

B.A. (CBCS) DEGREE EXAMINATION,
NOVEMBER 2023.

Fourth Semester

English – Core

INDIAN ENGLISH LITERATURE – II

(For those who joined in July 2021–2022)

Time : Three hours

Maximum : 75 marks

PART A — (10 × 1 = 10 marks)

Answer ALL questions.

Choose the correct answer :

1. When did Swamy Vivekananda address the Chicago convention?
- (a) 1893 (b) 1892
(c) 1894 (d) 1891

7. Padmini admires Kapila's _____.
- (a) intellect (b) muscular body
(c) courage (d) beauty
8. Who stopped Padmini from ending her life?
- (a) Goddess Kali (b) Devadatta
(c) Kapila (d) None
9. Sohrab is _____ years old.
- (a) 11 (b) 19
(c) 14 (d) 12
10. Lahkpreet was _____ sister.
- (a) Avtar (b) Randeep
(c) Narinder (d) All

PART B — (5 × 5 = 25 marks)

Answer ALL questions, choosing either (a) or (b).
Each answer should not exceed 250 words.

11. (a) What commonality did Kalam observe among the three Professors at MIT who shaped his career?
- Or
- (b) Explain why silence is a powerful enemy of social justice.

2. To Kalam _____ is a fascinating subject.
- (a) Electrical engineering
(b) Aeronautics
(c) Mechanical engineer
(d) Engineering
3. Man is associated with the _____ in the patriarchal society.
- (a) family (b) pillar
(c) church (d) society
4. The neighbours in Small Scale Reflections on a Great House give _____.
- (a) salt (b) sweets
(c) milk (d) water
5. Rukimini challenges the norms and values she has been _____ for a long time.
- (a) obeying (b) opposing
(c) adjusting (d) experiencing
6. Grandmother feeds bread crumbs to the _____.
- (a) crows (b) sparrows
(c) cats (d) dogs

12. (a) Bring out the irony in the poem Catholic Mother.
- Or
- (b) Explain how a postcard from Kashmir evokes poet's feelings about his motherland.
13. (a) How did Ratna fulfill her grandmother's desire?
- Or
- (b) Describe Khushwant Singh's Grandmother as she looked in her portrait.
14. (a) Why did Devadatta and Kapila kill each other?

- Or
- (b) Sketch the character of Padmini.
15. (a) Explain the role of superstition in Such a Long Journey.
- Or
- (b) Explain how Cheem's own search for identity coincide with Avtar's journey towards citizenship.

PART C — (5 × 8 = 40 marks)

Answer ALL questions, choosing either (a) or (b)

Each answer should not exceed 600 words.

16. (a) Enumerate Dr. Radhakrishnan's views on The Emerging World Society.

Or

- (b) Comment on the message of Swamy Vivekananda's 'Chicago Address'.

17. (a) Bring out the pathos in Keki N. Daruwalla's 'Death of a Bird'.

Or

- (b) Examine A. K Ramanujan's recollections of the great family house in "Small Scale Reflections on a Great House".

18. (a) Explain how Rukmini challenges the culture.

Or

- (b) Elaborate on the beautiful bond of love and friendship between the author and grandmother.

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19. (a) Discuss the theme of incompleteness in Hayavadana.

Or

- (b) Elucidate the theme of identity crisis in Hayavadana.

20. (a) Comment on the aptness of the title 'Such a Long Journey'.

Or

- (b) Examine the sense of anxiety regarding the prospect of raids in "The Year of Runaways".

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