

**QUESTION BANK**  
**DEPARTMENT OF ENGLISH**  
**Semester III**  
**English Honours**

**Core V**

**Short Questions (Each Question carries 2 marks)**

1. Write two features of Romantic poetry.
2. Who is called the father of romantic poetry?
3. Write the names of three romantic poets.
4. What is the meaning of La Belle Dam sans merci?
5. Write the names of two important odes of John Keats.
6. What are the two important poems of Coleridge?
7. 'If winter comes can spring be far behind' comes from which poem?
8. Who said "Poetry is the spontaneous overflow of powerful feelings"?
9. 'Babes reduced to Misery' comes from which poetry?
10. Who writes the poem 'the Holy Thursday'?
11. How many stanzas are there in 'The Holy Thursday'?
12. Is the Thursday holy or unholy?
13. Whose fields are black and bare?
14. Eternal winter refers to sorrow or happiness?
15. 'The Holy Thursday' is celebrated in the memory of whom?
16. Who writes the poem 'London'?
17. How many stanzas are there in the poem 'London'?
18. What do you mean by 'Chartered Street'?
19. What do you mean by 'Harlots'?
20. Is the poem 'London' optimistic or pessimistic?
21. Who writes the poem 'Tintern Abbey'?
22. What do you learn from the line 'Five years have passed'?

23. The place Xanadu is related to which poem of S.T. Coleridge?
24. Why is 'Kubla Khan' called a dream poem?
25. What message do you get from 'Kubla Khan'?
26. The term 'unravished bride' comes from which poem of John Keats?
27. What do you mean by 'Urn'?
28. Write about two images described in the poem 'Ode on a Grecian Urn'.
29. 'Beauty is truth, truth beauty' comes from which stanza of Keats 'ode on a Grecian urn'?
30. What are the six major odes of John Keats?
31. How many stanzas are there in Ode on Melancholy?
32. Which Ode of John Keats is the shortest?
33. Whom does P.B. Shelley address as "blithe spirit"?
34. Write four important objects depicted in To a Skylark.
35. What is the mood of the poet when he says "Teach me half the gladness"?
36. What is the theme of the thirteenth stanza of the poem To a Skylark?
37. How many stanzas are there in the poem To a Skylark?
38. Why does the poet describe Skylark as high born maiden?
39. Explain in four sentences the meaning of the line "The World should listen then, as I am listening new".
40. Write about at least three Similis that the poet uses in 'To a Skylark'.
41. Explain the first stanza of To a Skylark in four sentences.
42. In which year Lyrical Ballads is published?
43. What is the main concept in "Preface to Lyrical Ballad's"?
44. Where does Wordsworth write "Poetry is the spontaneous overflow of powerful feeling"?
45. Who published P.B. Shelley's A Defence of Poetry?
46. What is the main theme of Shelley's "A Defence of poetry"?
47. Write three images associated with "Ode on a Grecian Urn".
48. There are much similarities between 'Keats' 'Ode on a Grecian urn' with W.B. Yeats one poem. Write the name of that poem.

49. Why does William Blake use the word 'every' so often in the second stanza of "London"?

50. Write name of a pastoral poem composed by Robert Burns.

**Long Question (Each question carries 12 marks)**

1. Narrate the influence of the French Revolution on Romantic Writers.
2. Describe the development of drama in Romantic period.
3. Write a critical analysis of the poem 'To a Muse' by Robert Burns.
4. What do you learn from the poem the Cotter's Saturday Night?
5. Give an account of the development of thought in the three stanzas of the poem "Holy Thursday".
6. 'London' is a poem full of images. Elucidate.
7. Describe summary of 'Tintern Abbey'
8. Analyse the poem Ode on Intimations of Immortality.
9. Write a critical appropriation of the poem 'Kubla Khan'.
10. Find out the romantic elements of the poem 'Ode on a Grecian Urn'.
11. Write a critical appreciation of the poem 'Ode on Melancholy'.
12. Analyse the poem ;Ode to the west wind'.
13. What qualities of the west wimnd are glorified in Shelley's 'Ode to the west wind'?
14. Sketch the different images of the poem to a Skylark by P.B. Shelley.
15. Describe the summary of Wordsworth's 'Preface to Lyrical Ballads'.
16. Describe the life and achievements of William Wordsworth.
17. Sketch the life and achievements of John Keats.
18. Describe the life and achievements of William Blake.
19. What are the literacy achievements of the poet Byron?
20. Analyse the two important poems of P.B. Shelley.

