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

Second Semester

English — Core

INDIAN WRITING IN ENGLISH

(For those who joined in July 2023 onwards)

Time : Three hours Maximum : 75 marks

PART A — (15 × 1 = 15 marks)

Answer ALL questions.

Choose the correct answer :

1. The Tiger stands for _____

(a) strong

(b) pride

(c) cruel beauty

(d) strong cruel beauty

2. Who approached to Flora for a flower?

(a) goddess of flower

(b) goddess of love

(c) goddess of beauty

(d) goddess of wealth

3. Which of the following similes is used to describe the bride in "Palaquin Bearers"?

(a) a diamond (b) a stream

(c) a flower (d) a string

4. In "An introduction" the skin colour of the poet is

(a) dark (b) brown

(c) fair (d) yellow

5. What was the two different seasons mentioned in the poem "A River Once"?

(a) Summer and rainy

(b) Autumn and winter

(c) Spring and autumn

(d) Spring and rainy

6. What common need was not got by the pilgrims in the poem "Enterprise"?

(a) Foot wear (b) Dress

(c) Comb (d) Soap

7. 'Give me water' Who said this and to whom in "Chandalika"?

(a) Monk to Prakriti

(b) Prakriti's mother to Prakriti

(c) Prakriti to her mother

(d) Prakriti to Monk

8. What does Prakriti insist her mother to do?

(a) To buy her a new dress

(b) To continue her education

(c) To cast a spell on the monk

(d) To leave the village

9. Who raised Balu in "Silence, the Court is in Session"?

(a) Karnik (b) Sukhatme

(c) The kashikars (d) Ponkshe

10. According to Aurobindo poetry determines its own

(a) Size (b) Form

(c) Diction (d) Rhymes

11. According to Dr.Radhakrishnan _____ is an opposition to an emerging world society.

(a) egoism

(b) capitalism

(c) nationalism

(d) materialism

12. What was APJ Abdul Kalam's full name?

(a) Avul Jainulabdeen Abdul Kalam

(b) Avul Pakir Jainulabdeen Abdul Kalam BR

(c) Abdul Kalam Jainulabdeen

(d) Avul Pakir Jainulabdeen Abdul BR

13. Who did bring Ganju to the tea plantation?

(a) John De La Havre

(b) Reggie Hunt

(c) Buta Singh

(d) Leila

14. The novel "Riot, is based on a riot in India that happened in

(a) 1989 (b) 1986

(c) 1987 (d) 1985

15. In "Redemption" _____ liberated Ahalya from her curse.

(a) Viswamitra

(b) Lord Rama

(c) Gowthama Maharishi

(d) Lord Indra

PART B — (5 × 4 = 20 marks)

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

Each answer should not exceed 250 words.

16. (a) Critically appreciate Aurobindo's "Rose of God".

Or

(b) How does he hard life style of the fishermen depicted in "Coromandel Fishers"?

17. (a) What did Kamala Das Talk of language in "An Introduction"?

Or

(b) What different experiences do the pilgrims have in the poem "Enterprise"?

18. (a) What is the role of the mother in Prakriti's self-realisation? What are her hopes and fears for her daughter?

Or

(b) Sketch the character of Leela Benare.

19. (a) In what way Dr.S.Radhakrishnan declares the dangers of narrow feelings of nationalism?

Or

(b) Describe the childhood of Abdul Kalam with the things and persons that influenced him.

20. (a) How does Mulk Raj Anand portray the miserable condition of the coolies in "Two Leaves and a Bud"?

Or

(b) How does Pudumaipittan depict the evil fate of Ahalya in "Redemption"?

PART C — (5 × 8 = 40 marks)

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

Each answer should not exceed 600 words.

21. (a) How does the poet depict the contrast between good and evil, and innocence and experience in "The Tiger and the Deer"?

Or

(b) Describe the reminiscences of the poet, when she sees the casuarina tree and how does nature communicate with her?

22. (a) Discuss the theme of love and loneliness in Kamala Das' "Looking Glass".

Or

(b) Bring out the ecological imbalances in Parthasarathy's "River Once".

23. (a) Write the character sketch of Prakriti in "Chandalika".

Or

(b) How is the middle class status reflected in the play "Silence the Court is in Session"?

24. (a) Write a critical appreciation of Sri. Aurobindo's "The Essence of Poetry, Style and Substance".

Or

(b) How does Dr.Radhakrishnan discuss the significance of unity and oneness in "Emerging world Society"?

25. (a) Bring out the human atrocities in 'Two Leaves and a Bud' by Mulk Raj Anand.

