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Post Graduate Degree Programme

M.A..(Previous) English

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Home Assignment
Semester1&2

MAEG-01 to MAEG-04 & MAEG 08

Submit 45 days before your Term-end examination

M.A.English Programme (Previous)

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English Language &Communication Skills
Paper MAEG-01

Max Marks: 20

Note: The Internal Assignment has been divided into three sections A, B, and C. Write Answer as per the given instruction.

Section A

(Very Short Answer Type Questions)

Note: Answer all questions. As per the nature of the question you delimit your answer in one word, one sentence or maximum up to 30 words.

4x1=04

1 i. Supply correct tense forms of the verbs within brackets:-
   a) The rays (living)in this house for ten years now.
   b) Who (discover) America?

i. Change the voice:-
   a) Shut the door
   b) The mother gave the child a toy.

ii. Supply the blanks in the sentences given below with a suitable clause.
   a. Having settled the quarrel _____.
   b. I would like him _____.

iii. Frame sentences of the following patterns:-
   a) Subject+transitiveverb+directobject+Indirect object.
   b) Subject+transitiveverb+indirect object+ direct object.

Section-B

(Short Answer Questions)

Note: Answer any 2 questions. Each answer should not exceed 100 words.Each question carries 4 marks. 2x4=08

2 What are the disadvantages of electronic messages?

3 Illustrate the advantages of paralanguage.

4 Frame one sentence each on the pattern given below.

a. Subject + Vt + noun/ pronoun + interrogative + to infinitive (phrase)
b. Subject + Vt + noun/ pronoun + present participle phrase
c. Subject + Vt + noun/ pronoun
d. Subject + be + noun/ pronoun

5 What is kinesics and what are its limitations?

Section 'C'
(Long Answer Questions)

Note: Answer **any one** question. You have to delimit your each answer maximum up to 500 words. **Each question carries 08 marks.**

1x8=08

6 Write a report on the project "Clean City campaign" or on the "Run for Health" which happened in your college.

7 Write an essay on any one of the following topics:-

a) Youth and Education which need their attention
b) Students are future citizens of the nation
c) AI can replace books and teachers

8 Make the précis of the following passage and give a suitable title to the paragraph:-

The culture of nuclear families is in fashion. Parents are often heard complaining about the difficulties in bringing up children these days.Too much of freedom in demand, too much independence; overnight parties; excessive extravagance, splurging pocket money; no time for studies and family all this is a common cry of such families.Aren't parents, themselves, responsible for this pitiful state? The basic need of a growing youth is the family, love, attention, and bonding along with moral values. One should not forget that 'charity begins at home'.

Independence and individuality both need to be respected, in order to maintain the sanctity of family. Children today are to be handled with tact in order to bridge the ever-widening generation gap.Only the reasonable demands need to be fulfilled, as there are too many expenses to be met and top many social obligations to be taken care of by the parents.Our forefathers lived happily in joint families. Children loved to live with their cousins, learned to adjust within means. They had perfect harmony between the generations.There never existed the concept of old-age homes. There was a deep respect for the family elders and love, care, and concern for the youngsters. Even the minor family differences were solved amicably.

Renaissance to Jacobean Age
Paper MAEG-02

Max Marks: 20

Note: The Internal Assignment has been divided into three sections A, B, and C. Write Answer as per the given instruction.

Section A

(Very Short Answer Type Questions)

Note: Answer all questions. As per the nature of the question you delimit your answer in one word, one sentence or maximum up to 30 words.

4x1=04

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i. How many characters are there in the poem *Prologue to the Canterbury Tales*?

ii. What is the role played by Delio in the play *The Duchess of Malfi*?

iii. Explain the lines from *Dr Faustus*?
Was this the face that launch'd a thousand ships,
And burnt the topless towers of Ilium?

iv. What advice does Francis Bacon give in the essay "Of Revenge"?

Section-B

(Short Answer Questions)

Note: Answer any 2 questions. Each answer should not exceed 100 words. Eachquestion carries 4 marks. 2x4=08

2 Write a note on the use of symbols in *Prologue to the Canterbury Tales.*

3 Define the term metaphysical conceit. Give some examples from John Donne's poems.

4 What images have been used by the poet in "Spring, The Sweet Spring"?

5 Who are University Wits? What is their contribution to Elizabethan Drama?

Section 'C'

(Long Answer Questions)

Note: Answer **any one** question. You have to delimit your each answer maximum up to 500 words. **Each question carries 08 marks.**

1x8=08

6 Discuss *The Spanish Tragedy* by Thomas Kyd as a 'Revenge Tragedy'.

7 Give a critical analysis of the essay 'Of Revenge' written by Francis Bacon.

8 Discuss *As You Like It* as a typical Shakespearen Comedy.

Caroline and Reformation Age
Paper MAEG-03

Max Marks: 20

Note: The Internal Assignment has been divided into three sections A, B, and C. Write Answer as per the given instruction.

