

3 (Sem-4/CBCS) ENG HG/RC 1/2

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ENGLISH

(Honours Generic/Regular Course)

Paper : ENG-HG/RC-4016/4026

Full Marks : 80

Time : 3 hours

*The figures in the margin indicate full marks
for the questions*

Answer either from Option—A or from Option—B

OPTION—A

(Language, Literature and Culture)

1. Answer the following as directed : 1×10=10

(a) What is the study of language known as?

*(b) Diagraphia implies using just one writing system for the same language.
(State True or False)*

*(c) Accent can be influenced by the economic condition of its speakers.
(State True or False)*

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- (d) What is the meaning of categorization device?
- (e) The American linguist Charles Albert Ferguson is renowned for his pioneering work in ____.

(Fill in the blank)

- (f) What is Creole?
 - (g) Who wrote *Language and Woman's Place*?
 - (h) What is Code Switching?
 - (i) Brummie and Cockney are popular ____ of the English language.
- (Fill in the blank)
- (j) Who coined the term 'membership categorization device'?

2. Answer the following questions : $2 \times 5 = 10$

- (a) What are the two main branches of sociolinguistics?
- (b) What is the difference between Axiology and Ethics?
- (c) What distinguishes a Creole language from Pidgin?

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- (d) Give two differences between standard dialect and non-standard dialect.
- (e) What is language attrition in the context of multilingualism?

3. Answer briefly any *four* of the following questions : $5 \times 4 = 20$

- (a) What is a simile? Give four examples, demonstrating how this figure of speech works in each example.
- (b) What are the different styles in literature?
- (c) Define five main figures of speech with relevant illustrations.
- (d) Explain the major differences between register and dialect.
- (e) How is diglossia related to class differences in society? Explain briefly.
- (f) Explain the differences between Sequential Bilingualism and Receptive Bilingualism.

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4. Give illustrative answers to the following questions (any four) : $10 \times 4 = 40$

- (a) What is axiology and its types?
- (b) Analyze the concepts of 'Dual Cultures' and 'Dominance' in the context of language and gender studies.
- (c) Analyze how the extinction of a language impacts a speech community. What are the major factors that aggravates Language Endangerment?
- (d) Do you think language and dialect are ambiguous terms? Illustrate your answer.
- (e) Examine how language varies according to the culture and the world view of the group in which it is used.
- (f) Analyze the significance of gender differences in the use of language.
- (g) Explain with examples the differences between high variety and low variety of language.
- (h) Give an illustrative answer on the cohesive devices often used in literature.

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OPTION—B

(Literary Cross Currents : Forms, Prose, Poetry, Fiction and Play)

1. Answer the following questions : $1 \times 10 = 10$

- (a) Where did the battle of Mahabharata take place?
- (b) Who were the two wives of Pandu?
- (c) Which century was termed as the Augustan Age?
- (d) To which genre does Kamala Das's *My Story* belong?
- (e) Who is the primary protagonist of *Jane Eyre*?
- (f) Name one gothic novel in English.
- (g) Name one problem play.
- (h) In which specific genre of the essay is Addison's *True and False Wit* written?
- (i) What is existential poem?
- (j) What is the main message of *The Lady of Shalott*?

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2. Answer the following questions : $2 \times 5 = 10$

- (a) Name the children of Nora and Torvald.
- (b) Who are the three main characters of *Jane Eyre*?
- (c) What do children love to listen to and why, as Lamb states at the beginning of *Dream Children*?
- (d) Write two characteristics of a Shakespearean sonnet.
- (e) Define an autobiography.

3. Answer briefly any four of the following questions : $5 \times 4 = 20$

- (a) Write a note on the condition of Draupadi in *The Game of Dice*.
- (b) Write a short note on the character of Mr. Rochester in *Jane Eyre*.
- (c) Who was the only person who knew about the Lady of Shalott living in the tower? How did he know about her presence?

- (d) What are the features of the periodical essay?
- (e) What are the characteristics of a tragedy as defined by Aristotle?
- (f) How does Keats explore the theme of Life and Art in *Ode on a Grecian Urn*?

4. Give illustrative answers to the following questions (any four) : $10 \times 4 = 40$

- (a) What are the characteristic traits of a personal essay? Discuss *Dream Children* by Charles Lamb as a personal essay.
- (b) What are the main issues explored in *A Doll's House* by Henrik Ibsen?
- (c) Write a critical appreciation of any one of the following poems :
 - (i) *Ode on a Grecian Urn*
 - (ii) *Song to Celia*
- (d) Comment on the cross-currents of love and faith in Victorian literature.
- (e) What are the themes of *My Story* by Kamala Das? Do you consider *My Story* as a feminist text?

- (f) What do you understand by an epic? What are its characteristics? Explain with illustrations.
- (g) What is the difference between Dadaism and Surrealism? Explain their respective characteristics with illustrations.
- (h) Analyze the transformation of Nora's character throughout *A Doll's House*.

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