

MODAL TEST PAPER
SESSION-(2023-24)
ENGLISH (ELECTIVE)-XII

TIME:3Hrs.

M.M. 80

PART-A

1. OBJECTIVE TYPE QUESTIONS:

(10 Marks)

All questions are compulsory. Give your answers based on the lessons in the text books.

- A (Dear to All The Muses) (3X1=3)**
- i. Where did the author's grandmother go each friday? (A Tiny Sanctuary)
 - a. To her friend
 - b. To book seller
 - c. To a lending library
 - d. To the market
 - ii. What is the ferocious eye of summer? (Gold In the North)
 - a. Moon
 - b. Sun
 - c. Mercury
 - d. Snake
 - iii. Who is the author of the lesson 'The Heritage of India'?
- B (The Literary Petals) (3X1=3)**
- iv. The story 'After Twenty Years' is full of _____.
 - v. What kind of poem is 'The Tree Fell Down' ?
 - a. Satirical
 - b. Tragic
 - c. Ballad
 - d. Lyrical
 - vi. Who were the sons of Madri? (The Gambling Match)
 - a. Yudhisthira and Duryodhana
 - b. Nakula and Sahadeva
 - c. Sakuni and Bhima
 - d. Nakula and Arjuna
- C (Select One -Act Plays/ Novel-Pride And Prejudice (2X1=2)**
- vii. How much loan does Louis Courcet want from his aunt ? (The Miracle Merchant)
 - a. Twenty pounds
 - b. Ten pounds
 - c. Fifteen pounds
 - d. Thirteen pounds

OR

Who was Wickham? (Pride and Prejudice)

- a. A cook in the army.
- b. An officer in the army.
- c. A clerk in the army.
- d. A waiter.

viii. Who was given the prize money in the end?

(The King's Warrant)

- a. The little boy
- b. The Sheriff
- c. The pedlar
- d. The Inn-keeper

OR

Where did the Bennet family live? (Pride and Prejudice)

- a. At Manchester
- c. At Longbourn

- b. At Edinberg
d. At Meryton
- D. GRAMMAR:** (2X1=2)
- ix. Tagore's father founded a school. (Change the Voice).
x. The man said, "The bird has flown." (Change the Narration)

PART-B

BOOK- DEAR TO ALL THE MUSES (16 marks)

2. Read the seen passage given below and answer the questions that follow: (10 marks)

In my grandmother's room, the books were lying down ; she used to borrow them from a lending-library and I never saw more than two at a time. These trashy works reminded me of New Year sweetmeats because their shiny flexible covers seemed to be cut of glazed paper, bright, white, almost new, they served as an excuse for petty mysteries. Each Friday, my grandmother would get dressed to go out and say, "I'm going to take them back". When she returned, and had taken off her black hat and her veil, she would take them out of her muff and I would wonder mystified: are they the same one?"

Questions : (3+3+2+2)

- (a) What are the trashy works referred to in the passage?
(b) When would the grandmother go out?
(c) What would the grandmother do on returning home?
(d) Match the words under column 'A' with their meaning given under column B :

A	B
borrow	useless
mystified	to take on loan easily moulded
Petty	puzzled
	small

- (e) Fill in the blanks with suitable words:**
(i) The book is covered with paper.
(ii) She made a lame
- (f) Find one word for the given expression from the passage:**
(i) Which can be easily bent without breaking.
(ii) Bright and always new

3. Answer any three of the following questions in about 30-40 words each: (3X2=6)

- i) How does the writer heighten the effect of barrenness and solitude of the deserted villages?
(Gold in the North)
- ii) What realization dawned upon the author on the second day? (Jamaican Fragment)
- iii) What does the author suggest was Gandhi's achievement? How has that affected the Hindu way of life?
(The Heritage of India)
- iv) Why did books give Sartre a feeling emotional stability? (A Tiny Sanctuary)
- v) Who won the election? What was the secret of his success? (A Young Turkish Catastrophe)

PART-C

BOOK- THE LITERARY PETALS (18 marks)

4 (a). Answer the following questions in about 30-40 words each: (4X2=8)

- i) How was Guru Tegh Bahadur's body cremated? (Hind Ki Chadar- Sri Guru Tegh Bahadur)

OR

- What kind of bridge has been built over the river Lunda? (The Eternal Why)

ii) Why did Jimmy Wells not personally arrest Bob? (After Twenty Years)

OR

How did the King react Vidura's advice? (The Gambling Match)

iii) How has the poet been fascinated by the rainbow through his manhood?

(My Heart Leaps up When I Behold)

OR

What does the poet want to sing of as a tribute to his motherland? (The Song of India)

iv) How does the poet react to the sadness of his counter-part? (Border Guards)

OR

Who have gone 'for hours'? When are they expected to come back? (The Tree Fell Down)

(b) Answer the following question in 40-50 words: (5)

Give a brief character- sketch of Johnny Ford. (Attacked by Pit-Bulls)

OR

Write a pen-portrait of Nathu Ram, the sweeper boy. (The Boy Who Broke the Bank)

5. Explain with the Reference to the Context. (5)

The quality of mercy is not strain'd.

It droppeth as the gentle rain from heaven

Upon the place beneath: it is twice blest:

It blesseth him that gives and him that takes

OR

Every virtue requires today

A fancy dress; the cassock is

The priests' main virtue, the clever

Politician dons a saint's mean

Apparel.

