

Undergraduate Programme with English Major Examination, 2023

Semester – I (NEP)

English

[SECEN01] - Academic and Professional Writing and Composition 1

Time: Three Hours

Full Marks: 60

Questions are of equal value

Answer any four questions:

1. Write a letter to the Officer-in-Charge of your local police station to register a General Diary regarding the loss of your mobile phone.
2. Write a letter of complaint to the Marketing Manager of an online store about the delivery of a wrong set of books.
3. As the student representative of your department, draft the minutes of a meeting held about organizing a cultural event in your department.
4. Write an imaginary dialogue between you and your friend about the uniqueness of your university.
5. As the Registrar of Visva-Bharati, write an official memo stating that the newly admitted students in the MA programme should submit their migration certificates to the Examination Department within seven days.
6. Check the proof of the following lines and write the correct version of the text.

Little lamb who made the
dost thou know Who mOde thee
Gve thee lifo& bid thee feed.
By the stream & o'er the meed;
Gave the clothing of Delight,
Softes clothing woly briOht;
Gave thee such a tender Voice,
MOking all the vales rejoice!
little Lamb who made thee
Dost Thou know who made thee

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Semester I

[MJEN01] – Reading Literature: Poetry

Time: Three Hours

Full Marks: 80

All questions are of equal value

Answer Question No. 1 and *any three* from the rest

1. a) Attempt a categorisation of the poems you have read in your syllabus in terms of form and theme. Discuss your categories.

Or

1. b) The poet is both present and absent in a poem. Discuss with reference to the poems in your syllabus.
2. Compare John Donne's 'The Good Morrow' and Shakespeare's 'Sonnet 116' as love poems.
3. Comment on the major images in William Blake's 'The Lamb' and 'The Tyger'.
4. How does the poet respond to death in William Wordsworth's 'Three Years She Grew'? Illustrate with references from the text.
5. Comment on the representation of war in Wilfred Owen's 'Anthem for Doomed Youth'.
6. How would you look at Henry Louis Vivian Derozio *or* A. K. Ramanujan as an Indian poet writing in English?

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Semester I

[MJEN02] – Reading Literature: Prose

Full Marks: 80

Time: Three Hours

All questions are of equal value
Answer any four questions

1. Would you consider *Haroun and the Sea of Stories* as a work of fiction for children only? Justify your answer with reference to the text.
2. Mansfield's "The Fly" is a masterfully crafted short story. Do you agree? Discuss.
3. Discuss the three primary purposes of studies as outlined in Francis Bacon's essay "Of Studies."
4. Lamb blends humour and pathos in his essay "Dream Children: A Reverie." Do you agree? Discuss.
5. Discuss different kinds of writings published in journals.
6. a) The blog is a personal space for expressing opinions as well as for displaying expertise. Do you agree? Comment critically.

Or

6. b) The blog may also be called a digital-diary. Discuss briefly with suitable examples.

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Semester I
[MJEN01] - Reading Literature: Poetry

Time: Three Hours

Full Marks: 80

All questions are of equal value

Answer Question no. 1 and *any three* from the rest

1. a) Can you apply a single definition of poetry to all the poems in your syllabus? Justify your answer.

Or,

- b) What is unique to the language of poetry? Answer with illustrations from the texts in your syllabus.

2. Critically discuss Shakespeare's treatment of the themes of love, time and mutability in Sonnet 18.

3. a) Analyse how the structure of the sonnet is used by Milton to articulate the progress of emotions.

Or,

- b) Write a note on the theme of *carpe diem* in Marvell's 'To His Coy Mistress.'

4. a) The dramatic monologue formed an important part of Victorian poetry. Discuss with reference to the poems that you have read.

Or,

- b) Critically assess Emily Dickinson's 'My Life had stood - a Loaded Gun' as a lyric.

5. a) Critically comment on the relation between the addresser and the addressee in Rabindranath Tagore's 'Thou hast made me endless'.

Or,

- b) Consider Kamla Das's "An Introduction" as a confessional poem.

6. a) Analyse 'Masters of War' as a protest song.

Or,

- b) Pink Floyd's *The Wall* is a resistance to conformity. Do you agree? Justify your answer.

