

ASSIGNMENT – 1
M.A. DEGREE EXAMINATION, JULY - 2023

THIRD SEMESTER

ENGLISH
Paper I — LITERARY CRITICISM – 1

MAXIMUM MARKS: 30

ANSWER ALL QUESTIONS

1. Discuss Plato's views on role of literature in Ideal State.
2. Discuss Aristotle's views on "Tragedy."
3. How does Sidney refute the allegation against poetry being the mother of lies?
4. Discuss Dryden's "An Essay on Dramatic Poesy" as a survey of contemporary critical schools?
5. Analytically discuss the merits and demerits of Shakespeare as given in Johnson's "Preface to Shakespeare."

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ANSWER ALL QUESTIONS

1. What are the ideas of William Wordsworth reflected in “Preface to the Second Edition of Lyrical Ballads?”
2. What is the meaning of ‘Touchstone Method?’ Examine the benefits of it.
3. Explain T.S. Eliot’s Theory of Impersonality.
4. What are the four kinds of meanings according to I.A. Richards?
5. What is the role of irony in the poetry according to Cleanth Brooks?

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Paper II — COMMUNICATIVE ENGLISH - 1

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ANSWER ALL QUESTIONS

1. Write a note on the differences between Language and Communication.
2. Discuss in detail the nature and Definition of Communication.
3. Examine the role of “ Participants” and “Message” in the process of communication.
4. Write about means and methods of Group Communication.
5. Write about the significance of sign language in Non-Verbal Communication.
6. Examine the importance of ‘Greeting’ and ‘Apologizing’ in language Communication with example.
7. Define ‘Body- Language’ and explain its supportive role in Communication.
8. Write a note on Verbal and in Non-Verbal Communication.
9. What does the purpose of Listening mean? Give examples.

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1. Give the Symbols of 44 speech sounds of English Language.
2. Explain the term ‘Inferring meaning’ with example.
3. Explain the structure of business letter with an example.
4. Use any of the FOUR idioms in your own sentences:
 - (a) The ball is in your court
 - (b) Let the cat out of the bag
 - (c) Pull Someone`s leg
 - (d) Once in a blue moon
 - (e) Come rain or shine
 - (f) Go down in flanus
5. Provide one word substitutes for any THREE of the following:
 - (i) A thing that is kept as a reminder of a place, person or event.
 - (ii) An institution for the care of people who are mentally ill.
 - (iii) One who is not sure about God`s existence.
 - (iv) The arrangement of events or dates in the order of their occurence.
 - (v) A phrase written in memory of a person who has died.
6. Choose the correct Antonym for any THREE of the following words:
 - (i) Accumen
 - (a) Ignorance
 - (b) Brilliance
 - (c) Accuse
 - (ii) Chaste
 - (a) Pure
 - (b) Lustful
 - (c) Cruel
 - (iii) Modest
 - (a) Humble
 - (b) ideal
 - (c) Arrogant
 - (iv) trivial
 - (a) Insignificant
 - (b) tribal
 - (c) Significant
7. Fill any THREE of the following sentences with appropriate prepositions:
 - (i) He travelled all ----- the world when he was a boy.
 - (ii) Dr. Sharma concluded his speech----- stressing on Swami Vivekananda`s

- teachings on the importance being loyal to mother India.
- (iii) Don't depend ----- others; you must stand on your own feet.
 - (iv) Our life promises a lot ----- pleasure and we must learn to enjoy it.
 - (v) There is something wonderful ----- him.

8. Change any THREE of the following sentences from Active voice to Passive voice.

- (a) I have a puppy
- (b) There is a three – storeyed building in the corner of the street.
- (c) The work is due today.
- (d) They are going to plant a tree.
- (e) Raju went to Kolkata yesterday.
- (f) She laughed loudly at the joke.

9. Provide the correct form of verb for any FOUR of the following sentence:

- (i) Your friends ----- (wait) for you for over an hour.
- (ii) It is not worth ----- (pay) so much money for this concern.
- (iii) When I reached the station, the train ----- (leave).
- (iv) I ----- (visit) the Taj Mahal last month.
- (v) The criminal ----- (attack) the victim with a knife.

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PAPER III — INDIAN WRITING IN ENGLISH

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ANSWER ALL QUESTIONS

1. Write a short note on any FOUR of the following.
 - (i) Myth and folklore
 - (ii) Post Independence society
 - (iii) Novel of Propaganda.
 - (iv) Social Realism.
 - (v) The Philosophical Novel.
 - (vi) Metaphysics.
2. Write an essay on the characteristic features of Psychological Novel.
3. Evaluate Sarojini Naidu as a romantic poet with a special reference to “The Temple”.
4. Write an essay on salient features of Nissim Ezekiel’s poetry
5. Discuss Chitra as a lyrical or a poetic play.

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ANSWER ALL QUESTIONS

1. What according to Girish Karnad is superior- the body or the soul? Base your answer on a study of hayavadana?
2. How does the title Coolie reinforce the theme of exploitation in Mulk Raj Anand Novel?.
3. explain Man Eater of Malgudi as a satire on modern society.
4. How are Nanda Kaul, Ila Das and Raka compared to birds, and what do these comparisons suggest?
5. Comment on the views of Dr. B.R.Ambedkar from the books prescribed for your study.
6. Attempt an essay on the Central theme of Raja Rao`s “Cow of the Barricades”?

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PAPER IV — AMERICAN LITERATURE - 1

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ANSWER ALL QUESTIONS

1. Write a short note on any FOUR of the following.
 - (i) Influence of Vedic Thought.
 - (ii) Puritanism.
 - (iii) Mysticism.
 - (iv) Romanticism
 - (v) Nationalism
 - (vi) The Frontier Experience.
2. Trace the distinctive features of Transcendentalism.
3. Critically analyse the themes of life and death in Whitman's poem "Out of the Cradle endlessly Rocking"
4. Analyse the salient features of of Emily Dickinson's poetry.
5. According to Emerson what are the important features of an American Scholar?

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1. Explain how Ralph Waldo Emerson defines individualism in “Self Reliance”.
2. Discuss the seasonal metaphor that thematically unifies Walden.
3. Consider the significance of Walden Ponds as a symbol.
4. Explain the role of superstitions in the Novel Huckleberry Finn.
5. Bring out the elements of humour and satire in Huckleberry Finn.

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PAPER V (A) — COLONIAL / POST COLONIAL LITERATURE - 1

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ANSWER ALL QUESTIONS

1. (a) Write a short note on any FOUR of the following.
 - (i) Colonial rule and the destruction of native cultures.
 - (ii) African Theatre.
 - (iii) Reclamation of the African past.
 - (iv) Narrative techniques in post Colonial Literature.
 - (v) Use of Myth in Literature.
 - (vi) Use of oral idiom in native Literature.

2. Write a critical essay on the theme exile in Caribbean literature

3. Bring out the chief characteristics of post colonial writings in Raja Rao's "Kanthapura".

4. Give your critical comments on the structure of the Novel "Kanthapura" by rajarao.

5. What is the Significance of Achebe's integration of Africcan literary forms with that of Western literary forms?

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ANSWER ALL QUESTIONS

1. Comment on the various dramatic techniques employed by Soyinks in “A Dance of Forests”.
2. How does a “A Grain of Wheat” address freedom and Kenyan struggle for Independence? Explain.
3. How do the female characters symbolize feminism in “A Grain of Wheat”?
4. Examine Naipaul’s “A House of Mr. Biswas as an autobiographical Novel”.
5. Describe the theories of poet colonialism in “Waiting for the Barbarians”.