Or

(b) In what way Shashi Taroor's "Riot" exposes the passion of having sexual intimacy and Communal passion?

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

Second Semester

English - Core

SHAKESPEARE STUDIES

(For those who joined in July 2023 onwards)

Time : Three hours Maximum : 75 marks

PART A — (15 × 1 = 15 marks)

Answer ALL questions.

Choose the correct answer :

1. Shakespeare drew sources largely from _____for writing Roman plays.
   (a) Plutarch's Lives
   (b) Edward Hall
   (c) Holinshed Chronicles
   (d) Julius Caeser

2. Who kept standing throughout the performance in Shakespeare's Theatre, called as "groundlings"?
   (a) The refined
   (b) Poor spectators
   (c) The Kings men
   (d) Lord Chamberlin's men

3. The first adaptation of a Shakespeare play was a silent film of _____ in 1908.
   (a) Romeo and Juliet
   (b) Hamlet
   (c) *Henry IV*
   (d) Macbeth

4. Identify the rhyme scheme of Shakespeare in "Sonnet 12"?
   (a) AABB CCDD EEFF GG
   (b) ABAB CDCD EFEF GG
   (c) ABCD ABCD ABCD GG
   (d) ABCD BCDA CDEF GG

5. "Sonnet 86" by Shakespeare discusses the influence of a _____
   (a) Dark lady (b) His friend
   (c) Rival poet (d) Musician

6. What does Benedick send the boy off to fetch at the start of Act 2 Scene 3 in *Much Ado About Nothing*?
   (a) A chair (b) A book
   (c) A hat (d) A pen

7. Who was Brabantio in *Othello*?
   (a) Senator of Venice
   (b) The King of Italy
   (c) The Lord of Venice
   (d) The Army General of Venice

8. Name the person who was accused of using black magic in order to tempt Brabantio's daughter in *Othello*.
   (a) Iago (b) Cassio
   (c) Roderigo (d) Othello

9. Who perceived himself as more appropriate for holding the position of Lieutenant in *Othello*?
   (a) Cassio (b) Othello
   (c) Iago (d) Montano

10. Which tavern bum said this? "Come, Shelter, Shelter: I have removed Falstaff s horse, and he frets like a gummed velvet" in *Henry IV Part I*?
    (a) Poins (b) Bardolph
    (c) Peto (d) Gadshill

11. How does Hotspur die?
    (a) Killed in battle by Prince Hat
    (b) Killed in battle by King Henry
    (c) Brutally betrayed by his wife
    (d) Stabs himself

12. Who did give the longest speech in *Henry IV Part I*?
    (a) Falstaff (b) King Henry
    (c) Prince Hall (d) Duke of York

13. _____ is the method used by Greenblatt in a collection of articles called Shakespearean Negotiation.

(a) Colonialism (b) New Historicism

(c) Postmodernism (d) Humanism

14. Which woman character in the *Taming of the Shrew* is disliked by man?

(a) Bianca (b) Katherine Minola

(c) Ophelia (d) Portia

15. Which money lender in *The Merchant of Venice* is the stereotypical greedy, cruel usurer who loves money and will do anything to get it?

(a) Antonio (b) Bassanio

(c) Shylock (d) Brabantio

PART B — (5 × 4 = 20 marks)

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

16. (a) Discuss the famous actors during Shakespeare's period.

Or

(b) Write a short note on theatre conventions during Shakespeare's period.

17. (a) What does Shakespeare say of the fair youth in "Sonnet 86".

Or

(b) Elaborate on the role played by Don John in *Much Ado About Nothing.*

18. (a) Describe how Othello's pride leads to his fall.

Or

(b) Why does Roderigo wake up Brabantio in *Othello*?

19. (a) Sketch the character of Falstaff.

Or

(b) How does Hal's relationship with his father King *Henry*, evolve throughout the play *Henry IV Part I*?

20. (a) Comment on A.C. Bradley's Mythical approach to Shakespeare.

Or

(b) State the views of Greenblatt in "Invisible Bullets".

PART C — (5 × 8 = 40 marks)

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

21. (a) Analyse the problem and debates surrounding the categorisation of Shakespeare's works.

Or

(b) Attempt an essay on theatre conventions during Shakespeare's time.

22. (a) Discuss the recurring motif in Shakespeare's prescribed Sonnets

Or

(b) How does Shakespeare explore the dangers of deception and the contrast between appearances and reality in the play?

23. (a) Compare and contrast the jealousy of *Othello* to that of Iago.

Or

(b) Describe how *Othello's* pride leads to his fall.

