

2024

(1st Semester)

GENERAL ENGLISH

Paper : Eng (G)-105

(Fiction, Poetry, Grammar and Composition)

Full Marks : 70

Pass Marks : 45%

Time : 3 hours

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

UNIT—I

(Fiction)

(Marks : 14)

1. Answer any two of the following questions :

2×2=4

- (a) What did the other fisherman think of the old man?
- (b) Why does Santiago wish to take DiMaggio for fishing?
- (c) What does Santiago dream of? Why was his dream important to Santiago?

2. (a) Elucidate Hemingway's philosophy, "A man can be destroyed but not defeated". 10

Or

- (b) Santiago is considered by many readers to be a tragic hero, his strength leads to his downfall. Discuss the role of pride in Santiago's plight.

Or

- (c) Explore the theme and role of luck in *The Old Man and the Sea*.

UNIT—II

(Poetry)

(Marks : 14)

3. Answer any two of the following questions :

2×2=4

- (a) Who is Telemachus? What does his father expect from him?
- (b) What did the Eugenist say about the Unknown Citizen?
- (c) In the poem, *Birches*, what is the game the boy learnt to play alone?

4. (a) Tennyson's *Ulysses* is essentially a poem of escape. Do you agree? Substantiate your answer.

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Or

- (b) Explain the irony presented in the poem, *The Unknown Citizen*.

Or

- (c) Discuss the main idea of Robert Frost's poem, *Birches*.

UNIT—III

(Grammar)

(Marks : 14)

5. Fill in the blanks with articles : $\frac{1}{2} \times 5 = 2\frac{1}{2}$

(a) Please give me _____ cake that is on the counter.

(b) She has _____ unique idea.

(c) No one can weigh _____ mother's love.

(d) He is not _____ honourable man.

(e) She is _____ untidy girl.

6. Fill in the blanks with correct prepositions :

$$\frac{1}{2} \times 5 = 2\frac{1}{2}$$

- (a) On the night before the exam, she was seen pouring _____ the books.
- (b) What is the time _____ your watch?
- (c) There is something wonderful _____ him.
- (d) _____ you leave now, you will be late.
- (e) The fireman managed to put _____ the fire.

7. Fill in the blanks with suitable adjectives :

$$\frac{1}{2} \times 5 = 2\frac{1}{2}$$

- (a) The ship sustained _____ damage.
- (b) He is an _____ player.
- (c) The _____ girl won the race.
- (d) Some oranges are _____.
- (e) There isn't _____ sugar in my coffee.

8. Choose the correct verbs in agreement with the subject :

$$\frac{1}{2} \times 5 = 2\frac{1}{2}$$

- (a) Annie and her brothers (is/are) at school.

- (b) Nobody (know/knows) the trouble I've seen.
- (c) No news (is/are) good news.
- (d) Both of the dogs (has/have) collars.
- (e) Everyone (have/has) done his or her homework.

9. Rewrite the following sentences correctly :

1×4=4

- (a) A million dollars are a big amount.
- (b) I haven't seen Susan since six years.
- (c) Everyone of us are looking forward to the program.
- (d) The flock of sheep were attacked by a lion.

UNIT—IV

(**Composition**)

(Marks : 14)

10. In your locality, you are facing tremendous problem with your internet connection. Write a letter to your local cable operator complaining about the scenario and requesting to take immediate action.

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Or

You wish to do a Spanish learning course from the institute 'Learn a Language'. Write a letter to the manager to enquire about course details, fees, duration, etc.

UNIT—V

(Composition)

(Marks : 14)

11. Write an essay in about 400 words on any one of the following topics : 14

- (a) The role of self-discipline in personal and academic growth
- (b) The effects of peer pressure on teenagers
- (c) A childhood memory that has profoundly shaped your values

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