

U.G. (CBCS) DEGREE EXAMINATION,  
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Fourth Semester

Part II — English

GENERAL ENGLISH – 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 :

- According to A.P.J. Abdul Kalam, the \_\_\_\_\_ is a constant companion.  
(a) bible (b) holy quran  
(c) gita (d) thirukkural
- Mr. and Mrs. John lived in \_\_\_\_\_.  
(a) Canada (b) America  
(c) England (d) India

- The medial/has become/more responsible/ nowadays – Identify the error  
(a) has been. (b) have  
(c) will be (d) no error
- A Diphthong is a \_\_\_\_\_.  
(a) consonant (b) front vowel  
(c) back vowel (d) vowel glide
- Give one word for “an unmarried woman”  
(a) spinster (b) sister  
(c) feminist (d) tyrant

PART B — (5 × 5 = 25 marks)

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

Each answer should not exceed 250 words.

- Annotate the following :  
(a) (i) Unless our students and the young believe that they are worthy of being citizens of a developed India, how will they ever be responsible and enlightened citizens?  
(ii) A great life is nothing more than a series of well lived days strung together like a necklace of pearls.

Or

- The image of \_\_\_\_\_ in the poem, “Anxiety” suggests its insolubility and complicatedness.  
(a) knot (b) flame  
(c) twig (d) loose ends
- The poet Maya Angelou is a/an \_\_\_\_\_ woman.  
(a) American (b) African  
(c) African-American (d) Australian
- \_\_\_\_\_ wants to secure her son’s future position.  
(a) Cleopatra (b) Iras  
(c) Charmian (d) Livia
- Lady Macbeth commits \_\_\_\_\_.  
(a) prediction (b) suicide  
(c) somnambulism (d) amazement
- I do not know whether he is innocent – Identify the sentence  
(a) Simple sentence  
(b) Compound sentence  
(c) Complex sentence  
(d) Statement

- (b) (i) Excuse me, doctor, I wonder if I might introduce myself.  
(ii) ‘All right’, thought the devil. ‘We will have a tussle. I’ll give you land enough; and by means of that land I will get you into my power.’
- (a) Annotate the following :  
(i) But anxiety can find no metaphor to end it.  
(ii) The woods are lovely, dark and deep, but i hate promises to keep,  
Or  
(b) (i) The chief’s eye flashed; his plans soared up again like fire.  
(ii) Cause I walk like I’ve got oil wells pumping in my living room.
- (a) Lear oppressed with the thoughts of filial ingratitude – justify.

Or

- (b) How can Cleopatra destroy her body?

14. (a) Rewrite as directed :
- I will always remember my visit to Delhi (into negative sentence)
  - No one but my aunty knew the truth. (into affirmative sentence)
  - Is earning money the only aim of life? (into statement)
  - Necessity is the mother of invention (into question)
  - How idiotic the idea is! (into Statement)

Or

- (b) Rewrite as directed :
- It is a shame that you have quarrelled with your father. (into exclamatory sentence)
  - She was dull but she passed the exam. (into complex sentence)
  - Having cleaned it, she went away. (into compound sentence)
  - He is so poor that he can't help me. (use 'too...to')
  - He confessed his guilt (use 'that')

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18. (a) Describe the significance of the sleep-walking scene in Macbeth.

Or

- (b) Explain how Cleopatra shouts and promises Proculeius.

19. (a) Rewrite as directed :

- He took to his heels. He had seen the enemy coming. (Combine using a Participle)
- The moon rose. Their journey was not ended. (Combine using a preposition with a Noun or Gerund)
- He is very fat. He cannot run. (Combine using an infinitive)
- He was ignorant of his powers. His ignorance was entire. (Combine using an adverb or an adverb phrase)
- The treaty was signed. The war came to an end. (Combine using the absolute construction)
- This town was once a prosperous sea-port. It is now a heap of ruins. (Combine using a noun or a phrase in apposition)

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15. (a) You have to go to Delhi urgently. You inquire about the availability of tickets in the airways. Write a suitable dialogue between you and the airport official with a minimum of 5 adjacency pairs.

Or

- (b) Write a dialogue between two friends about their higher studies abroad.

PART C — (5 × 8 = 40 marks)

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

Each answer should not exceed 600 words.

16. (a) Justify Kalam's views on finding a role model.

Or

- (b) Write an essay on Robin Sharma's Seven Good Habits.

17. (a) Explain the theme of the poem, "Anxiety" by A.K. Ramanujan.

Or

- (b) Explain how Maya Angelou describes the torments as an oppressed black and how she overcomes the ugly situation in "Still I Rise"?

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- (vii) We wish to live. We eat for that purpose. (Combine into one complex sentence)

- (viii) Do not be a borrower. Do not be a lender. (Combine into one compound sentence)

Or

- (b) Spot the error and rewrite the following sentences :

- I hope he'll come in New York soon.
- The price of living is very high in London.
- Divide the apple among you two.
- John's been ill from last Friday.
- Their office is opposite from ours.
- You like chocolates, isn't it?
- I prefer coffee than tea
- Where I can get water?

20. (a) Write a report of a book fair held in your town.

Or

- (b) Write a report of the industrial visit you went for recently from your department.

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