

2024

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) A Robin Redbreast in a cage 8

Puts all heaven in Rage.

A dog starved at his master's gate

Predicts the ruin of the State

OR

(b) The land's sharp features seemed to be 8

The century's corpse outleant,

His crypt the cloudy canopy.

The wind his death – lament.

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2. Answer the following question in about 125 words.

(a) Write the theme of the poem 'Thy Presence'.

8

OR

(b) Give the central idea of the poem, 'When You Are Old' written by W.B Yeats.

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3. Answer the following question in about 60 words.

(a) How does the poem 'Dover Beach' imply that love is the only solace in the contemporary spiritual wasteland?

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OR

(b) Explain the meaning of the line – "With swift, slow, sweet, sour, a dazzle, dim" in the poem "Pied Beauty".

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4. Answer the following question in about 50 words.

(a) Why, according to Louis MacNeice, does the unborn child plead for death rather than being born into the world?

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OR

(b) How does T.S. Eliot describe the life of modern urban society in his poem 'Preludes'?

3

5. Answer the following questions in about 35 words.

(a) Why does Eliot compare the evening with "The burnt out ends of smoky days"?

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(b) Why does the poem 'Night of the Scorpion' begin with the poet's remembrance of a night?

2

(c) "I am not yet born; provide me". Explain the statement of the unborn child.

2

- (d) How does people think of death according to John Donne? 2
- (e) How does the poem 'Dover Beach' depict a conflict in people's mind? 2
- (f) What does Hopkins mean in the line – 'Whatever is fickle, freckled (who knows how)?' 2

SECTION – B

(PROSE)

6. *Answer the following question in about 125 words.*

- (a) Describe how Rajasthan underwent changes millions of years ago until it assumed the present landscape. 8

OR

- (b) Write how J.H. Dave describes the Ellora caves in his short story "Ellora"? 8

7. *Answer the following question in about 60 words.*

- (a) How did J.L. Nehru remove his monotony of life while he was in jail? 4

OR

- (b) Describe how the conditions of the landscape and environment affect the expedition of the explorers in 'El Darado'? 4

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

- (a) What made Nehru remember 24th December, 1932? 3

OR

- (b) Give a brief description of Buddhist Caves. 3

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

- (a) How did the sight of the towering Himalaya move Nehru's heart? 2

- (b) Who can, according to Stevenson, be called onward looking men? 2
- (c) Why is Kailasa temple considered as one of the most remarkable cave temples in the world? 2
- (d) How did Dom Moraes highlight the effect of barrenness and solitude of the Thar Desert? 2
- (e) Why, according to Dom Moraes, were mud tanks and wells significantly useful for desert dwellers? 2

SECTION – C

(A SHORT NOVEL)

10. Answer the following question in about 125 words.

- (a) Why does Dr. Jekyll create Mr. Hyde? 8

OR

- (b) Write the significance of the house of Jekyll in the novel. 8

11. Answer the following question in about 60 words.

- (a) Why is Utterson concerned about the will made by Dr. Jekyll? 4

OR

- (b) Why does Jekyll need to double the dose of his drug sometime? 4

12. Answer the following question in about 50 words each.

- (a) What was Mr. Utterson's custom on Sunday? 3

OR

- (b) What was written in Dr. Jekyll's will? 3

13. Answer the following question in about 35 words.

Why were Dr. Lanyon and Dr. Jekyll parted away from each other? 2

14. Choose the correct answer from the given four alternatives.

(a) What are the stipulations of Dr. Jekyll's original will filed with Mr. Utterson? 1

- (i) Mr. Utterson inherits all for Dr. Jekyll's estate.
- (ii) Dr. Jekyll's estates are given to charity.
- (iii) Mr. Hyde inherits all of Dr. Jekyll's estate.
- (iv) Dr. Jekyll's estate is evenly divided between Mr. Hyde and Mr. Utterson.

(b) Who killed Sir Danvers Carew? 1

- (i) Dr. Jekyll
- (ii) An unknown woman
- (iii) Mr. Utterson
- (iv) Mr. Hyde

(c) What instrument was used to kill Sir Danvers Carew? 1

- (i) Candlestick
- (ii) Cane
- (iii) Gun
- (iv) Knife

SECTION – D

(GRAMMAR AND PHONOLOGY)

15. *Frame sentence using any four of the following idiomatic phrases.* 1×4=4

- (a) Beat around the bush.
- (b) Raining cats and dogs.
- (c) Better late than never.
- (d) Adding insult to injury.
- (e) No pain no gain.

16. *Rewrite the following sentences as directed:*

- (a) Bidyarani said, "Alas! How foolish I have been". (Change into the indirect form of the speech) 1
- (b) What would you have done if your house _____ (be) on fire. (Fill in the blank with the correct form of the verb given in the bracket) 1
- (c) To everyone's surprise, he won the election. (Transform it to a compound sentence) 1
- (d) As soon as the principal smelt the play, he left the school. (Transform it into a negative sentence without changing its meaning) 1

17. *Answer the following questions in one sentence each.*

- (a) Why are sounds of m, n and ng are called nasal sounds? 1
- (b) How can consonants be better perceived? 1

- (c) How do we divide consonant sounds into different categories? 1
- (d) Why are 'w' and 'y' said to be semivowels? 1
- (e) How are bilabial consonant sounds produced? 1
- (f) How are voiceless sounds produced? 1
18. *Identify the short and long vowels in the following words:*
- (a) Put 1
- (b) Poor 1
19. *Choose the correct answer from the given alternatives to complete the following statements.*
- (a) EFL stands for _____ in English. 1
- (i) English Fluency Level.
- (ii) English Flow Level.
- (iii) English in Foreign Land.
- (iv) English as a Foreign Language.
- (b) The antonym of 'Calm' is – 1
- (i) Unrest
- (ii) Confusion
- (iii) Storm
- (iv) Shake

- (c) As proud is to peacock, so is bold to _____. 1
- (i) Lion
 - (ii) Elephant
 - (iii) Tiger
 - (iv) Jackel
- (d) I complimented him _____ his brilliant success in the examination. 1
- (i) For
 - (ii) On
 - (iii) Of
 - (iv) About