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Semester I
[MJEN02] - Reading Literature: Prose

Time: Three Hours

Full Marks: 80

All questions are of equal value

Answer *any four* questions

1. Critically examine the relationship between *Haroun and the Sea of Stories* and Rushdie's life and contemporary culture.
2. Write an essay with suitable textual references about the narrative style of Katherine Mansfield in "The Fly."
3. Discuss the balance Bacon proposes between reading, writing, and conversation in his essay "Of Studies."
4. In what ways does "Dream Children: A Reverie" blend autobiography and fiction? Discuss.
5. Discuss the structure and contents of a journal article.
6. Discuss how blogs/vlogs may help create a fictitious persona of the blogger/vlogger with reference to blogs/vlogs you have visited.

Four Year Undergraduate Programme with English Major Examination 2024
Semester I (NEP)

[SECEN01] – Essential Academic and Business Writing and Communication I

Time: Three Hours

Full Marks: 60

All questions are of equal value

Answer *any four* questions

1. As a student representative of the Department draft the minutes of a meeting for organizing the annual sports of the Department.
2. Write a General Diary (GD) to your local police station complaining about your missing mobile phone.
3. Write an application to the General Manager of a bank in Santiniketan asking him/her to issue an ATM card to you.
4. Write a dialogue between a student and teacher regarding NEP 2020.
5. Write a letter of authorization to your father for the collection of your UG certificate on your behalf from the Principal of Bhasha Bhavana, Visva- Bharati.
6. Make a precis of the following passage and give a suitable title:

Trees give shade for the benefit of others, and while they themselves stand in the sun and endure the scorching heat, they produce the fruit of which others profit. The character of good men is like that of trees. What is the use of this perishable body if no use is made of it for the benefit of mankind? Sandalwood, the more it is rubbed, the more scent does it yield. Sugarcane, the more it is peeled and cut up into pieces, the more juice does it produce. The men who are noble at heart do not lose their qualities even in losing their lives. What matters whether men praise them or not? What difference does it make whether they die at this moment or whether lives are prolonged? Happen what may, those who tread in the right path will not set foot in any other. Life itself is unprofitable to a man who does not live for others. To live for the mere sake of living one's life is to live the life of dogs and crows. Those who lay down their lives for the sake of others will assuredly dwell forever in a world of bliss.

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Undergraduate Examination, 2023

Semester-I

CVAC: Tagore Studies (NEP)

(For Regular candidates)

Time: 3 Hours

Full Marks: 60

Marks on the right-hand margin are indicative of the values of the questions.

1. Answer the following questions in complete sentences (*any 15*) 15×1=15
 - a. What is the name of Tagore's mother?
 - b. With whom did Tagore make his first trip to the Himalayas?
 - c. Who, among Tagore's relatives, became the first Indian I.C.S.?
 - d. Name the first school in which Tagore was admitted.
 - e. One of Tagore's elder sisters was a famous novelist of her time. Name her.
 - f. In which year was Tagore's opera named *Valmiki Pratibha* published?
 - g. What was the name of Tagore's wife before her marriage?
 - h. What is the name of Tagore's first child?
 - i. In which year was the Santiniketan *Brahmacharyashram* founded?
 - j. In which year did Tagore receive the Nobel Prize?
 - k. Who wrote the 'Introduction' to *Gitanjali: Song Offerings*?
 - l. In response to which incidence did Tagore renounce the Knighthood?
 - m. Where was the rural reconstruction centre established in 1922?
 - n. In which foreign city was the first-ever exhibition of Tagore's paintings held?
 - o. In which year was the Cheena Bhavana established?
 - p. Whom did Tagore name 'Vijaya'?
 - q. What is the title of Tagore's last birthday address?
 - r. Write the date of Tagore's demise according to the Gregorian calendar.
2. Write short notes on *any three (3)* of the following topics with not more than 75 words for each. 3×5=15
 - a) Tagore's childhood,
 - b) Tagore's first voyage to Europe,
 - c) The significance of the Shelaidaha phase of Tagore's life,
 - d) Kala Bhavana and Sangit Bhavana,
 - e) Santiniketan *Brahmacharyashram*,
 - f) The importance of Buddhadeva in Tagore's philosophy.
3. Answer *any two* of the following questions. 2×15=30
 - a. Discuss how the experience of watching the sunrise from the Sudder Street house impacted Tagore's mind.
 - b. Write briefly about Tagore's project of the rural reconstruction centre in Sriniketan.
 - c. Write the main subject matter of 'Asrama Education' in your own words, a text included in your syllabus.
 - d. Following the essay, "The Message of India's History," write a comparative analysis of Indian and European civilisations.
 - e. Write about Tagore's feelings for the earth as expressed in the text "The Earth."