**English Honours**

**Core VI**

**Short questions (Each question carries 2 marks)**

1. Define Romanticism?
2. Name four major writers of the romantic movement.
3. Who were the elder romantic poets?
4. Who were the younger romantic poets?
5. In which year J.S. Mill was born?
6. Who wrote old china?
7. State how the typical Victorian values are mirrored in Tennyson's "Ulysses"?
8. What is the theme of the poem, my Last Dutchess by Robert Browning?
9. What is the Central idea of the essay A few thought on sleep?
10. Who is the writer of the essay? A few thought on the sleep.
11. What is a Satire? Do you think that, Hard times is a satire novel.
12. In which year Charles Dickens was born?
13. What is the usual level used to describe Mary Barton and why?
14. Which social and educational trend of Victorian England is satirized by Dickens in his novel Hard times?
15. What is an Industrial Novel?
16. Name the Socio-Political development which influences the 19<sup>th</sup> century British literature.
17. Why is the period covering the literature of 19<sup>th</sup> century Britain referred to as Victorian period?
18. State the theme of Lamb's Essay, "Old China".
19. What are the theme periods that are included in a study of 19<sup>th</sup> century British literature?
20. Name 4 major characters in the novel, Hard times.
21. Who are the early Victorian writers?
22. What is Economic Liberalism?
23. What is Political Liberalism?
24. Write shortly the theme of the novel Frankenstein by Mark Shelly.
25. In which year Frankenstein was born?

26. Name 4 major characters in the Novel Frankenstein by Mark Shelly.
27. Who is the writer of the Novel Pride and prejudice?
28. What is the theme of the Novel, Pride and Prejudice?
29. In the Novel, Pride and prejudice by Jane Austen which character stands for pride?
30. In the Novel, Pride and Prejudice by Jane Austen which character stands for prejudice?
31. What are other Novels of Jane Austen?
32. In which year the Novel, Pride and prejudice was published?
33. In what way does Austen portray the family and community are responsible for the members?
34. Analyse Elizabeth Bennet.
35. Analyze Jare Benet.
36. How does the death of John Barton's wise affect his political beliefs?
37. What is the relationship between Mary Barton and her Aunt Easter?
38. In which year Elizabeth Gaskell was born?
39. How does Gaskell use the theme of drug addiction in the Novel?
40. Name 4 major character of the Novel Mary Barton.
41. State Methew Arnold's concept of culture.
42. How Arnold view the criticism of life?
43. Culture : As a study of projection, explain.
44. Culture : Sweetness and Life discuss.
45. Describe briefly "Sweetness and Light by Mother Arnold.
46. Briefly discuss Hazlifts criticism on Shakespeare.
47. What is Criticism?
48. Who wrote as you like it?
49. Briefly discuss about on Shakespeare's play Measure for measure.
50. Highlight on Hazlift's criticism on Shakespeare's play, Twelfth Night.

**Long questions (Each question carries 12 marks)**

1. Briefly discuss about the Romantic period?

2. Explain the Industrial Revolution as an antithesis on Romantic poetry.
3. Describe science in Nineteenth century literature.
4. Discuss about Romanticism.
5. Who are the major writers of the Romantic movement, Briefly discuss about them.
6. Describe the conflict between the pleasures of truth and the pleasures of poetry an analysis in the essay “Old China” by Charles Lamb.
7. Discuss about Tennyson’s “Ulysess”.
8. Highlight on Leigh Hunt’s “A Few thoughts on Step”.
9. Critically appropriate Robert Browning my last Dutchess
10. Discuss about the characters of the Novel “Hard times” by Charles Dickens.
11. Describe the theme of the Novel ‘Hard times” by Charles Dickens.
12. Discuss the theme of the Novel Hard times.
13. Write a note on Jane Austen’s irony reference to “Pride and Prejudice”.
14. Critically appreciate the theme of the Novel “Pride and Prejudice”by Jane Austen.
15. Critically women’s role in Early 19<sup>th</sup> century Britain.
16. Discuss Mary Shelley’s Framken Stein as an criticism of conscienceless pursuit of science in 19<sup>th</sup> century England.
17. Culture and Anarchy are Arnold’s terms for humanity and animality Elaborate.
18. Describe Mathew Arnold’s concept of Sweetness of Light.
19. Hazlitt’s Lecturers show his high regard for the poetry of Elizabethan drama discuss.
20. Bring out the main elements of the dramatic literature of the Elizabethan period as presented by Hazlitt.