OR

What is the central idea conveyed in the poem 'The World today is Wild with the Delirium of hatred?

OR

Write in your own words the summary of the poem 'The Song of India'. (5)

PART-D

(SELECT ONE-ACT PLAYS/ NOVEL- PRIDE AND PREJUDICE) (10 marks)

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6. (i) Give in your own words a character-sketch of Louis Courcet. (The Miracle Merchant)

OR

Give a character-sketch of the Convict. (The Bishop's Candlesticks) (5)

(ii) Narrate in your own words the theme of the play "The Monkey's Paw".

OR

Write a short note on the theme of the play "The King's Warrant". (5)

OR

(NOVEL- PRIDE AND PREJUDICE)

(i) Give a brief character-sketch of Elizabeth Bennet.

OR

Give a brief character- sketch of Mr. Collins. (5)

- (ii) Write a short note on the theme of the novel 'Pride And Prejudice'.

OR

Give a brief account of Elizabeth and Darcy love affair. (5)

PART-E
(COMPOSITION AND GRAMMAR) (21 marks)

7. Write a paragraph of about 150 words on any one of the following: (5)

- i) My aim in life
- ii) The Value of Good Health
- iii) Child Labour
- iv) The Value of Discipline
- v) Pleasure of Reading

8. Do as Directed:

- i) Change the Voice: (2)**
 - a. Wild dogs were killing pets.
 - b. I know a sweeper-boy.
- ii) Change the Narration: (2)**
 - a. He said to me, "How are you?"
 - b. The Conjuror said, "I will show you trick now."
- iii) Combine the two sentences into one using linkers: (2)**
 - a. The audience began to think this. He was a wonderful man.
 - b. He had lost his jewels. He sat back in his seat in silent rage
- iv) Fill in the blanks with suitable Modals: (2)**
 - a. Sakuni saw that he ___ be roused again to anger.
 - b. He was just afraid that it ___ happen.
- v) Transform the sentences as directed: (1/2X4=2)**
 - a. He came ___ (sweep) the steps. (Use To-Infinitive)
 - b. ___ (read) improves the mind. (Use Gerund)
 - c. Sakuni defeated the Pandvas ___ (clever). (Use Adverb)
 - d. He picked up the ___ (tear) pieces of paper. (Use Past Participle)

9. Translate the following paragraph into English: (6)

ਧੰਨ ਜੀਵਨ ਵਿਚ ਸਭ ਤੋਂ ਮਹੱਤਵਪੂਰਨ ਵਸਤੂ ਹੈ। ਧਨ ਦੀ ਘਾਟ ਮਨੁੱਖ ਨੂੰ ਜੀਵਨ ਦੇ ਬਹੁਤ ਸਾਰੇ ਸੁੱਖਾਂ ਤੋਂ ਵਾਂਝਾ ਕਰ ਦਿੰਦੀ ਹੈ। ਧੰਨ ਦੀ ਘਾਟ ਦਾ ਅਰਥ ਹੈ ਰੋਗ, ਅਗਿਆਨਤਾ ਅਤੇ ਕਰੂਪਤਾ। ਮੇਰੇ ਵਿਚਾਰ ਵਿਚ ਸੰਸਾਰ ਦੀ ਸਭ ਤੋਂ ਵੱਡੀ ਬੁਰਾਈ ਗਰੀਬੀ ਹੈ। ਜਦੋਂ ਤੱਕ ਅਸੀਂ ਇਸ ਨੂੰ ਜੜ ਤੋਂ ਉਖਾੜ ਕੇ ਨਹੀਂ ਸੁੱਟਦੇ, ਅਸੀਂ ਸੰਸਾਰ ਨੂੰ ਸੁੱਖੀ ਬਣਾਉਣ ਦੀ ਆਸ ਨਹੀਂ ਕਰ ਸਕਦੇ।

OR

धन जीवन में सबसे महत्वपूर्ण वस्तु है। धन का अभाव मनुष्य को जीवन के बहुत से सुखों से वंचित कर देता है। धन के अभाव का अर्थ है रोग, अज्ञानता तथा कुरूपता। मेरे विचार में संसार की सबसे बड़ी बुराई गरीबी है। जब तक हम इसे जड़ से उखाड़ नहीं फेंकते, हम संसार को सुखी बनाने की आशा नहीं कर सकते।

OR

Note: (A special question in lieu of translation for foreign students only)

Write a paragraph on any one of the following topics:

An Indian Fair

India -- country of villages - fair and festivals -- live in passion - fairs held when farmers -- free-works day and night - in scorching heat - extreme cold - several fairs - baisakhi - villagers - dressed in colourful - people throng -- wrestling matches -- kabaddi - counter challenges - bets - won and lost -- sweets shops - bangles and magic shows - merry go rounds - minni circus - stalls - horse races - bear dances - happy memories - a new lease of life.

OR

Railway Journey

A rail journey-tickets-platform -- interesting study of men and manners -- thrilling experience - chance to travel - crowded -going for holiday - high spirits - cracked many jokes -heartly laugh - in mood to enjoy life - impressed -annoyed - zigzag-scenery - beautiful-valleys - charming - small stations - wayside scenes - reached – cherished memories.

10. Marks for Good Handwriting

5 marks