24. (a) Discuss the development of the comedic subplot in and how it relates to the overall play *Henry IV Part I.*

Or

(b) Some argue that honour is the central theme of the play. Do you agree, and, if so, why?

25. (a) Elaborate on the New historicist perspective of Stephen Greenblatt in his essay "Invisible Bullets".

Or

(b) Attempt an essay on the modern approaches to Shakespeare as discussed by A.C. Bradley.

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Second Semester

English

Elective — LITERATURE AND FILM

(For those who joined in July 2023 onwards)

Time : Three hours Maximum : 75 marks

PART A — (15 × 1 = 15 marks)

Answer ALL the questions.

Choose the correct answer :

1. What rank does Cassio hold before Othello strips it from him?
   (a) Corporal (b) Private
   (c) Lieutenant (d) Colonel

2. Where does Iago tell Roderigo that Othello and Desdemona are sailing to from Cyprus?
   (a) Morocco (b) America
   (c) Crete (d) Mauritania

3. Who made the handkerchief that Othello inherited from his mother?
   (a) Barbary
   (b) Othello's mother
   (c) Othello's former lover
   (d) A sibyl, or female prophet

4. To whom is Victor taken after Henry is murdered?
   (a) M. Kempe
   (b) His father
   (c) Professor Waldman
   (d) Mr. Kirwin

5. Who is convicted of the murder of Victor's younger brother, William?
   (a) Alphonse Frankenstein
   (b) Victor Frankenstein
   (c) Justine Moritz
   (d) Frankenstein's monster

6. What does the monster want Victor to do to heal his loneliness?
   (a) Create a female monster to be his companion
   (b) Accept him into his family
   (c) Destroy him
   (d) Work to make him appear less hideous

7. By what name do the men in Defarge' s wine shop call their fellow revolutionaries?
   (a) Jacques (b) Pierre
   (c) Jasper (d) Xavier

8. What symbol does Dickens use to portend the bloodshed of the French Revolution?
   (a) The Dover mail coach
   (b) The broken wine cask
   (c) Tellson's Bank
   (d) Madame Defarge's malevolent stare

9. To which animal does Dickens compare Sydney Carton?
   (a) A jackal (b) A lion
   (c) A weasel (d) A sloth

10. Higgins claims that English is the language of
    (a) The Queen
    (b) The noblest race
    (c) All mankind
    (d) Shakespeare, Milton and The Bible

11. What have Pickering and Higgins written respectively?
    (a) Sanskrit in Mime; Higgins Says
    (b) Dialects of India; Higgins' Guide to Phonetics
    (c) Spoken Sanskrit; Higgins' Universal Alphabet
    (d) The Speech of Gentlemen; How to Make a Duchess in Six Months

12. After Eliza threatens to leave, what does Henry give Eliza to convince her to stay?
    (a) Half a chocolate cream
    (b) A silk handkerchief
    (c) Five pounds
    (d) A blue kimono

13. What is the name of the Weasley's home?

(a) The Burrow (b) The Den

(c) The Lair (d) The Magic Garden

14. What has Mr. Weasley enchanted his car, to do?

(a) Sing

(b) Eat dangerous predators

(c) Wash dishes

(d) Fly

15. How do people who use Floo powder travel?

(a) Through the sky

(b) Underground

(c) Through fireplaces

(d) Underwater

PART B — (5 × 4 = 20 marks)

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

Each answer should not exceed 250 words.

16. (a) Explain why Iago hate Othello.

Or

(b) Describe how Emilia help Iago.

17. (a) How is Frankenstein different in the book and the movie? Illustrate.

Or

(b) Why is the scientist in Frankenstein also called the modern Prometheus? Elucidate.

18. (a) Analyze why Charles Darnay is acquitted at his English trial.

Or

(b) Describe why Dr. Manette was imprisoned.

19. (a) Infer the happenings of bath scene with Mrs. Pearce and Eliza in *Pygmalion*.

Or

(b) State the three ways in which *Pygmalion* is different from *My Fair Lady*.

20. (a) How do Harry's and Lockhart's attitudes toward fame act as foils to each other? Illustrate.

Or

(b) Explain why Uncle Vernon lock Harry in his room in *Harry Potter and the Chamber of Secrets*

PART C — (5 × 8 = 40 marks)

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

Each answer should not exceed 600 words.

21. (a) Distinguish between *Othello* the play and movie.

Or

(b) Illustrate why *Othello* is called a tragedy.

22. (a) Explain how Victor Frankenstein takes the power of creation into his own hands.

Or

(b) At the end of the film, the scientist and Frankenstein meet for the last time. Explain the nature of Frankenstein's pain.

