

First Year Drama (Degree) Examination
Compulsory English
July 2021

(Max. Marks : 50)

Time : 2-00 Hours]

- Instructions:** (1) Figures to the right indicate full marks.
(2) Mention clearly the question number and options you attempt.
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PART -1 – Answer ANY THREE of the following 8 questions.

1. Answer in brief any **SEVEN** of the following questions. 14
- 1) What is e-education?
 - 2) Why did Mr. Ratnam select Mr. Agarwal as a new salesman?
 - 3) What, according to father, is the cause of Swami's headache?
 - 4) Why did Swami's father tear the letter?
 - 5) What can you conclude from the fact that the old man's bag is filled with books?
 - 6) The old man's family does not appreciate him. How has this been suggested?
 - 7) Why does the traveller's horse feel it queer to stop at the woods?
 - 8) Why did Nachiketa feel troubled?
 - 9) How long did Ali wait for the letter of his daughter?
 - 10) Why do you think the speaker is upset that people aren't moved by nature?
2. Write short notes on any **TWO** of the following. 14
- (1) The role of social media in bringing about a change.
 - (2) The character of Coachman Ali.
 - (3) Father's Help: A reflection of the inner psyche of a school going child.
 - (4) The central idea of the poem "Stopping by the Woods on a Snowy Evening"
3. Fill in the blanks with the appropriate options given in the brackets. 14
1. I think, I _____ you yesterday. (met, meeting, meet)
 2. Hi! Could you please _____ me? (helped, helping, help)
 3. I am _____ to Dehradun this evening. (go, going, gone)
 4. I _____ tea every morning. (drink, drunk, drank)
 5. I would like to _____ for my friend. (waits, wait, waited)
 6. Mahesh has been _____ insurance. (sell, selling, sold)
 7. I have never _____ such a mistake before! (made, makes, make)
 8. _____ you know this will be so easy! (do, done, did)
 9. I _____ no clue who you are! (has, had, have)
 10. He wants to _____ out and play. (go, gone, went)
 11. Maya _____ speak Finnish. (can, may, could)
 12. We _____ wear a mask. (should, would, could)
 13. My friend _____ be coming to pick me up. (will, could, may)
 14. I _____ have listened to you. (would, can, should)

4. A. Insert appropriate preposition given in the bracket /article:

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1. Read _____ instructions carefully. (a, an, the)
2. I always carry _____ small bottle of sanitizer. (a, an, the)
3. The phone is _____ the table. (in, into, on)
4. *Guide* is a novel _____ RK Narayan. (by, at, on)
5. I went _____ see a play. (to, at, by)
6. *Parasite* is _____ fantastic movie. (a, an, the)
7. *Shantata! Court Chalu Aahe* is a play _____ Vijay Tendulkar. (by, on, at)
8. Hope _____ see you soon. (at, on, to)

B. Identify the types of Sentences

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1. This is so easy!
2. I know this answer very well.
3. When did we study this?
4. I know this answer!
5. I learnt a new skill during the lockdown.
6. Must this be so simple?

5. Comprehension of a passage:

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Jane Austen was born on 16 December 1775 in the village of Steventon in Hampshire. She was one of eight children of a clergyman and grew up in a close-knit family. She began to write as a teenager. In 1801 the family moved to Bath. After the death of Jane's father in 1805 Jane, her sister Cassandra and their mother moved several times eventually settling in Chawton, near Steventon.

Jane's brother Henry helped her negotiate with a publisher and her first novel, 'Sense and Sensibility', appeared in 1811. Her next novel 'Pride and Prejudice', which she described as her "own darling child" received highly favourable reviews. 'Mansfield Park' was published in 1814, then 'Emma' in 1816. 'Emma' was dedicated to the prince regent, an admirer of her work. All of Jane Austen's novels were published anonymously.

In 1816, Jane began to suffer from ill-health, probably due to Addison's disease. She travelled to Winchester to receive treatment, and died there on 18 July 1817. Two more novels, 'Persuasion' and 'Northanger Abbey' were published posthumously and a final novel was left incomplete.

Questions:

- (i) Where and when was Jane Austen born?
- (ii) When was her first novel published? What was it called?
- (iii) Which novel Austen call her 'own darling child'?
- (iv) Which of Jane Austen's novels were published posthumously?

6. Write a paragraph in about 80-100 words on any ONE of the following topics: 14
- (i) Importance of English in India
(ii) My Favourite Movie
(iii) Trees – Our Best Friends
7. Write a biographical sketch of Subhas Chandra Bose from the points given in about 100 to 125 words: 14
- Name: Subhas Chandra Bose / Netaji
 - Freedom fighter
 - Birth: 23 January, 1897, Cuttack
 - Important leader
 - Career: Civil services
 - Achievement: Joined freedom struggle movement, established Indian National Army
 - Famous motto: Give me blood and I will give you freedom
 - Death: 18 August, 1945, Taipei, Taiwan
8. Match the words in Column-A with their meanings in Column-B. 14
- | Column-A | Column-B |
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| 1) Oblivious | A) imaginary |
| 2) Fictitious | B) kindly, warmly |
| 3) Genial | C) very wet and soft |
| 4) Soggy | D) strange, odd |
| 5) Queer | E) not aware of something |
| 6) Jest | F) say or speak |
| 7) Utter | G) joke |

PART-II – This section has 8 MCQ questions of 2 mark each. Answer ANY FOUR.

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- (1) “It moves us not.” What does the “It” point to?
- (a) the sea (b) the moon (c) Nature
- (2) What does the “e” in e-Governance stand for?
- (a) Education (b) Enterprise (c) Electronic

- (3) "Father's Help" is written by _____.
- (a) Robert Frost (b) RK Narayan (c) Dilip Chitre
- (4) "Father Returning Home" is written by _____.
- ((a) Robert Frost (b) RK Narayan (c) Dilip Chitre
- (5) The postmaster likened Ali's mental state to that of a _____.
- (a) singer's (b) dramatist's (c) poet's
- (6) In his youth, Ali used to be obsessed with _____.
- (a) sewing clothes (b) hunting (c) eating partridges
- (7) Nachiketa's father chose only the _____ cows to give away.
- (a) Young (b) sad (c) Old
- (8) "Stopping by the Woods on a Snowy Evening" is written by _____.
- (a) Robert Frost (b) RK Narayan (c) Dilip Chitre
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