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B.A. (CBCS) DEGREE EXAMINATION, APRIL 2026.

Sixth Semester

English – Core

INTRODUCTION TO LITERARY THEORY AND CRITICISM

(For those who joined in July 2023 onwards)

Time : Three hours Maximum : 75 marks

PART A — (10 × 1 = 10 marks)

Answer ALL questions.

Choose the correct answer :

1. According to Gramsci intellectual activity exists in _____.
   (a) universities
   (b) elites
   (c) all levels of society
   (d) political institutions

2. Which apparatus functions mainly by violence according to Althusser?
   (a) Ideological state apparatus
   (b) Repressive state apparatus
   (c) Educational system
   (d) Family

3. Showalter's work "A Literature of their own Revisited" is an important contribution to _____.
   (a) Structuralism
   (b) Feminist literary criticism
   (c) Marxist criticism
   (d) New criticism

4. According to Irigaray _____ control the system of exchange in patriarchal society.
   (a) Women (b) Children
   (c) Men (d) Young girls

5. According to Derrida 'Free Play' refers to _____.
   (a) absence of meaning
   (b) the movement of signs within a structure
   (c) literary game
   (d) a fixed system of meaning

6. Foucault rejects the idea that truth is _____.
   (a) Socially constructed
   (b) Connected with power
   (c) Absolute and universal
   (d) Produced by institutions

7. According to Gandhi passive resistance works mainly through _____.
   (a) Physical strength (b) Moral strength
   (c) Economic strength (d) Political power

8. According to said Orientalist discourse often portrayed the West as _____.
   (a) Inferior to the East
   (b) Weak and dependent
   (c) Isolated
   (d) Rational and superior

9. Ahmad argues that Indian literature cannot be easily defined due to _____.
   (a) lacks of writers
   (b) lack of language proficiency
   (c) linguistic diversity
   (d) lack of translations

10. Eco criticism mainly studies the relationship between _____.
    (a) literature and criticism
    (b) literature and psychology
    (c) literature and religion
    (d) literature and nature

PART B — (5 × 5 = 25 marks)

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

Each answer should not exceed 250 words.

11. (a) Explain Gramsci's concept of "organic intellectuals".

    Or

    (b) Contrast the difference between Repressive state Apparatus and Ideological State Apparatus.

12. (a) Write a paragraph on Showalter's concept of a female literary tradition.

    Or

    (b) How does patriarchal society control the circulation of women according to Irigaray?

13. (a) What does Derrida say about the decentring of structure?

Or

(b) Discuss the relationship between power and knowledge as explained by Foucault.

14. (a) Infer the role of soul force in passive resistance according to Gandhi.

Or

(b) How does said we historical examples to demonstrate the development of orientalism?

15. (a) How does colonial history influence the understanding of Indian literature?

Or

(b) Write a note on historicism.

PART C — (5 × 8 = 40 marks)

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

Each answer should not exceed 600 words.

16. (a) *Disucss Althusser's contribution to Marxist theory through his concept of ideology.*

Or

(b) Discuss the role of ideology in establishing and sustaining hegemony according to Gramsci.

17. (a) Analyze the importance of feminist literary criticism in Showalter's study.

Or

(b) How does Irigaray critique the male–centred structure of economic and social relations?

18. (a) Explain the concept of 'free play' in Derrida's theory of language and meaning.

Or

(b) Elaborate on how Foucault challenges the traditional ideal of the author.

19. (a) Elaborate on Gandhi's idea that Passive resistance can transform both the oppressor and the oppressed.

Or

(b) Analyse how Orientalism helped to justify European colonial expansion.

20. (a) Discuss the difficulties in constructing a coherent literary history of India.

Or

(b) Attempt an essay on the development of Ecocriticism.

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B.A. (CBCS) DEGREE EXAMINATION, APRIL 2026.

Sixth Semester

English - Non Mandatory – Core

SHAKESPEARE STUDIES

(For those who joined in July 2023 onwards)

Time : Three hours Maximum : 75 marks

PART A — (10 × 1 = 10 marks)

Answer ALL questions.

