

Sl. No.

**I Semester B.A./B.Sc./BCA/BFA/BSW/BVA/B.Sc(Fc)
Examination, March/April - 2021
(Semester Scheme) (CBCS) (Freshers of 2018 and Onwards)
ENGLISH LANGUAGE - I (AECC)
Semiosis - I and Language Component**

Time : 3 Hours

Max. Marks : 80

I. Answer ten of the following in a word, phrase or a sentence each :

[10 × 1 = 10]

1. The poem "The Tiger and the Deer" is written by _____.
2. "This gives life to thee". What does the word 'This' refer to?
3. The speaker of the poem "Where the mind is without fear", wants his countrymen to achieve _____ by tireless striving.
4. "And gladly would he learn and gladly teach". Who is referred to as 'he' here?
5. The poem "Sparkles from the wheel" is about _____.
6. Who is the author of the essay "On the way to Goregaon"?
7. Does the oxford clerk get any benefit from the church?
8. Who stole the food cooked by the daughter-in-law in the story "The clay Mother-in-law"?
9. Who was called 'Toba Tek Singh'?
10. An _____ is an institution for the care of people who are mentally ill.
11. What was the decision taken by the governments of India and Pakistan after the partition?
12. Where was Ambedkar's family originally from?
13. What did the neighbour stick at the bottom of the 'seer' in the story "The clay Mother-in-Law"?

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14. The mighty perish in their might;

The slain survive the slayer.

The above lines are taken from the poem _____.

15. What does the phrase "the eye of heaven" mean in the poem "shall I compare thee?"

II. Annotate two of the following :

[2 × 5 = 10]

1. Rough winds do shake the darling buds of May,
And summer's lease hath all too short a date;

2. Withdrawn, I join a group of children watching
I pause a side with them.

3. Not one word spoke he more than was necessary;
And that was said with due formality and dignity

4. Into that heaven of freedom, my Father, let my country awake.

III. Answer two of the following :

[2 × 10 = 20]

1. How, according to Tagore, can the people of our country be led into the heaven of freedom? Discuss.

2. Summarise the poem "Shall I Compare Thee".

3. Describe the life of the Oxford Clerk from your reading of the poem "The Oxford Clerk".

4. Attempt a critical evaluation of the poem "The Tiger and the Deer".

IV. Answer two of the following :

[2 × 10 = 20]

1. Summarise the story "The clay Mother-in-law".

2. Discuss the difficulties faced by Ambedkar during the journey to Goregaon.

3. Discuss the story "Toba Tek Singh" as a satire on partition.

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V. Language component :

A. Choose the correct homophones :

[4 × 1 = 4]

1. The plant has a strong _____ . (root, route)
2. We must try our best to _____ away all prejudices. (caste, cast)
3. The train _____ is quite reasonable. (fare, fair)
4. The prisoner escaped from the _____. (cell, sell)

B. Fill in the blanks with appropriate articles :

[4 × 1 = 4]

1. The Oxford Clerk's horse was as thin as _____ rake.
2. _____ Sun is very hot at times.
3. April is _____ cruellest month of the year.
4. Tagore is _____ Indian poet.

C. Choose the correct form of verbs :

[4 × 1 = 4]

1. They _____ sweets. (eat, eats)
2. One of my friends _____ in TCS. (work, works)
3. Ram and his friends _____ their work. (enjoy/ enjoys)
4. A.K. Ramanujan _____ written a number of essays. (has, have)

D. Fill in the blanks with appropriate prepositions :

[4 × 1 = 4]

1. The office opens _____ 10 'O' clock.
2. Tagore was born _____ West Bengal.
3. The bridge is built _____ the river.
4. The President will come _____ flight.

E. Read the following passage and answer the questions that follow :

[4 × 1 = 4]

General Electric (GE) was once the ultimate icon of industrial eracapitalism. The 122-billion dollar conglomerate set benchmarks for the corporate world. many things made the 126-year-Old GE special its aggressive growth pursuit, its famed rank-and-yank employee policy, its leadership development programmes and its emerging market bet, among others. Infact, GE was the pioneer of India's back-office story that began in the 1990s. But GE has fallen off the pedestal in the digital era. In June 2018, GE was removed from 30-Company Dow Jones Industrial Average.

1. How Old is General Electric?
2. What made the General Electric different from the other companies?
3. The _____ company was once the ultimate icon of industrial era capitalism.
4. What has happened to the General Electric in the digital era?

