

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

First Semester

English – Core

INDIAN WRITING IN ENGLISH

(For those who joined in July 2023 onwards)

Time : Three hours

Maximum : 75 marks

PART A — (10 × 1 = 10 marks)

Answer ALL the questions.

Choose the correct answer :

1. Sir Edmund Gosse suggested \_\_\_\_\_ to write about the flowers and fruits.  
(a) Tagore (b) Sarojini  
(c) R K Narayan (d) N K Sidhanta
2. From \_\_\_\_\_ English education took rapid strides.  
(a) 1900-1947 (b) 1857-1900  
(c) 1957-1900 (d) 1857-1957

7. The short story "The Eyes Have It" is written by \_\_\_\_\_.  
(a) James Bond  
(b) Ruskin Bond  
(c) George Bond  
(d) Benet Bond
8. Rahim Khan's skill made him eager to join a \_\_\_\_\_.  
(a) teacher (b) circus  
(c) mason (d) army
9. Vasu, a \_\_\_\_\_ arrives in Malgudi.  
(a) taxi dentist (b) doctor  
(c) teacher (d) writer
10. Nataraj meets \_\_\_\_\_, the teashop owner.  
(a) Vasu (b) Kumar  
(c) Muthu (d) Joshi

3. \_\_\_\_\_ is speaking in the poem.  
(a) The poet  
(b) The Grand mother  
(c) A child  
(d) The Grand father
4. The river Vaikai has now become a \_\_\_\_\_.  
(a) picnic spot (b) holy place  
(c) sewer (d) museum
5. Gandhi's Autobiography tells the story of his search for \_\_\_\_\_.  
(a) violence  
(b) ahimsa  
(c) truth  
(d) non-violence
6. Vivekananda demonstrated the salience of \_\_\_\_\_ culture.  
(a) American (b) English  
(c) Indian (d) French

PART B — (5 × 5 = 25 marks)

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

Each answer should not exceed 250 words.

11. (a) Why does Iyengar consider the words of Yeats as wrong?  
Or  
(b) How is the Indian Writing in English seen as a distinctive literature?
12. (a) 'Realism and dream mixed in the mind of the child' – Explain with reference to Tagore's 'Paper Boat'.  
Or  
(b) Bring out the view of Sarojini Naidu as expressed in 'The Village Song'.
13. (a) Why did Gandhi resolve never to steal again?  
Or  
(b) What was the reaction of Gandhiji's father while reading the note?
14. (a) Justify the title of the story "The Eyes Have It".  
Or  
(b) How did Rahim Khan's outlook change?

15. (a) Why is Nataraj dishearted?

Or

(b) Nataraj remains a passive on-looker. -  
Elucidate.

PART C — (5 × 8 = 40 marks)

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

Each answer should not exceed 600 words.

16. (a) Indo-Anglian literature is both Indian as well as a variation of English literature - Explain.

Or

(b) Write an essay on 'Indian writing in English and its global importance'.

17. (a) Write a critical appreciation of 'The Lotus'.

Or

(b) Write a critical appreciation of 'River Once'.

18. (a) Write an essay on 'Stealing and Atonement'.

Or

(b) Write an essay on 'Address at the final session'.

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19. (a) Comment on the pathos of the blind man and woman who are travelling together, not knowing each other.

Or

(b) Write a critical appreciation of 'The sparrows'.

20. (a) Describe the circumstances leading to Vasu's settling in attic.

Or

(b) Write on Nataraj's first trip to Mempi.

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