

U.G. 4th Semester Examination-2026
ENGLISH

[Ability Enhancement Course (AEC)]

Course Code : ENG-AEC(MIL)-T-1

(Indian Writing in English)

[NEP-2020]

SET-I / 1st HALF

Full Marks : 40 .

Time : 90 Minutes

Instructions to the Candidates:

- Candidates will be provided with a question cum answer booklet.
- The booklet contains 25 number of (MCQ) questions. Each question carrying 2 Marks. Candidates will attempt 20 questions of the following. Choose the correct alternative and put a tick (✓) mark beside given box.
- Candidates must fill up his/her Registration Number, Year & Roll Number in the space provided.
- Do not make any rough work on the answer booklet.
- At the end of the examination please return the answer booklet to the invigilator.

Registration No.

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Signature of the Invigilator

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Answer any **twenty (20)** questions of the following. [Choose the correct option and put a tick (✓) mark beside given box]:

2×20=40

1. Which animal is described as sitting on the tree's crest in "The Casurina Tree"?
 - a) Parrot ☐
 - b) Python ☐
 - c) Baboon ☐
2. The poet Toru Dutt wishes to immortalize the casurina tree because—
 - a) It gave shade ☐
 - b) It is linked with personal memories ☐
 - c) It is sacred ☐
3. Which of the following mythological beings is mentioned in the poem "The Casurina Tree"?
 - a) Dryads ☐
 - b) Muses ☐
 - c) Sirens ☐
4. The girl's voice in Derozio's poem "The Orphan Girl" is compared to—
 - a) Song of nightingale ☐
 - b) Song of Cuckoo ☐
 - c) Night's soft wind ☐
5. The orphan girl's father joined the war—
 - a) At the wake/ beginning of war ☐
 - b) In the middle of war ☐
 - c) Towards the end of the war ☐
6. The word 'bleak' means—
 - a) Lovely ☐
 - b) Lively ☐
 - c) Desolate ☐

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7. The orphan girl's mother could not endure the role of a—
- a) Wife ☐
 - b) Mother ☐
 - c) Widow ☐
8. "Selvi" by R. K. Narayan is a—
- a) Novel ☐
 - b) Short Story ☐
 - c) Autobiography ☐
9. In R. K. Narayan's "Selvi", Mohan was a follower of—
- a) Lenin ☐
 - b) Gandhi ☐
 - c) Nehru ☐
10. What does Selvi's final decision to live in her mother's small house signify?
- a) Her depression and loneliness ☐
 - b) Her rejection of material wealth in favour of personal freedom and simplicity ☐
 - c) Her inability to cope with modern life ☐
11. None agreed to buy or rent the Lawley Terrace because—
- a) It was expensive ☐
 - b) It was government property ☐
 - c) Sir Frederick's spirit was said to hover about house ☐
12. What is the poem "Goodbye Party To Miss Pushpa TS" by Nissim Ezekiel about?
- a) A Christmas party in Surat ☐
 - b) Romantic interest in Miss Pushpa ☐
 - c) Indian English usage and cultural influence ☐

13. What does the narrator mention about Miss Pushpa's family background in the poem?
- a) Her siblings' academic achievements ☐
 - b) Her father being a renowned advocate ☐
 - c) Her family's business success ☐
14. What is the purpose of the gathering for Miss Pushpa T.S.?
- a) To wish her bon voyage ☐
 - b) To celebrate her birthday ☐
 - c) To welcome her back ☐
15. How does the poet A K Ramanujan describe his mother's youth in the poem?
- a) Bright and lively like diamonds ☐
 - b) Soft and tender like silk and a white petal ☐
 - c) Old and weak like loose feathers ☐
16. What does the poet regret in the final part of the poem "Of Mothers, Among Other Things"?
- a) Talking harshly to his mother ☐
 - b) Ignoring his mother's sacrifices ☐
 - c) Not spending enough time with his mother ☐
17. "Splash a handful of needles" is a vivid metaphorical image used by the poet to describe—
- a) The mother sewing cloths ☐
 - b) The pricking of needles in hand ☐
 - c) Sudden onset of rain ☐
18. The grand boat race of the year, as mentioned by Nirad C. Chaudhuri, took place in—
- a) June-July ☐
 - b) July-August ☐
 - c) August-September ☐

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19. When looked at from a height of 500 feet, the town (Kishoreganj) had the physical appearance of—
- a) A series of modern concrete blocks ☐
 - b) A patch of white and brown mushrooms in the grass ☐
 - c) A checkerboard of agricultural fields ☐
20. The pool, about half a mile from the author's house, and just behind the excise depot and the Government treasury was home of the big and fierce-looking but silvery—
- a) Katla fish ☐
 - b) Rohu fish ☐
 - c) Chital fish ☐
21. Quarter-to-Four-Anna House was located on—
- a) Opposite bank of the writer's ancestral house ☐
 - b) Same bank of the writer's ancestral house ☐
 - c) The riverbed ☐
22. Why is Amal confined to his room throughout the play?
- a) He is being punished ☐
 - b) He is suffering from a terminal illness ☐
 - c) He is preparing for an exam ☐
23. What does the new Post Office stand for?
- a) A symbol of death and ultimate spiritual liberation ☐
 - b) A place for paying taxes ☐
 - c) A medium to send letters to the King ☐
24. The play *The Post Office* was first performed/ staged in—
- a) London ☐
 - b) Kolkata ☐
 - c) Shantiniketan ☐

25. Who was the last visitor to Amal?

- a) Sudha
- b) King
- c) Gaffer

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