Section A

(Very Short Answer Type Questions)

Note: Answer all questions. As per the nature of the question you delimit your answer in one word, one sentence or maximum up to 30 words.

4x1=04

1 i. Who were the Spenserian poets?
ii. What was the function of the Royal Society?
iii. Attempt a definition of the "Comedy of Manners".
iv. What do you mean by 'Puritanism'?

Section-B

(Short Answer Questions)

Note: Answer any 2 questions. Each answer should not exceed 100 words. Each question carries 4 marks. 2x4=08

2 What does Gray tell about the origin and growth of poetry in "The Progress of Poesy".

3 How sensitive is Defoe to the plight of women in his contemporary social milieu? Comment with reference to the prescribed text.

4 Elaborate the concept of brotherhood embodied in Blake's "The Little Black Boy".

5 Discuss the allegorical features in Collins' "Ode to Evening".

Section 'C'

(Long Answer Questions)

Note: Answer **any one** question. You have to delimit your each answer maximum up to 500 words. **Each question carries 08 marks.**

1x8=08

6 Explain the meaning and significance of the title *She Stoops to Conquer* with suitable examples to support from the text.

7 Write an essay on Thomas Gray as a transition poet?

8 Write a note on Mysticism in Blake's Poetry?

The Romantic Age
Paper MAEG-04

Max Marks: 20

Note: The Internal Assignment has been divided into three sections A, B, and C. Write Answer as per the given instruction.

Section A

(Very Short Answer Type Questions)

Note: Answer all questions. As per the nature of the question you delimit your answer in one word, one sentence or maximum up to 30 words.

4x1=04

1 i. Who is Alice in Charles Lamb's essay "Dream Children"?
ii. Define the term Ode. Name some odes written by John Keats.
iii. Define the term Gothic in the light of your reading of *Frankenstein*?
iv. Explain the following lines from Coleridge's "Kubla Khan".

For he on honey-dew hath fed,
And drunk the milk of Paradise.

Section-B

(Short Answer Questions)

Note: Answer any 2 questions. Each answer should not exceed 100 words. Eachquestion carries 4 marks. 2x4=08

2 Differentiate between Classical and Romantic poetry.

3 Write a short note on the narrative style of Walter Scott's *Ivanhoe.*

4 What is the symbolic significance of Mariner in the poem "The Rime of the Ancient Mariner"?

5 How has the Autumn been personified in the poem "To Autumn"?

Section 'C'

(Long Answer Questions)

Note: Answer **any one** question. You have to delimit your each answer maximum up to 500 words. **Each question carries 08 marks.**

1x8=08

6 Discuss the use of irony in Jane Austen's *Pride and Prejudice.*

7 Discuss the concept of 'poetry' and 'poetic diction' as explained by William Wordsworth in *Preface to Lyrical Ballads*.

8 Throw a detailed light on the use of supernatural and mystic elements in *Christabel*?

Indian Writings in English &in Translation
Paper MAEG-08

Max Marks: 20

Note: The Internal Assignment has been divided into three sections A, B, and C.Write Answer as per the given instruction.

Section A

(Very Short Answer Type Questions)

Note: Answer all questions. As per the nature of the question you delimit your answer in one word, one sentence or maximum up to 30 words. Each questioncarries1mark. 4x1=04

1 i. Who narrates the story in the novel Kanthapura?

iiWhat kind of relationship is there between Dharma and his wife in the novel "Voices in the City"?

iii. What does Mahesh Dattani try to evoke through his play "FinalSolutions"?

iv. Mention the three parts of the story in the play Abhijnanashakuntalam".

Section-B

(Short Answer Questions)

Note: Answer any 2 questions. Each answer should not exceed 100 words. Eachquestioncarries4marks. 4x4=08

2 Critically explore the evolution of the character Raju in the novel "The Guide" by R.K.Narayan.

3 Critically examine the use of imagery in the poem "Palanquin Bearers" written by Sarojini Naidu

4 Discuss the theme of social economic deprivation and the exploitation of the village poor with reference to the novel "Godan" by Premchand.

5 In what way has Mahashweta Devi documented her own time and history in a moving narrative "Mother of 1084".

Section 'C'

(Long Answer Questions)

Note: Answer **any one** question. You have to delimit your each answer maximum up to 500 words. **Each question carries 08 marks. 1x8=08**

6 Illustrate critically the feminine sensibility and diversity of moods in given socio – cultural situations with reference to the poem of Kamala Das.

7 Describe Shashi Deshpande's feministic approach in the novel "The Dark Holds Terror".

8 Elucidate the aptness of the statement –'Women of Samskara are stereotypical and non –autonomous characters who have internalized and adjusted to the patriarchal moves.'