

Postgraduate Programme
ENGLISH LANGUAGE & LITERATURE

Time: 2 Hours

Max. Marks: 75

NOTE: Section A must be written on attached sheets of paper. Section B is to be written in the space provided with the questions.

SAMPLE QUESTIONS

SECTION – A

- I.
1. Discuss the achievement of Charles Dickens **OR** Jane Austen as a novelist.

OR

2. Comment on the salient features of the poetry of William Wordsworth **OR** John Donne.
(10 marks: 200 words)

- II.
3. Highlight the contribution of William Shakespeare **OR** Bernard Shaw, selecting any one of his plays for reference.

OR

4. Bring out the humour in the essays of A. G. Gardiner **OR** J. B. Priestley.
(10 marks: 200 words)

- III. Write short notes on any four of the given topics in about 100 words each:
(2 x 5 = 10 marks)

5. One-Act Play 6. Historical Novel 7. Metaphor 8. Tragedy

- IV. Write a short essay on one of the following topics: (10 marks)

9. No pains, no gains 10. Religious Tolerance 11. Knowledge is power

SECTION – B

- V. Match the writers in A with their works in B. Write the correct letters in the brackets provided. (Column B has some extra items):

(5 x 1 = 5 marks)

A

B

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| 1. William Blake | () | A) Dream Children |
| 2. John Milton | () | B) She Stoops to Conquer |
| 3. Charles Dickens | () | C) On His Blindness |
| 4. Charles Lamb | () | D) Songs of Innocence |
| 5. John Keats | () | E) Ode to a Nightingale |
| | | F) David Copperfield |
| | | G) Tintern Abbey |

VI. Match the terms in A with their meanings in B. (Column B has some extra items):
(5 x 1 = 5 Marks)

<u>A</u>		<u>B</u>
6. Alliteration	()	A) Has as its subject the life of a saint
7. Elegy	()	B) Unrhymed lines of iambic pentameter
8. Miracle Play	()	C) A long narrative poem on a serious subject
9. Sonnet	()	D) A poem of lament for the death of a person
10. Epic	()	E) A contest of wit
		F) A fourteen-line lyric poem
		G) Repetition of sounds in a sequence of words

VII. Read the following lines, and answer the questions as directed:
(5 x 2 = 10 marks)

Whate'er the theme, the maiden sang
As if her song could have no ending;
I saw her singing at her work,
And o'er the sickle bending:
I listened, motionless and still;
And, as I mounted up the hill,
The music in my heart I bore,
Long after it was heard no more.

11. The above extract is _____ ()

- A) Lyrical
- B) Didactic
- C) Satirical
- D) Ironical

12. The theme of the maiden's song is _____ ()

- A) freedom
- B) nature
- C) youth
- D) none of the above

13. The girl's occupation is _____ ()

- A) farming
- B) reaping
- C) singing
- D) weaving

14. The girl's singing affected the poet _____ ()

- A) not at all
- B) without end
- C) very little
- D) deeply

15. The poet/ speaker in the poem is _____ ()

- A) the girl's companion
- B) fellow singer
- C) a passerby
- D) a farmer

VIII. Read the following passage, and answer the questions as directed: (5 x 2 = 10marks)

Our ancestors had great difficulty in procuring books. Ours now is what to select. We must be careful what we read. There are, indeed, books and books; and there are books which, as Lamb said, are not books at all. There are many books to which one may apply, in the sarcastic sense, the ambiguous remark which Lord Beaconsfield made to an unfortunate author, 'I will lose no time in reading your book.' Others are more than useless, and poison the mind with suggestions of evil. Few perhaps realize how much the happiness of life, and the formation of character, depend on a wise selection of the books we read.

16. The problem today is _____ ()

- A) how to procure books
- B) there are too many books
- C) which book to select
- D) there are no good books

17. In the passage, "I will lose no time in reading your book" means that one will – ()

- A) not waste time in reading the book
- B) read the book
- C) finish reading the book quickly
- D) read the book later

18. The above passage suggests that - ()

- A) there are great difficulties involved in procuring books these days
- B) it is easy to distinguish the good book from the bad one
- C) books bring us much happiness in life
- D) much care needs to be taken in selecting a book for reading

19. The phrase 'ambiguous remark' in the above passage means - ()

- A) of doubtful meaning
- B) sarcastic suggestion
- C) having double meaning
- D) confused sense

20. The words 'poison the mind' imply that some books - ()

- A) contain poison
- B) corrupt the mind
- C) cause disaster
- D) are useless

IX. Fill in the blanks with the correct words from the choice given.
(5x1 = 5 marks)

21. These three sisters love _____ (each other/ one another).
22. The man shot the bird _____ (by/ with) a gun.
23. You are the person who _____ (are/ is) wanted.
24. I forgot to _____ (mention/ have mentioned) the news to you.
25. They have no houses to _____ (live/ live in).

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