

- (a) How did the sight of the towering Himalaya move Nehru's heart? 2
- (b) Who were the occupants of the 'little cell' in 'The Animals in Prison'? 2
- (c) What does R.L. Stevenson say about 'aspiration'? 2
- (d) Write what J.H. Dave says about the 'Cave Temples' at Ellora? 2
- (e) What are the reasons of drought and famine being common place in Rajasthan? 2

SECTION - C

(NOVEL)

10. *Answer the following question in about 125 words :*

- (a) Give a character sketch of Dr. Henry Jekyll. 8

Or

- (b) Comment on the duality of human nature in Dr. Jekyll and Mr. Hyde. 8

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

(a) Why did Dr. Laynon and Dr. Jekyll stop working together? 4

Or

(b) Why is Dr. Jekyll frustrated with Dr. Laynon? 4

12. Answer the following questions in about 50 words :

(a) Why did Dr. Jekyll create the elixir? 3

(b) Why does Dr. Jekyll drink the potion? 3

13. Answer the following question in about 35 words :

What items did Utterson and the inspector find in Mr. Hyde's apartment? 2

SECTION - D

GRAMMAR & PHONOLOGY

14. Fill in the sentences using any four of the following idiomatic phrases : 1×4=4

- (a) By hook or crook
- (b) Once in a blue moon
- (c) Black sheep
- (d) A red letter day
- (e) Call it a day

15. Rewrite the sentences as directed :

1×4=4

- (a) Although he worked hard, he failed. (Change into a simple sentence)
- (b) What is referred to by it ? (Change the voice)
- (c) She said to John, "Where were you ?" (Change into indirect speech)
- (d) Everybody loves me. (Change into negative sentence without changing the meaning)

16. Say true or false :

- (a) P is a voiceless consonant. 1
- (b) [g] is a nasal sound. 1
- (c) There are 20 vowel sounds in English. 1

17. Answer the following questions in one sentence each :

- (a) How many sounds are there in the English language ? 1
- (b) What is a semivowel ? 1
- (c) What are the nasal sounds in English ? 1

18. Identify the short and the long vowels in the following words :

- (a) Seen 1
- (b) Fit 1

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

(a) IPA stands for _____ in English. 1

- (i) Indian Phonological Association
- (ii) Indian Phonetic Alphabet
- (iii) International Phonetic Association
- (iv) International Phonetic Alphabet

(b) The [h] sound is _____ sound. 1

- (i) A voiced affricate
- (ii) A voicedless fricative
- (iii) A voiceless glottal fricative
- (iv) A voiceless nasal

(c) The antonym of 'Noble' is _____. 1

- (i) Humble
- (ii) gentle
- (iii) lousy
- (iv) sordid

(d) My father deals _____ clothes.

(i) with

(ii) on

(iii) in

(iv) for