Choose the correct answer :

1. Whose statement "Shakespeare has God's plenty" is cited by Sreenivasappa as a statement to his relevance in the present contact?
   (a) Ben Jonson
   (b) Samuel Johnson
   (c) T.S. Eliot
   (d) Mathew Arnold

2. According to Gurr _____ is the primary function of the "Heavens" in a Shakespearean Playhouse?
   (a) A storage area for actors personal belongings
   (b) A roof over the stage, often painted with stars, used for lowering special effects
   (c) The highest tier of seating for the wealthiest patrons
   (d) A soundproof room for the company musicians

3. _____ is considered as a "dark comedy" or "problem play."
   (a) A Midsummer Night's Dream
   (b) Much Ado About Nothing
   (c) Measure for Measure
   (d) Twelfth Night

4. _____ is the general conclusion of Lecture II regarding Shakespeare's skill.
   (a) He was a careless artist who did not plan his plots
   (b) He was a master of building suspense through careful, wiconventional construction
   (c) He was more concerned with comedy than tragedy
   (d) He followed Aristotle's rules perfectly

5. Which historical figure does Ros Barker suggest as a potential alternative author of Shakespeare's works?
   (a) Francis Bacon
   (b) Christopher Marlowe
   (c) Edward de Vere
   (d) Mary Sidney

6. Mark Rylance is a famous actor known for his work with _____.
   (a) The Royal Shakespeare Company
   (b) Shakespeare's Globe
   (c) The National Globe
   (d) Broadway

7. A suitor must choose the _____ casket to win Portia's hand.
   (a) Gold (b) Silver
   (c) Leader (d) Bronze

8. _____ happens to Lady Macbeth before she dies.
   (a) She is plagued by fits of sleep walking
   (b) She is murdered by Malcolm
   (c) She escapes to England
   (d) She becomes Queen

9. _____ is the modern day counterpart to Shakespeare's Shylock in "Shylock is My Name" by Howard Jacobson.
   (a) D' Anton (b) Barnaby
   (c) Simon Strulovitch (d) Gratan

10. _____ is the central conflict in Wesker's "The Merchant".
    (a) A need to punish the Christians
    (b) Love for Antonio
    (c) The need for a comedic ending
    (d) The theft of Portia's caskets

PART B — (5 × 5 = 25 marks)

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

Each answer should not exceed 250 words.

11. (a) How does Sreenivasappa argue that Shakespeare is still relevant today?

Or

(b) What does Gurr say about the use of props and scenery?

12. (a) What characterizes the "First Period" of Shakespeare's career?

Or

(b) How does Bradley divide the action of a Shakespearean tragedy?

13. (a) Write a short note on the body of work that made Shakespeare famous according to Ros and Rylance?

Or

(b) Explain the "intrigue of the Authorship question".

14. (a) How does Bassanio win the right marry Portia in "*The Merchant of Venice*?"

Or

(b) How does Macbeth change from a valiant soldier to a tyrant?

15. (a) What is the role of Simon Strulovitch in Howard Jacobson's "*Shylock is my Name*"?

Or

(b) How does Wesker's Portia differ from Shakespeare's in her approach to the law and mercy?

PART C — (5 × 8 = 40 marks)

Answer ALL questions, choosing either (a) or (b)
Each answer should not exceed 600 words.

16. (a) How does Sreenivasappa show Shakespeare's relevance in learning English in India?

Or

(b) How does Gurr describe the relationship between audience and actors?

17. (a) "Shakespeare's work shows a progress from exuberance to deep pessimism and finally to calm serenity" Discuss.

Or

(b) Examine Bradley's assertion that "character is Destiny" in Shakespearan Tragedy.

18. (a) Analyze Ros Barber's argument that the historical record of Shakespeare is "unsatisfactory".

Or

(b) Describe Ros Barber and Mark Rylance overview of Shakespeare's influence on theatre and language.

19. (a) Analyze the Trial scene in "*The Merchant of Venice*".

Or

(b) How does the Porter scene provide comic relief and deeper thematic meaning in "*Macbeth*"?

20. (a) How does Howard Jacobson depart from the stereotype of the villainous Jew in "*Shylock is My Name*"?

Or

(b) Discuss how Wesker shifts the relationship of the play from the romance of Bassanio Portia to the friendship between Antonio and Shylock.

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B.A. (CBCS) DEGREE EXAMINATION, APRIL 2026.

Sixth Semester

English – Non Mandatory

Elective – WRITING FOR THE WEB

(For those who joined in July 2023 onwards)

Time : Three hours Maximum : 75 marks

PART A — (10 × 1 = 10 marks)

Answer ALL questions.

