

2026

ELECTIVE ENGLISH

Full Marks : 100

Pass Marks : 33

Time: Three Hours

Read the directions given for each question carefully.

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

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

SECTION – A

(POETRY)

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

(a) Death be not proud, though some have called thee 8

Mighty and dreadful, for thou art not so;

For those whom thou think'st thou dost overthrow,

Die not, poor Death, nor yet canst thou kill me.

Or

(b) Far as I gaze at the depth of Thy immensity 8

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

P.T.O.

Death assumes its aspect of terror

And sorrow its pain only when. Away from Thee,

2. *Answer the following question in about 120 words :*

- (a) In the poem, 'Preludes' T.S. Eliot describes the lives of a modern industrialized city. Analyse his views on the lives of industrialized city dwellers. 6

Or

- (b) "Glory be to God for dappled things –." How does the poet describe the vibrancy of nature? 6

3. *Answer any one of the following questions in about 60 words :*

- (a) "Otherwise kill me." Why does the unborn baby rather prefer death before birth? 4
- (b) Why did the poet say that the lady whom she loved would regret when she became old in the poem 'When You Are Old'? 4

4. *Answer any five from the following questions in about 40 words each :*

- (a) "A Robin Red Breast in a cage puts all heaven in a rage." Explain the significance of the line? 2
- (b) Why was the song of the Thrush a symbol of hope to the poet? 2
- (c) Why does the poet call the tail of the scorpion 'diabolic'? 2
- (d) Why does Mathew Arnold compare the religious faith to a sea? 2
- (e) Why is the unborn child afraid of being born to this world? 2
- (f) Signify the phrase 'pilgrim soul' of the poem 'When you are old'. 2

5. *Four alternatives marked (i), (ii), (iii), and (iv) are given for the following questions. You have to choose the best option from the alternatives to answer the questions.*

(a) What does the caged Robin symbolize in the poem 'A Robin Red Breast in a cage'? 1

(i) The Beauty of nature (ii) Human freedom

(iii) Destruction of innocence (iv) Kindness of man

(b) The line 'And every spirit upon earth/ Seemed fervourless as I' emphasizes the speaker's? 1

(i) sadness (ii) wild joy

(iii) Confusion (iv) hopelessness and despair

SECTION – B

(PROSE)

6. *Answer the following question in about 120 words :*

(a) Explain how the earliest excavation at the Ellora caves in India took place. 6

Or

(b) How, according to R.L. Stevenson, could happiness be achieved? 6

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

(a) Narrate how Dom Moraes described the miseries of desert dwellers? 4

Or

- (b) Narrate the incident that led a mother monkey risking her own life for its baby in Bareilly jail. 4

8. Answer the following question in about 50 words :

- (a) "Each was isolated from the other, few contained life." Why were the few who contained life in the desert isolated from the other? 3

Or

- (b) "Spring was very pleasant in Dehra Dun." Why did Nehru say like this? 3

9. Answer any five from the following questions in about 40 words each :

- (a) Why is the 24th of December, 1932 unforgettable for Nehru? 2

- (b) What does the writer say of 'Death' in "El Dorado"? 2

- (c) Why, according to R.L. Stevenson, do the adventurous pioneers grudge themselves at the time of rest? 2

- (d) Why was Ellora a well known site in Mughal times? 2

- (e) Why is Kailash temple considered one of the most remarkable cave temples in the world? 2

- (f) Why had the car driving along the north to stop at frequent intervals? 2

10. Four alternatives marked (i), (ii), (iii) and (iv) are given for the following questions. You have to choose the best option from the alternatives to answer the questions.

- (a) What was Nehru's attitude towards the animals in prison? 1

(i) Indifferent

(ii) Fearful and disgusting

- (iii) Compassionate and companionship
 (iv) Painful
- (b) The name of the most famous Buddhist cave at Ellora is – 1
- (i) The Kailasa Temple (ii) The Dashavatara Cave
 (iii) The Vishvakarma Cave (iv) The Rameshvara Cave

SECTION – C
(NOVEL)

11. Answer the following question in about 120 words :

- (a) Explore the conflict between good and evil within one person with reference to Dr. Jekyll and Mr. Hyde. 6