23. (a) Interpret the real hero of *A Tale of Two Cities*.

Or

(b) Analyze how the theme of duality is evident in *A Tale of Two Cities* by Charles Dickens.

24. (a) Illustrate how Pygmalion depict class differences in society.

Or

(b) Evaluate the relationship between Mr. Higgins and his mother in Pygmalion.

25. (a) Discuss the climax of *Harry Potter and the Chamber of Secrets*.

Or

(b) Elucidate how Harry change throughout *Harry Potter and the Chamber of Secrets*.

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Second Semester

English

Elective — LIFE WRITINGS

(For those who joined in July 2023 onwards)

Time : Three hours Maximum : 75 marks

PART A — (15 × 1 = 15 marks)

Answer ALL questions.

Choose the correct answer :

1. A biography is a story about
   (a) a person's life
   (b) a time in history
   (c) an interesting fact
   (d) people working together

2. In Britain, the late 1500s laid down the foundations for _____ as a major genre.
   (a) life writing (b) biography
   (c) art (d) poetry

3. The first Autobiography in Western Europe is
   (a) Ulrich Wiemer's Theoderic the Great : King
   (b) St. Augustine's Cofessions
   (c) Elie Wiesel's Night
   (d) Hampton Side's The Wide Sea

4. How long did it take Malini Chib to write her autobiography?
   (a) 5 years (b) 2 years
   (c) 1 year (d) 6 months

5. Malini is dysarthric, her speech is _____ and monosyllabic and not always clear.
   (a) fast (b) slow
   (c) not clear (d) clear

6. In "A Gift of Goddess Lakshmi" Manobi become the first transgender _____ of a girl's college.
   (a) professor (b) trainer
   (c) clerk (d) principal

7. Frankl says that based on his observations of his fellow inmates, the typical prisoner passes through _____ mental stages.
   (a) two (b) four
   (c) three (d) five

8. How many chapters does "The Other Side of Silence" contain?
   (a) 10 (b) 15
   (c) 8 (d) 9

9. Mourid Barghouti was born on the West Bank near Ramallah in _____
   (a) 1931 (b) 1932
   (c) 1944 (d) 1920

10. What did Mary's father die of?
    (a) Measles (b) Tuberculosis
    (c) Influenza (d) Cholera

11. At what age was Tyrone abandoned by his father?
    (a) 10 (b) 14
    (c) 9 (d) 17

12. What part of her body is Mary becoming obsessed with?
    (a) Her hands (b) Her legs
    (c) Her eyes (d) Her neck

13. Christopher talks about being fearful during which incident?
    (a) Walking down a dark alley
    (b) Being faced with Nazis
    (c) Ill woman approach him
    (d) Traveling

14. Where does Bradshaw go after leaving Berlin?
    (a) England (b) Spain
    (c) France (d) Mexico

15. Whither Justice gives the silent a voice, the forgotten a name and the abused
    (a) the justice (b) the power
    (c) the freedom (d) the education

PART B — (5 × 4 = 20 marks)

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

Each answer should not exceed 250 words.

16. (a) Elaborate on Autobiographical novels.

Or

(b) Give a detailed account of Sally Cline's views on history and development of contemporary autobiographies.

17. (a) How does Chib's "One Little Finger" highlight the importance of transforming societal attitudes towards disability?

Or

(b) Explain the courageous journey of a transgender and set new standard of achievement from "A Gift of Goddess Lakshmi".

18. (a) What are the effects of war according to "I Saw Ramallah" by Mourid Barghouti?

Or

(b) How does "The Other Side of Silence" capture the different forms of violence faced by women during the partition?

19. (a) Sketch the character of Mary Tyrone in "Long Day's Journey Into Night".

Or

(b) How do drugs and alcohol function in "Long Day's Journey Into Night"?

20. (a) Bring out the character sketch of Sally Bowles.

Or

(b) Write a critical note on Nandini Oza's "Homeless : Relvi's Story".

PART C — (5 × 8 = 40 marks)

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

Each answer should not exceed 600 words.

21. (a) Write a critical analysis on Carole Angier's views of Biography.

Or

(b) Write a critical appreciation on Sidonie Smith 's "Fifty-two Genres of Life Narrative".

22. (a) In what way Malini Chib's One Little Finger explores the theme of disability through the autobiographical account of herself?

Or

(b) Illustrate the voice of Trance woman from Manobi Bandopadhyay's "A Gift of Goddess Lakshmi".

23. (a) Evaluate existentialism in Viktor Frankl's "Man's Search for Meaning".