Choose the correct answer :

1. Radio and television belong to:
   (a) Print media (b) Electronic media
   (c) Digital media (d) Personal media

2. Which media platform mainly operates through the internet?
   (a) Print media
   (b) Digital media
   (c) Broadcast media
   (d) Traditional media

3. Journalistic style is usually:
   (a) Complicated
   (b) Direct and simple
   (c) Dramatic
   (d) Figurative

4. Media writing should be:
   (a) Long and complex
   (b) Clear and concise
   (c) Highly poetic
   (d) Ambiguous

5. An interview in journalism is mainly used to:
   (a) Gather information from a person
   (b) Write gossips
   (c) Advertise products
   (d) Entertain readers

6. A commentary mainly contains:
   (a) Factual data only
   (b) Opinion and analysis
   (c) Advertisements
   (d) Fiction

7. Cultural event reporting includes coverage of:
   (a) Festivals
   (b) Art exhibitions
   (c) Literary events
   (d) All of the above

8. A literature review discusses:
   (a) Scientific reports
   (b) Books
   (c) Literary works
   (d) Both (b) and (c)

9. Developmental journalism mainly deals with:
   (a) Celebrity life
   (b) Social and economic development issues
   (c) Fiction stories
   (d) Personal letters

10. Tabloid journalism is often known for:
    (a) Academic research
    (b) Sensational stories and gossip
    (c) Government policies
    (d) Literary criticism

PART B – (5 × 5 = 25 marks)

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

Each answer should not exceed 250 words.

11. (a) Differentiate between print media and electronic media.

Or

(b) Illustrate the role of media in promoting social awareness.

12. (a) Outline the major qualities of effective media writing.

Or

(b) Highlight the significance of clarity and brevity in journalism.

13. (a) Summarize the structure of a news report.

Or

(b) Describe the steps involved in conducting a successful interview.

14. (a) Examine the features of art reviews in media writing.

Or

(b) Compose a short film review for a newspaper column describing the plot, strengths and weaknesses of a movie.

15. (a) Characterize the nature of tabloid journalism.

Or

(a) Explain the role of photojournalism in modern media.

PART C – (5 × 8 = 40 marks)

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

Each question should not exceed 600 words.

16. (a) Analyse the different forms of media and their functions in contemporary society.

Or

(b) Evaluate the impact of digital media on modern communication.

17. (a) Interpret the basic principles of media writing with suitable examples.

Or

(b) Assess the stylistic features that distinguish journalistic writing.

18. (a) Elaborate the significance of interviews and commentaries in journalism.

Or

(b) Demonstrate the importance of news reporting and the duties of a reporter.

19. (a) Critically evaluate the essential components of a film review and explain how a reviewer balances summary and criticism.

Or

(b) Appraise the methods used in reporting cultural events and discuss the role of journalists in documenting and promoting cultural events through media coverage.

20. (a) Investigate the role of investigative journalism in uncovering social issues.

Or

(b) Justify the importance of developmental journalism in societal progress.

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B.A. (CBCS) DEGREE EXAMINATION, APRIL 2026.

Sixth Semester

English — Non Mandatory Core

MODERN ENGLISH GRAMMAR & COMPOSITION

(For those who joined in July 2023 onwards)

Time : Three hours Maximum : 75 marks

PART A — (10 × 1 = 10 marks)

Answer ALL questions.

Choose the correct answer :

1. In which sentence is the Gerund used as the object of a Preposition?

   (a) Running a marathon is a huge accomplishment.

   (b) She enjoys reading mystery novels.

   (c) He is afraid of flying.

   (d) My favorite hobby is painting.

2. Which of the following sentences is written in the Subjunctive mood?

   (a) She walks to school every day.

   (b) Walk to school with me.

   (c) I wish she were here.

   (d) Is she walking to school?

3. What is a Compound word?

   (a) A word formed by adding a prefix to a root word

   (b) A word formed by combining two or more free morphemes

   (c) A word formed by adding a suffix to a root word

   (d) A word formed by repeating the same morpheme twice

4. Which of the following phrasal verbs is separable?

   (a) look after (b) run into

   (c) turn off (d) get over

5. Identify the sentence type :

   Although it was raining, we decided to go for a walk.

   (a) Simple sentence

   (b) Compound sentence

   (c) Complex sentence

   (d) Compound-complex sentence

6. Identify the Voice of the following sentence :

   The homework was completed by the students.

   (a) Active voice (b) Passive voice

   (c) Imperative voice (d) Conditional voice

7. Choose the correct tense :

   She has been working at the company since 2018.

   (a) Present Perfect

   (b) Present Continuous

   (c) Present Perfect Continuous

   (d) Past Perfect Continuous

8. Choose the correct modal auxiliary to complete the sentence. _____ you please pass me the salt?

   (a) May (b) Could

   (c) Must (d) Shalt

9. Identify the error and choose the correct option :

   The team of players are preparing for the final match.

   (a) The team of players is preparing for the final match.

   (b) The team of players were preparing for the final match.

   (c) The team of players have been preparing for the final match.

   (d) The team of players am preparing for the final match.

