

BACHELOR OF ARTS EXAMINATION 2023

First Year, Second Semester

DEPARTMENT OF ENGLISH

Ability Enhancement Compulsory Course: English

Time: Two Hours

Full Marks: 50

Answer *any two* questions from Section A, *any one* question from Section B and *all* questions from Section C.

Section A

2x10=20

1. Critically examine the contemporary relevance of Girish Karnad's *Tughlaq*.
2. Discuss how Meena Kandaswamy uses her poems to rewrite Dalit history.
3. Examine Imtiaz Dharker's usage of words to construct and deconstruct identities in a post 9/11 world.
4. In the short story "Javni", the narrator's attempts to subvert caste prejudices remain unsuccessful at the end. Why? Discuss with close reference to the text.
5. Comment on the appropriateness of the title of Hansda Sowvendra Shekhar's short story "They Eat Meat".
6. Describe the precarious position of the villages in Nagaland as portrayed by Temsula Ao in her short story "A Simple Question". Answer with reference to *at least* three instances from the text.

Section B

1x15=15

7. A reputed English medium school is looking for trained postgraduates in your subject for its senior secondary students. Applicants with prior teaching experience will be given preference. Apply for the position with a curriculum vitae (CV) and an application letter addressed to: The Principal, City International School, Kolkata-84.
8. Write an essay on *any one* of the following topics:
 - a. Media and society
 - b. Importance of mental health
 - c. Spirituality and scientific temper
 - d. Environment and economy

Section C

5x3=15

9. Change the voice of the following sentences:
 - a. Frankenstein was written by Mary Shelley.
 - b. The repairs will be finished before next Tuesday.
 - c. Last night two men were killed in a fight in a nightclub.
 - d. One day all our work would be done by machines.

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e. The cleaners clean this room every day.

10. Insert the correct preposition:

5x1=5

- a. The President and her husband live ___ Madrid.
- b. A ticket ___ Saturday's concert costs €15.
- c. The film ___ skiing ___ New Zealand starts at 8.00 p.m.
- d. The second word ___ the first sentence means "kind".

11. Insert the correct article:

5x1=5

- a. She's ___ interesting person.
- b. He's got ___ loud voice.
- c. This is ___ return ticket.
- d. I'm ___ engineer.
- e. Can I use ___ phone?