Or

(b) In what extent Urvashi Batalia's "The Other Side of Silence" is an oral history of the experience and aftermath of the partition of India and Pakistan.

24. (a) Comment on O' Neil's "Long Day Journey into Night" is a modern tragedy.

Or

(b) What is the significance of the title in "Long Day's Journey into Night" by Eugene O'Neill?

25. (a) How does Isherwood has precisely documented the diminishing social status of Berlin in "Goodbye to Berlin"?

Or

(b) To what extent "Whither Justice : Stories of Women in Prison" gives an ethnographic insight on the struggles women face in prison?

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

Second Semester

English

Skill Enhancement Course — EMPLOYABILITY SKILLS

(For those who joined in July 2023 onwards)

Time : Three hours Maximum : 75 marks

PART A — (15 × 1 = 15 marks)

Answer ALL questions.

Choose the correct answer :

1. Which of the following is an effective communication skill?
   (a) Interrupting others
   (b) Dominating conversations
   (c) Active listening
   (d) Ignoring others

2. Which of the following is an example of in formal communication?
   (a) Memo from the CEO
   (b) Project report
   (c) Casual conversation with friend
   (d) Formal presentation

3. Which of the following is an example of nonverbal communication?
   (a) Written report
   (b) Facial expression
   (c) Public Speaking
   (d) Telephone conversation

4. What is the purpose of self-introduction?
   (a) To establish your identity and credentials
   (b) To talk about your hobbies and interests
   (c) To share your personal life and experiences
   (d) To impress others

5. What is the best way to shave complex information with a non-technical audience?
   (a) Using jargons
   (b) Using visual aids
   (c) Avoiding the topic
   (d) Using simple language

6. What is the proper way to address someone you don't know well?
   (a) By their first name
   (b) By their last name and title
   (c) By their nickname
   (d) By their profession

7. What is the purpose of a job interview?
   (a) to finalise hiring decision
   (b) to gather information about the company
   (c) to negotiate salary and benefits
   (d) to assess the candidate's fitness for the role

8. How should you respond to a question in a group discussion?
   (a) give short, vague answer
   (b) give detailed, relevant response
   (c) with another question of your own
   (d) with a joke, comment

9. Which of the following is a common goal-setting mistake?
   (a) Setting clear and specific goals
   (b) Setting unrealistic and overly ambitious goals
   (c) Breaking down goals into smaller steps
   (d) Tracking progress regularly

10. What is self-management?
    (a) Managing others
    (b) Deciding tasks
    (c) Controlling emotions and behaviours
    (d) Delegating tasks

11. Which of the following is a stress management technique?
    (a) Denial
    (b) Deep breathing
    (c) Escapism
    (d) Aggression

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12. What is the benefit of emotional intelligence in the workplace?

(a) Decreased productivity

(b) Decreased communication

(c) Increased productivity

(d) Increased conflict

13. What is the role of a team leader in team Management?

(a) To provide guidance and support

(b) To dictate instructions

(c) To ignore team members input

(d) To make decisions alone

14. What is brainstorming?

(a) Evaluate ideas

(b) Implement a solution

(c) Analyse the problem

(d) Generate as many ideas as possible

15. Identify the characteristic of an effective negotiator

(a) Rigid and firm (b) Good listener

(c) Aggressive (d) Passive

PART B — (5 × 4 = 20 marks)

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

Each answer should not exceed 250 words.

16. (a) What are some common barriers to effective communication?

Or

(b) Explain active listening with examples

17. (a) Introduce yourself.

Or

(b) What are the proper table manners in a formal setting? Explain.

18. (a) What are the different types of interviews?

Or

(b) Mention one goal that you had set and explain how you achieved it.

19. (a) Learning to say 'No' can reduce stress. significantly. Provide examples of how setting boundaries can improve overall well being.

Or

(b) Multitasking versus single task – Explain.

20. (a) List out five leadership qualities and give examples.

Or

(b) Define Negotiations and explain its types.

PART C — (5 × 8 = 40 marks)

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

Each answer should not exceed 600 words.

21. (a) Explain in detail LSRW.

Or

(b) Discuss verbal and non-verbal communication.

22. (a) How can one be successful? What are skill sets needed for success at the work place?

Or

(b) List out certain social etiquettes that can keep one successful in life.

23. (a) Write a resume for a lecturer job.

Or

(b) Explain the different stages of the interview process.

24. (a) Discuss the significance of time-management in achieving success.

Or

(b) Success in life is 80% emotional intelligence and 20% IQ – Explain.

25. (a) What are some strategies for effective workplace communication?

Or

(b) Discuss the role of effective communication in team management.

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