10. What is the primary purpose of note making?

    (a) To write down every word spoken by the speaker

    (b) To create a concise, organized summary of key ideas for future reference

    (c) To memorize the text word by word

    (d) To rewrite the entire passage in a different style

PART B — (5 × 5 = 25 marks)

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

Answer should not exceed 250 words.

11. (a) Explain the various functions of a gerund in a sentence.

Or

(b) Match A with B

A	B
(i) Authentic	1. Clear
(ii) Criticize	2. Genuine
(iii) Demonstrate	3. Preserve
(iv) Maintain	4. Show
(v) Obvious	5. Comment

12. (a) Explain the uses of Phrasal Verbs.

Or

(b) Write the meanings of the following Idioms.

(i) Break the ice

(ii) Bite the bullet

(iii) Spill the beans

(iv) Piece of cake

(v) Hold your horses

13. (a) Define Simple sentence with examples.

Or

(b) Elaborate the uses of Passive Voice in academic writing.

14. (a) Explain subject-verb agreement in detail.

Or

(b) Differentiate the three degrees of comparison with suitable examples.

15. (a) Write a Paragraph on Note making.

Or

(b) Write a Paragraph on Academic writing.

PART C — (5 × 8 = 40 marks)

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

Answer should not exceed 600 words.

16. (a) Write a reflective essay on the importance of mastering Verbs for academic writing.

Or

(b) Analyze the role of Prefixes, suffixes, and Root words in expanding vocabulary.

17. (a) Explain the basic word order of English sentences.

Or

(b) Discuss the role of Idioms in communication.

18. (a) Discuss the basic sentence patterns in English with suitable examples.

Or

(b) Why is it important to use a mix of simple, compound, and complex sentences in writing? Explain.

19. (a) Analyze the following sentences. Identify the sentence pattern and correct the errors.

(i) The list of candidates are displayed on the notice board.

(ii) Neither the principal nor the teachers was present at the meeting.

(iii) The news about the accidents were shocking.

(iv) One of my closest friends have moved to Canada.

(v) The team have won the championship for the third time.

(vi) Each of the boys were given a participation certificate.

(vii) Mathematics are my favorite subject.

(viii) The singer and dancer have arrived.

Or

(b) Subject-verb agreement is the foundation of grammatical accuracy in English. Explain.

20. (a) Rearrange the following jumbled sentences :

(i) However, he decided to continue his journey.

(ii) Once upon a time, there lived a brave young man named Jeshurun.

(iii) Finally, he reached his destination and was welcomed warmly.

(iv) One day, he set out on a difficult journey to the mountains.

(v) Along the way, he faced many obstacles and challenges.

(vi) His determination and courage inspired everyone who met him.

(vii) On his way to reach his destination

(viii) He decided to change his journey

Or

(b) Write an essay on Mobile Phone and health.

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Sixth Semester

English – Non Mandatory

Elective – COMMUNICATIVE ENGLISH

(For those who joined in July 2023 onwards)

Time : Three hours Maximum : 75 marks

PART A — (10 × 1 = 10 marks)

Answer ALL questions.

Choose the correct answer :

1. Identify the adjective in the sentence "She bought a beautiful dress".

   (a) bought

   (b) dress

   (c) beautiful

   (d) she

2. Which is the correct preposition to complete the sentence "She is afraid dogs"?

(a) from (b) of

(c) with (d) about

3. Which tense is used in the sentence "She has finished her work"?

(a) Simple past (b) Present perfect

(c) Future tense (d) Past perfect

4. How will you change the sentence "He said, 'I am tired'" into a reported speech?

(a) He said that he is tired.

(b) He said that he was tired.

(c) He says that he was tired.

(d) He said that I was tired.

5. Which method does paragraph that explains the meaning of a concept use?

(a) Classification (b) Definition

(c) Comparison (d) Narration

6. What are words such as "however," "therefore," and "moreover" called?

(a) Nouns (b) Linkers

(c) Determiners (d) Adverbs

7. What does skimming mean?

(a) Reading word by word

(b) Reading quickly to get the main idea

(c) Reading only the conclusion

(d) Reading aloud

8. What is scanning used for?

(a) Understand the theme

(b) Find specific information

(c) Analyse characters

(d) Interpret poetry

9. What happens to the children at the end of "Dream Children: A Reverie"?

(a) go to sleep

(b) disappear like a dream

(c) leave the house

(d) call their mother

10. In "Ulysses", what strong desire does the hero express?

(a) remain at home

(b) rule his kingdom

(c) continue exploring and seeking knowledge

(d) give up adventures

PART B — (5 × 5 = 25 marks)

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

Each answer should not exceed 250 words.

11. (a) Explain the different types of sentences with suitable examples.