## **English Honours**

### **Core –VII**

#### **Short questions (Each question carries 2 marks)**

1. Define Gothicism?

2. 19<sup>th</sup> century literature as a Frontier itself. Explain.
3. Define Realism.
4. What is Realistic literacy frontier?
5. What is American Dream?
6. Define Manifest Destiny?
7. Define e-pluribus unum.
8. What is the myth of American literature?
9. What is a Social frontier?
10. Who are the women authors in 19<sup>th</sup> century?
11. Who is the writer of the Novel, Incidents in the life of a Slave Girl?
12. In which year the Novelist was born?
13. How many chapters are there in the Novel, Incidents the life of Slave Girl?
14. How family & community are based in the Novel, incidents in the life of a Slave Girl?
15. Who is Linda Brent?
16. What is feminism?
17. Who is a feminist?
18. What does incidents suggest about Christianity?
19. What role does marriage play in the Novel?
20. What role does the black community play in Novel?
21. In which year the Novel “The pioneer was published”?
22. Name 2 major characters in the Novel, the pioneer.
23. What is Naturalist Idea?
24. What is landscape?
25. Why did Oliver hide his identity?
26. Describe narrative techniques in Belly Budd?
27. Analyse the character captain vere.
28. Analyze the character Claggart.

29. Describe the Plot of Billy Budd.
30. Describe the form of Billy Budd.
31. What is the tone for Walt Whitman's poem when I heard the learned astronomers?
32. What is the historical context of the poem, A noiseless patient spider by Walt Whitman?
33. Who is Emily Dickinson and when was he born?
34. What is the form of the poem, Success is counted sweetest?
35. What is the meaning of the "Yellow Wood" in Robert Frost's poem, The Road not taken?
36. What does the phrase "ages and ages" mean in the poem, The Road not taken by Robert Frost?
37. What is the theme of the poem Fire and Ice by Robert Frost?
38. What is the meaning of the poem, The Road not taken by Robert Frost?
39. What is the theme of the poem Thirteen Ways of Looking at a Black Bird?
40. Write about the form and metre of the poem, Thirteen Ways of Looking at a Black Bird?
41. Write about the use of symbolism in Desire under the Alms.
42. Analyze Eugene O'Neill's style in Desire under the Alms.
43. Describe the image of women in Desire under the Alms.
44. Explain the dramatic technique in the novel, Desire under the Alms.
45. Why are Abbie and Eben so attracted to each other?
46. How does the plot relate to the chronology of the play 'Desire under the Alms'?
47. Analyze the "Use of Symbolism" in Dutchman.
48. Write about the style of Dutchman.
49. Analyze the characters of Lalande Clay.
50. How Dutchman by Amiri Baraka is a political piece of Drama?

**Long Questions (Each question carries 12 marks)**

1. Discuss about Nietzsche's concept of the will to power.
2. Discuss Einstein's theory of Relativity.
3. Write a note on 20<sup>th</sup> century poetry.
4. Write a note on 20<sup>th</sup> century drama.

5. Justify the title of the poem, love sons of J. Alfred Prufrock.
6. Critically appreciate the poem, sailing to Byzantium.
7. Explain the use of symbolism in W.B. Yeats poetry.
8. Explain “Autumn” by T.S. Eliot as a modern poem?
9. Critically analyze the poem “Dulceet Decorum Est”.
10. Discuss the moral message of the poem, suicide in the trenches.
11. Give a critical appreciation of the poem, the unknown citizen by W.H. Auden.
12. Critically appreciate the poem, An elementary school classroom in a slum by Stephen Spender.
13. Give a summary of the poem “prayer before birth” by Louis Macneice.
14. Critically analyze the Novel, Ms Dalloway by Virginia Woolf.
15. Discuss about the important character of the Novel, Mrs. Dalloway.
16. Explain the theme of the fear and death in the Novel Mrs. Dalloway.
17. Analyze the concept of the Essay “Tradition and Individual Talent” by T.S. Eliot.
18. Discuss the concept of objective co-relative as depicted by Eliot in his essay tradition and individual talent.
19. What are the major themes of “The Art of Fiction”?
20. Explain Henry James views based on the central theme of “The Art of Fiction”.

