



St. Mary's Convent Inter College, Prayagraj
Preliminary Examination 2024 - 25

Time : 2hr.

Class- 10 €

M.M. : 80

LITERATURE IN ENGLISH
(ENGLISH PAPER - 2)

Name : Roll No. Date :

The paper has four Sections.

Section A is compulsory —All questions in Section A must be answered.

You must attempt one question from each of the Sections B, C and D and one other question from any Section of your choice.

The intended marks for questions or parts of questions are given in brackets [].

SECTION A

(Attempt all questions from this Section.)

Question 1

Read the following questions and choose the most appropriate response from the choices given below (Please do not copy the question - simply write out in correct serial order the appropriate word or phrase.) [16]

Choose the correct answer to the question from the given options.

- Why is Cassius angry with Brutus?
 - For questioning Cassius's military experience.
 - For showing favouritism towards Lucilius.
 - For not defending Pella.
 - For calling Cassius out for bribery.
- Why does Antony want to address the crowd at Caesar's funeral?
 - To mourn his friend's death.
 - To gain Brutus and Cassius's trust.
 - To pitch his name as Caesar's successor
 - To unmask the conspirators
- 'Villians, you did not so, when your vile daggers Hack'd one another in the sides of Caesar.'

Who is the speaker of these lines?

- Cassius
 - Brutus
 - Octavius
 - Antony
- What dream did Cinna, the poet, have?
 - He was feasting with Caesar.
 - He was killed by Caesar.
 - He got an award for his poems.
 - He was pelted by the crowd
 - 'His life was gentle, and the elements

Which of the following best describes the underlined word from Julius Caesar, Act V Scene 5?

- Privileged
 - Comedy
 - Advantages
 - Memories
- Antony wants to _____ Caesar's will.
 - Destroy
 - Carry out
 - Alter
 - None of these
 - What two worlds are connected by the 'bridge of light' according to the poem 'Haunted Houses'?
 - Past and Future
 - Heaven and Hell
 - Earth and Jupiter
 - Spirits and Humans
 - Which of the following lines contains the literary device used in the title of the poem itself - "A Considerable Speck".
 - Parting is such sweet sorrow.
 - Her mouth was a fountain of delight.
 - O, my love's like a red, red rose.
 - The fair breeze blow, the white foam flew.



9. In the poem 'The Glove and the Lions' Count de Lorge bowed _____ before the lady before leaping into the pit.
a. Hesitantly b. Gracefully c. Angrily d. Quickly
10. Choose the option that list the sequence of event in the correct order:
1. The narrator thought that the photographer meant to kiss him, and he closed his eyes.
2. The photographer came over and took the narrator's head in his hands and twisted it sideways.
3. The photographer sighed again.
4. The photographer twisted the narrator's face as far as it would go, and then stood looking at it.
a. 2,1,4,3 b. 3,2,1,4 c. 2,3,1,4 d. 3,1,2,4

11. 'Our eyes, briefly,
see with
a hurtful clarity'

What is the meaning of hurtful clarity in the above lines taken from Maya Angelou's poem 'When Great Trees fall'?

- a. Occasional loss b. Horrifying diseases
c. Getting a reality check d. Painful memories
12. How does Martin describe the creepy lady's cheeks in the short story 'The Elevator'?
a. Rosy b. Fleshy c. Chubby d. Prickly
13. The studio was _____
a. well-furnished b. quite modern c. dimly lighted d. very big
14. What award did Adjoa win in the short story 'The Girl Who Can'?
a. Best all-round junior athlete. b. Best junior girl athlete.
c. Best all-round senior athlete. d. She didn't win anything.
15. Select the option that shows the correct relationship between Statements (1) and Statement (2) Alphonse Daudet's short story 'The Last Lesson'.
Statement I Franz after seeing the plight of his teacher, M. Hamel suddenly developed love and respect for him and his unwavering service to the school.
Statement II After hearing his teacher's new announcement, Franz realised that M. Hamel will not teach him French anymore.
a. I and II are dependent on each other. b. I is the cause for II.
c. I and II are independent of each other. c. II is the cause for I.
16. What does Mr. Mead say about his family life in Ray Bradbury's short story 'The Pedestrian'?
a. He says he is a widower. b. He says he is single.
c. He says he is seeing someone special. d. He says he lives with his mother.

SECTION B

(Answer one or more questions from this Section.)