Or

(b) Demonstrate the rules of subject-verb agreement by forming correct sentences.

12. (a) Outline the major tenses in English and illustrate their usage with examples.

Or

(b) Transform the following direct statements into reported speech and state the rules applied.

(i) She said, "I will finish the project tomorrow".

(ii) He said, "We are planning a trip this weekend".

(iii) The teacher said, "Submit your assignments today".

13. (a) Read the following paragraph and rewrite it by adding suitable linking words to improve cohesion.

Many students today like using mobile phones for entertainment and communication. They spend a considerable amount of time browsing social media platforms, watching videos, and chatting with friends online. As a result, they often neglect other productive activities during their free time. One of the habits that is gradually disappearing among students is reading books regularly. Reading, however, plays an important role in developing knowledge, improving vocabulary, and strengthening language skills. It also helps students improve their concentration and expand their understanding of the world. When students read widely, they become

more confident in expressing their ideas and opinions. Therefore, it is important for students to balance their use of technology with meaningful activities like reading. Developing the habit of reading can greatly contribute to academic success and personal growth.

Or

(b) Write a comparison paragraph highlighting the differences between studying alone and studying in a group.

14. (a) Distinguish between skimming and scanning with relevant illustrations.

Or

(b) Summarize the importance of reading comprehension skills for students.

15. (a) Analyze the theme of perseverance and human ambition in Tennyson's poem *Ulysses*.

Or

(b) Trace the influences that shaped the personality of Sarvepalli Radhakrishnan in *The Shaping of My Character*.

PART C — (5 × 8 = 40 marks)

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

Each answer should not exceed 600 words.

16. (a) Rearrange the following groups of words to form meaningful sentences and identify the type of sentence in each case.

(i) always / early / arrives / she

(ii) beautiful / what / garden / a / this / is

(iii) close / the / door / please

(iv) where / you / going / are

Or

(b) Fill in the blanks with suitable prepositions and determiners.

(i) She bought _____ umbrella because it was raining.

(ii) The book is _____ the table.

(iii) He has lived in this town _____ many years.

(iv) _____ students in the class participated in the competition.

(v) She walked _____ the room and sat near the window.

(vi) I saw _____ interesting documentary yesterday.

(vii) The cat is hiding _____ the chair.

(viii) He gave _____ book to his friend.

17. (a) Identify the tense used in each sentence and rewrite it in another suitable tense.

(i) She writes letters every week.

(ii) They have completed the project.

(iii) He was reading a novel yesterday.

(iv) We will visit the museum tomorrow.

Or

(b) Convert the following sentences into reported speech.

(i) She said, "I will finish the report tomorrow".

(ii) He said, "We are watching a movie tonight".

(iii) The teacher said, "Complete your records today".

(iv) Ramesh said, "I have completed my work".

(v) Meena said, "I am reading an interesting novel".

(vi) They said, "We will attend the meeting tomorrow".

(vii) The manager said, "The project has been approved".

(viii) Ravi said, "I visited my grandparents last week".

18. (a) Compare the advantages and disadvantages of reading books and watching television in well-structured paragraphs.

Or

(b) Develop a cause-effect paragraph on the topic "Impact of Social Media on Students".

19. (a) Read the passage and answer the questions that follow.

Reading is one of the most valuable habits a student can develop. Regular reading improves vocabulary and helps learners understand the correct use of language. When students read different types of books such as stories, biographies, and articles, they are exposed to new ideas and perspectives. Reading also stimulates imagination and creativity, allowing readers to visualize situations and think beyond their

immediate environment. In addition to improving language skills, reading strengthens critical thinking. When readers analyze characters, events, or arguments presented in a text, they learn to question, interpret and evaluate information. This ability is particularly important in academic learning as well as in everyday decision-making. Furthermore, people who read widely often become better communicators. They gain access to a rich variety of expressions, ideas, and styles of writing, which help them articulate their thoughts clearly in both speech and writing. For these reasons, teachers and parents should encourage students to cultivate a strong reading habit from an early age.

Questions:

(i) What are the language benefits of regular reading?

(ii) How does reading develop imagination and creativity?

(iii) In what way does reading strengthen critical thinking?

(iv) Why are people who read widely considered better communicators?

Or

(b) Prepare a short speech on the topic: 'The Importance of Communication Skills for Students".

20. (a) Discuss the memories and emotions reflected in "Dream Children : A Reverie" by Charles Lamb, focusing on the significance of the dream sequence.

Or

(b) Highlight the importance of discipline, hard work, and moral values in the life of Sarvepalli Radhakrishnan as reflected in "The Shaping of My Character".