**Semester IV**  
**English Honours**

**Core –VIII**

**Short Questions (Each question carries 2 marks)**

1. What is Unconscious mind?
2. Who is Freud?
3. Who is Berson?
4. Who is Nietzsche?

5. What is the meaning of will to power?
6. Who is Darwin?
7. Who is Karl Marx?
8. Define class Consciousness?
9. What is the concept of "I" and "Me"?
10. What is Einstein's theory of Relativity?
11. Who is the poet of the poem, the Love of Song of J. Alfred Prufrock?
12. In which form the poem, the love song & J. Alfred Prufrock is written?
13. Who is the poet of the poem sailing to Byzantium?
14. What is the theme of the poem sailing to Byzantium?
15. In which year the poem 'In station of the metro' is written?
16. Is the poem "In the station of the metro" an imagist poem?
17. Define Modern poem?
18. In which year the poem Autumn is written?
19. Who was Hilda Doolittle?
20. In which year Hilda Doolittle?
21. What is war poetry?
22. What is Social poetry?
23. Who is the poet of the poem the Unkempt Citizen?
24. What is the theme of the poem 'Prayer before birth'?
25. Is the poem, prayer before birth a war poem?
26. Who is Wilfred Owen?
27. What is the meaning of the poem Dulce Decorum est?
28. In which year Stephen Spender was born?
29. What is the theme of the poem an Elementary classroom in a slum?
30. Why the child prays god not take birth in the world?
31. In which year the Novel Mrs Dalloway was published?

32. Who the writer of the Novel Mrs. Dalloway?
33. Name three important characters of the Novel, Mrs. Dalloway?
34. What is Gender attraction?
35. Who is Clarissa?
36. What is the plot of the Novel?
37. What is the leaning of the fear of death in the Novel Mrs. Dalloway?
38. What is Feminism?
39. Do you think that Mrs. Dalloway is the main character in the Novel?
40. Define Modernism?
41. What is the concept of Tradition and Individual talent?
42. What is meaning of the essay, traditional and individual talent?
43. What is Tradition?
44. What do mean by Individual Talent?
45. What is theme of “The Art of Fiction”?
46. What do you mean by “The Art of Fiction”?
47. Who was Henry James?
48. In which year T.S. Eliot was born?
49. Do you think that T.S. Eliot was a greatest critic?
50. In which year Henery James was born?

**Long questions (Each question carries 12 marks)**

1. Describe the evolution of Americal literature.
2. 19<sup>th</sup> century literature as a frontier itself. Explain it.
3. Analyze the American Dream.
4. American literature and culture : The roofs of manifest destiny : Explain.
5. Describe Epluribus unum.
6. Write about the incidents in the life of a slave girl.
7. Describe the theme of the incidents in the life of Slave girl.

8. Analyze the character of Lindra Brent.
9. Critically analyze the Feminist perspective in incidents in the life of Slave Girl.
10. What are the Narrative conventions in incidents in the life of a Slave Girl. Discuss it.
11. Describe the summary of the Novel, The Pioneers.
12. Analyze the Novel, The Pioneers.
13. Describe the summary of Billy Bud.
14. Describe the style in Billy Bud.
15. Critically appropriate the poem, the road not taken by Robert Frost.
16. Analyze the theme of the poem, When I heard the learned Astronomen.
17. Critically appropriate the poem, "A noiseless patient spider".
18. Describe Emily Diekinson's poem, success is counted sweetest.
19. Describe the use of symbolism in desire under the aims by Eugene Neill.
20. Analyze O' Neill's style in desire under the aims.