DRAMA

(The Julius Caesar by William Shakespeare)

Question 2

Read the extract given below and answer the questions that follow:

CAESAR (to the soothsayer) The Ides of March are come

SOOTHSAYER - Ay Caesar, but not gone

ARTEMIDORUS - Hail Caesar! Read this schedule.

DECIUS - Trebonius doth desire you to o'er read, At your best leisure, this his humble suit



1. What does Caesar answer to the people who want him to read their suit ? Who does Caesar get annoyed with? Why? [3]
2. What does Popilius say to Cassius ? Why does Cassius get tensed up? What does he instruct Casca to do? [3]
3. Who takes Antony out of the way? Why? What is Metellus Cimber's suit to Caesar? [3]
4. State three instances to show Caesar's high handedness in not granting Metellus Cimber's suit. [3]
5. What four things according to Caesar melt foolish people? [4]

Question 3

Read the extract given below and answer the questions that follow:

Cassius:

"Come down, behold no more.

O, coward that I am, to live so long,

To see my best friend ta'en before my face!

[Pindarus descends]

- (i) What does Cassius hear about his friend, Titinius? How does he react? [3]
- (ii) Why does Cassius call himself a coward? Which line in the extract suggests this? [3]
- (iii) What does Cassius ask Pindarus to do in the above extract? Does Pindarus grant his wish? [3]
- (iv) Where did Cassius meet Pindarus? How did Cassius help him? What did Cassius ask for in return? [3]
- (v) Explain 'with the sword that kill'd thee'. Do you think Cassius is regretful of killing Caesar? Why? [4]

SECTION C

(Answer one or more questions from this Section.)

POETRY

(Treasure Chest- A Collection of ICSE Poems and Short Stories)

Question 4

Read the extract given below and answer the questions that follow:

A speck that would have been beneath my sight
On any but a paper sheet so white Set off across what I had written there.
And I had idly poised my pen in air To stop it with a period of ink

1. What is a speck? What did it turn out to be? Where? [3]
2. What had the poet been doing? What does the last line here tell you in this context? [3]
3. Describe the speck that the poet sees. [3]
4. How does the poet react to seeing the speck? [3]
5. Analyse and explain the theme of the poem. Discuss poet's view about the significance of small forms of life. [4]

Question 5:

Read the following extract from Sukumar Ray's poem 'The Power of Music' and answer the questions that follow.



When summer comes, we hear the hums Bhisma Lochan Sharma.
You catch his strain on hill and plain from Delhi
down to Burma
He sings as though he's staked his life, he sings
as though he's hell-bent;
The people, dazed, retire amazed although they know it's well-meant.

They're trampled in the panic rout or languish pale and sickly, And plead, "My friend, we're near our end, oh stop your singing quickly!"

1. Describe the extent of Bhisma Lochan Sharma's influence during the summer season? [3]
2. How did Bhisma Lochan Sharma sing? [3]
3. How did people react to his singing? [3]
4. Explain the line 'They're trampled in the panic rout or languish pale and sickly.' [3]
5. Who was pleading and why? [4]

SECTION D

(Answer one or more questions from this Section.)

PROSE - SHORT STORIES

(Treasure Chest - A Collection of ICSE Poems and Short Stories)

Question 6

Read the extract given below and answer the questions that follow:

When I passed the town hall, there was a crowd in front of the bulletin board.

- i. Who is "I" here? Why was "I" afraid of going to school that morning? [3]
- ii. What did Franz find tempting on the way to School? [3]
- iii. When did Franz see a crowd in front of the bulletin board? Which type of news had come all from the bulletin board for the past two years? What did he think upon seeing the crowd? [3]
- iv. Whom did Franz see reading the bulletin in front of the town hall? Who called out to Franz and what did he say to him? [3]
- v. Later in the story, what sound could be heard while the students were writing? What thoughts crossed Franz's mind about the pigeons on the roof? Why do you think M.Hamel wrote "Vive La France" on the blackboard? How did M.Hamel conclude the lesson? [4]

Question 7

Read the extract given below and answer the questions that follow:

The street was silent and long and empty with only his shadow, moving like the shadow of a hawk in mid country.

1. What did Mr. Mead ask the houses he passed by? [3]
2. Why had Mead decided to change his footwear from hard-heeled shoes to sneakers? [3]
3. How many people lived in the city? How many Police cars were left? Why are the Police described as a "rare incredible thing" in 2053? [3]
4. State three aspects that the police car interrogated Mr Mead about. [3]
5. Describe the interior of the Police car. Where was the police car taking Mr. Mead? What characteristics or behaviour of Mr Mead, do you think the police car likely found to be regressive? [4]