Or

- (b) Narrate the circumstances that led Mr. Hyde to kill himself at the end? 6

12. Answer the following question in about 60 words :

- (a) Why is Mr. Utterson very much concerned about Dr. Jekyll's will? 4

Or

- (b) Why did Dr. Jekyll and Dr. Lanyon part from each other? 4

13. Answer any three from the following questions in about 50 words each :

- (a) Why did Dr. Jekyll sometimes need double dose of his potion? 3
 (b) Why was there a necessity for Mr. Utterson to meet Dr. Lanyon? 3
 (c) Describe the significance of Dr. Jekyll's house to the development of the plot of the novel. 3
 (d) Why was Mr. Enfield suspicious for the cheque brought by Mr. Hyde? 3

14. *Answer any two of the following questions in about 40 words each :*
- (a) Why was Poole suspicious when Dr. Jekyll procured a particular chemical repeatedly? 2
 - (b) How did Dr. Jekyll try to save his reputed social standings from being tarnished by Hyde? 2
 - (c) Give a brief sketch of the physical appearance of Mr. Edward Hyde. 2
15. *Four alternatives marked (i), (ii), (iii) and (iv) are given for the following questions. You have to choose the best option from the alternatives to answer the questions.*
- (a) Which character in the play 'Dr. Jekyll and Mr. Hyde' is described as pale and dwarfish? 1
 - (i) Dr. Jekyll
 - (ii) Mr. Utterson
 - (iii) Mr. Hyde
 - (iv) Dr. Lanyon
 - (b) What is Mr. Hyde doing when Enfield first sees him? 1
 - (i) Walking away from a crime scene
 - (ii) Trampling a young girl with cold intention
 - (iii) Arguing with Dr. Jekyll
 - (iv) Calling Poole to bring a particular chemical to change himself to Jekyll readily

SECTION – D
(GRAMMAR AND PHONOLOGY)

16. *Read the instructions given for each question and do as directed :*
- (a) *Frame a grammatically correct sentence by using any one of the following idiomatic phrases.* 1
 - (i) A red letter day
 - (ii) Sitting on the fence

(b) Transform the given sentence into a complex sentence. 1
No one knows the time of his coming.

(c) Change the speech of the following sentence and rewrite it. 1
The man said to his friend, "Where did you find these oranges?"

(d) Change the voice of the following sentence and rewrite it. 1
I remember my father taking me to the zoo.

(e) The sentence given below has some errors. Correct the errors and rewrite it. 1
He has a big farm in which there are a lot of cattles, sheeps, and swines.

(f) Rewrite the following sentence with correct tense form of the verb given in the bracket. 1
Our Prime Minister from America (just return).

17. Four alternatives marked (i), (ii), (iii) and (iv) are given for the following questions. You have to choose the best option from the alternatives to answer the questions.

(a) In accordance with the advice of a doctor she is diet. 1

- (i) on (ii) at
(iii) off (iv) with

(b) The word 'Broken' in the phrase 'broken window' is - 1

- (i) A Gerund (ii) A Participle
(iii) An Adverb (iv) A Verb

(c) Only one sentence out of the four sentences given is correct. Choose the correct one. 1

- (i) My sister had left for America last week.

(ii) My sister has left for America last week.

(iii) My sister had been left for America last week.

(iv) My sister left for America last week.

- (d) A sentence is given below with four demarcating lines. Identify the portion that has an error. 1

The manager who was very honest/ was angry with me / and asked me / why was I late.

(i) The manager who was very honest

(ii) was angry with me

(iii) and asked me

(iv) why was I late

18. Answer the following questions in one sentence each :

(a) What is a Diphthong? 1

(b) How many levels of stress are there in the stress system of the English language? 1

(c) How many plosives are there in English Language? 1

19. Identify the short and the long vowel sounds in the following words :

(a) Reed 1

(b) Did 1

20. *Say true or false :*

- (a) There are 24 consonant sounds in English Language. 1
- (b) Phonology is the study of how the written letters are organized in the mind and used to convey meaning. 1
- (c) There are 10 vowel sounds in English Language. 1

21. *Choose the correct one from the alternatives given and rewrite as your answer :*

(a) What is the term for a phonological process where two neighboring sounds become more similar to each other? 1

- (i) Assimilation
- (ii) Dissimilation
- (iii) Elision
- (iv) Epenthesis

(b) /m/ is a sound. 1

- (i) dental
- (ii) bilabial Nasal
- (iii) plosive
- (iv) alveolar nasal