## **English Honours**

### **Core –IX**

#### **Short Questions (Each carries 2 marks)**

1. What is Catharsis?
2. What are the features of a tragic hero according to Aristotle?
3. What are the features of a comic hero according to Aristotle?
4. What is tragic flaw?
5. What is Catastrophe?
6. What is Anagnorissis?
7. What is tragedy according to Aristotle?
8. What is comedy according to Aristotle?
9. What is plot?
10. What are the three unities in classical tragedy?
11. Why did Plat banish poets from his ideal republic?
12. Who are "Vates" in ancient Greek?
13. How did Jocasta die in *Oedipus the King*?
14. What was the reason for the conflict between Oedipus and Creon?
15. How did Oedipus become a foil to Tiresas?
16. How was Oedipus saved from the death in his childhood?

17. What made Oedipus bound to leave his foster parent's land?
18. What was the prophecy before Oedipus birth?
19. Who had written the ancient Greek play *The Frog*?
20. Who had been ditched by Dionysus at the end of the play *The Frogs*?
21. Why did Hercules mock Dionysus?
22. Who had been brought by Dionysus from the hell?
23. Write two important characters from the play *The Frogs* except Dionysus. Why are they important?
24. Why did Dionysus want to bring a poet from hell?
25. Which types of citizens were being hated by Euripides?
26. Who is Dionysus?
27. Why did Dionysus seek help from Zeus to go to hell alive?
28. What was the role of Chorus in the Greek plays?
29. Who had written *The History of the Decline and Fall of Roman Empire*?
30. Write three important reasons for the decline of the Roman Empire.
31. What was the reason for the punishment of the Prometheus?
32. What was the punishment given to Prometheus?
33. Who did punish Prometheus and why?
34. Why was the punishment of Prometheus regarded eternal?
35. Why Prometheus was called well wisher of humans?
36. How did Oedipus save Thebes?
37. Do you think Creon was a confidant to Oedipus? Give two reasons.
38. Why did Oedipus accuse Creon?
39. How many Children Jocasta had from Oedipus?
40. Why did Jocasta hang herself?
41. What did happen to Sophocles in the play *The Frogs*?
42. What was Aeschylus' greatest work? What important thing had he taught in that play?
43. "Oh! Hermes of the nether world, whose watchful power executes the paternal bidding, but my deliver, assist me, I Pray thee. I Come, I return to this land", these are the opening lines of which play? Who did recite these lines in the play?
44. Who does gett interrupted by frogs as he tries to row to the underworld?
45. What is classical antiquity?
46. Write two greatest epic of Homer?
47. Who was the king of Ithaca during Trojan War?
48. Who are the son and wife of Odysseus?
49. Whose anger was Odysseus bearing during his return from Trojan War?
50. What was Zeus' plan to save Odysseus?
51. What did Athena tell to Telemachus?
52. What is the tragic flaw of Oedipus the king?
53. How did Oedipus become the king of Thebes?
54. What is the message behind Oedipus the King?

**Long Questions (Each questions carries 12 marks)**

1. Discuss *Oedipus the King* as classical tragedy.
2. Analytically discuss Oedipus as a mere victim of God's whim.
3. Critically analyse the importance of the play *The Frogs* in ancient Greece.
4. Critically discuss the...
5. Do you think *The Frog* is social satire? Explain it briefly?
6. Do you think *The Frogs* is a literary satire? Analytically explain your answer.
7. What are the canonical messages and themes of the play *The Frogs*?
8. What is the structure of the play's plot? (*The Frogs*)
9. What are some of the problems that Athens faces at the time of the play, according to Aristophanes?
10. Examine the messenger's speech narrating the death of Jocasta and the blinding of Oedipus in *Oedipus the King*. Explain the importance of this scene in the play.
11. How are friendship and pity related to Zeus' tyranny within the play *Prometheus Bound*?
12. Compare and contrast different sorts of responses to Zeus' tyrannical authority within play?
13. Discuss the importance of the first book of the epic *Odyssey*?
14. What is tragedy according to Aristotle? Write its definition and explain various important aspects of a classical tragedy.
15. Comment on Plato's view from your prescribed text.
16. Write your views on Longinus' seven types of ambiguity.
17. Write a critical appreciation of the play *The Frogs* by Aristophanes.
18. Write a critical appreciation of *Oedipus the King* by Sophocles.
19. Discuss the themes explored by Sophocles in *Oedipus the King*.
20. Explain the symbols used by Sophocles in *Oedipus the King*.