

# 2023 English Literature

## अंग्रेजी साहित्य

Time: 3 hours

समय: 3 घंटे

Maximum Marks: 200

अधिकतम अंक : 200

### Question paper specific instructions

प्रश्न पत्र के लिए विशिष्ट अनुदेश

**1. This paper is divided into two Sections, Section-A and Section-B.**

ये प्रश्नपत्र दो खंडों में विभाजित है, खंड-A और खंड-B

**2. Each Section contains four (4) questions.**

प्रत्येक खंड में चार प्रश्न हैं।

**3. Candidate has to attempt five questions in all.**

परीक्षार्थी को पांच प्रश्नों का उत्तर लिखना है।

**4. Question Nos. 1 and 5 are compulsory and out of the remaining, THREE questions are to be attempted choosing at least ONE question from each Section.**

प्रश्न संख्या 1 और 5 अनिवार्य हैं और शेष प्रश्नों में से किन्हीं तीन का उत्तर लिखना है, प्रत्येक खंड से एक प्रश्न को हल करना है।

**5. Word limit in questions, where specified, should be adhered to.**

प्रश्नों में शब्द सीमा, जहाँ विनिर्दिष्ट है, का अनुसरण किया जाना चाहिए।

**6. The number of marks carried by a question/part is indicated against it.**

प्रत्येक प्रश्न/ भाग के लिए नियत अंक उसके सामने दिए गए हैं।

**7. Questions are printed in English & Hindi languages. In case of any ambiguity in translation of any question, English version shall be treated as final.**

प्रत्येक प्रश्न हिन्दी और अंग्रेजी दोनों भाषाओं में छपा है। प्रश्नों के अनुवाद में किसी अस्पष्टता की स्थिति में, अंग्रेजी सस्करण को ही अन्तिम माना जाएगा।

**Section A**

- Q. 1. Write answers of the following questions. (words limit 150) (5x8=40)
- 1 (a). Is the title of John Donne's poem, "Death, be not Proud," an admonition or a request? Give an argumentative answer. (8)
- 1 (b). Is God so weak that he needs to appoint an advocate to justify His ways to men? Answer with reference to Milton's *Paradise Lost*? (8)
- 1 (c). "Slight is the subject, but not so the praise, / If she inspires, and he approves my lays." What does the pronoun "she" refer to in these lines? Also tell why and what does she inspire? (8)
- 1 (d). "Wordsworth's picture of rural life in Michael is less idyllic and nearer to historical truth than some readers may suppose." Give some instances from the poem to prove the given statement. (8)
- 1 (e). Write a note on satire with suitable examples from poetry, drama and fiction.' (8)
- Q. 2. Write answers of the following questions. (words limit 300)
- 2 (a). Shakespeare's *King Lear* is dark and depressing in tone. Do you agree? Give a reasoned answer. 10 marks
- 2 (b). Define an epic simile with suitable examples from *Paradise Lost*. 15 marks
- 2 (c). Discuss the three movements in William Wordsworth's "Ode on Intimations of Immortality". 15 marks
- Q. 3. Write answers of the following questions (words limit 300)
- 3 (a). Bring out the characteristics of Victorian Age with suitable illustrations from Tennyson. 10 marks
- 3 (b). *A Doll's House* questions the traditional roles of men and women in 19th-century marriage. Comment. 15 marks
- 3 (c). Robert Fox cautions against reading too much into the title *Pride and Prejudice*. Do you agree with Fox's caution? 15 marks
- Q. 4. Write answers of the following questions (words limit 300)
- 4 (a). "The Utilitarians were one of the targets of Dickens's satire in *Hard Times*." Discuss. 10 marks
- 4 (b). Raymond Williams questions the identification of *Tess* with a peasantry destroyed by industrialization. Do you agree with his point of view. Give a reasoned answer. 15 marks

4 (c). *Adventures of Huckleberry Finn* explores the ideas of humanity and social responsibility in the changing landscape of America. Discuss. 15 marks

Section B

Q.5. Write answers of the following questions (words limit 150) (5x8=40)

5 (a). William Butler Yeats' "The Second Coming" is connected to the 1918–1919 flu pandemic. Elaborate. (8)

5 (b). T S Eliot's "The Love Song of J. Alfred Prufrock" should better be titled "Prufrock among the Women." (8)

5 (c). Bring out the sarcasm in the following line of W.H. Auden: "Unbiased at least he was when he arrived on his mission." (8)

5 (d). Philip Larkin's "Next, Please" offers an extended metaphor for human beings' unrealistic hopes and dreams. Discuss. (8)

5 (e). Explain with suitable examples from Ramanujan's 'Looking for A Cousin on a Swing': enjambment, and allusion (8)

Q. 6. Write answers of the following questions (words limit 300)

6 (a). What are the characteristics of Modernism? Illustrate your answer with appropriate examples. (10)

6 (b). John Osborne represents an entire generation of disaffected young British writers who identified with the lower classes and viewed the upper classes and the established political institutions with disdain. (15)

6 (c). Discuss Philip Larkin as a Movement Poet. (15)

Q. 7. Write answers of the following questions (words limit 300)

7 (a). What are the characteristics of Post-Modernism? Illustrate your answer with appropriate examples. (10)

7 (b). Do you agree with Normand Berlin who wrote of *Waiting for Godot*: "Because the play is so stripped down, so elemental, it invites all kinds of social and political and religious interpretation." (15)

7 (c). Discuss interracial camaraderie in *A Passage to India*. (15)

Q. 8. Write answers of the following questions (words limit 300) (10)

8 (a). *Mrs. Dalloway* is essentially plotless. Comment.

8 (b). Do you agree with the view that Raja Rao's *Kanthapura* is a rejection of lesser Gandhis like Moorthy. Give a reasoned answer. (15)

8 (c). How does Post-Colonialism affect literary interpretation? Give an illustrative answer. (15)