Undergraduate Programme with English Examination 2024
Semester I (NEP)
English
Multidisciplinary Course (MDE01)
Performance and Literature

Time: 3 hours

Full Mark: 50

Questions are of equal value

*Answer **any four** questions*

1. Explore the relationship between literature and theatre and how it has evolved over time.
2. How has modern Indian theatre evolved from traditional theatre forms to contemporary experimental plays? Discuss.
3. Discuss how modern Indian dramatists reinterpret myths and folktales to address contemporary issues.
4. Discuss how irony functions in *Charandas Chor* to highlight the contradictions in society.
5. Discuss how *Nagamandala* critiques the treatment of women in a patriarchal society through Rani's journey.
6. How does stagecraft contribute to the overall impact of a theatrical production? Discuss with references to the plays you have watched.

Undergraduate Programme with English Minor Examination 2024
Semester I
[MNEG 01] - Reading Literature: Poetry

Time: Three Hours

Full Marks: 80

All questions are of equal value

Answer *any four* questions

1. What are the themes and ideas explored in Nissim Ezekiel's "Night of the Scorpion"? Discuss.
2. Consider "My Grandmother's House" as a poem expressing the author's sense of deprivation and despair.
3. Assess John Keats's "La Belle Dame Sans Merci" as a ballad.
4. Critically analyse the theme of transience in the sonnet by Shakespeare that you have read.
5. What is "dramatic monologue"? Explain the term with reference to any poem by Tennyson.
6. Write a note on the theme of the poem "The Solitary Reaper."

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Undergraduate Examination, 2024
Semester-I
Tagore Studies (CBCS)
(For Regular and Back Candidates)

Time: 3 Hours

Full Marks: 40

Questions are of value as indicated in the right-hand margin.

- 1) Answer the following questions (*any fifteen*): 15×1=15
- Where, in Kolkata, is Tagore's ancestral house located?
 - How was Dwarkanath Tagore related to Rabindranath?
 - Write the name of Rabindranath's eldest brother.
 - Which place did Rabindranath travel to with his father after his sacred thread ceremony?
 - What is the name of Tagore's first published book of poems?
 - In which year was *Manasi*, Rabindranath's book of poems, published?
 - Who wrote the "Foreword" for the English translation of *Gitanjali*?
 - In which year was Rabindranath awarded the Nobel prize?
 - Write the name of Rabindranath's daughter-in-law.
 - What is the date of the celebration of *Gandhi-punyaha* in Visva-Bharati?
 - When was the foundation stone laid for Visva-Bharati?
 - Whom did Rabindranath call 'Vijaya'?
 - Name the festival celebrated to honour agriculture in Sriniketan.
 - In which year was the Rural Reconstruction Centre at Surul Kuthibari established?
 - Write the name of the foreigner who was the chief assistant of Rabindranath in the Sriniketan project.
 - What is the name of the Bengali commemorative volume published on the auspicious occasion of Tagore's seventieth birthday?
 - In which year was Cheena Bhavana established?
 - Who was the first international student of Santiniketan?
 - Write the name of the foreigner whose contribution to eradicating malaria in the Surul region is so noteworthy.
 - Write the date of Rabindranath's demise according to the Gregorian calendar.
- 2) Write short-notes (*any three*): 3×5=15
- Debendranath Tagore
 - Santiniketan *brahmacharyashram*
 - Rabindranath's first foreign trip
 - Rabindranath's Nobel Prize award
 - The Shelaidaha phase of Rabindranath's life
 - Rabindranath's plays
- 3) Answer *any one* of the following questions: 1×10=10
- Describe the Tagore household during Rabindranath's childhood.
 - Write an essay on Rabindranath's foreign trips.
 - Introduce the international teachers of Visva-Bharati during Rabindranath's time.
 - Narrate the objectives and activities of the rural reconstruction center of Sriniketan.