



**INDIRA GANDHI NATIONAL TRIBAL UNIVERSITY
AMARKANTAK (M.P.)**

End Semester Examination- 2018

B.A. - I Semester

English Literature (GE)

Paper- English Communication

Time:- Three Hours

Maximum Marks: 60

Note: Attempt one question from each unit. Each question carries equal marks.

12 X 5= 60

1. Read the following passage and answer the questions that follow:

She had always been short and fat and slightly bent. Her face was a criss-cross of wrinkles running from everywhere to everywhere. She could never have been pretty; but she was always beautiful. She hobbled about the house in spotless white with one hand resting on her waist to balance her stoop and the other telling the beads rosary. Her silver locks were scattered untidily over her pale, puckered face, and her lips constantly moved in an inaudible prayer. Yes, she was beautiful. She was like the winter landscape in the mountains, an expanse of pure white serenity breathing peace and contentment. My grandmother and I were good friends. My parents left me with her when they went to live in the city and we were constantly together. She used to wake me up in the morning and get me ready for school. She said her morning prayer in a monotonous sing song, while she bathed and dressed me in the hope that I would listen and get to know by it heart. I listened because I loved her voice but never bothered to learn it. Then she would fetch my wooden slate which she had already washed and plastered with yellow chalk, a tiny earthen ink-pot and a red pen, tie them all in a bundle and hand it to me. After a breakfast of a thick, stale chappati with a little butter and sugar spread on it, we

went to school. She carried several stale chapattis with her for the village dogs. My grandmother always went to school with me because the school was attached to the temple. The priest taught us the alphabet and the morning prayer. While the children sat in rows on either side of the verandah singing the alphabet or the prayer in a chorus, my grandmother sat inside reading the scriptures. This time the village dogs would meet us at the temple door. They followed us to the home growling and fighting with each other for the chapattis we threw to them.

“Portrait of a lady” by Khushwant Singh

Questions:

- i. How does the author’s grandmother look like? Describe grandmother’s physical appearance. 2
- ii. What does the author mean when he says that grandmother could never have been pretty; but she was always beautiful? 2
- iii. Why did the author listen to grandmother’s morning prayer? 2
- iv. Mention four things that grandmother would do for the author every day before taking him to school? 2
- v. Give two examples to show that grandmother was very religious. 2
- vi. Write the meanings of the following words-
Landscape, monotonous 2

Or

What is the definition of reading skills? What are the different types of reading skills? Write in detail.

2. Prepare a debate on the topic “Online study is more effective than Traditional” You can take stand either ‘for’ or ‘against’ the motion. Write the debate speech not more than 300 words. 12

Or

Write an essay on any one of the topics in 300 words:

(a) Comment on the need to develop communication skills in the fast changing and competitive world we live in.

Or

(b) Advantages and disadvantages of using mobile phone.

3. Draft the conversation on how to introduce oneself and other people. 12

Or

Draft the conversation between two people on giving and asking directions for university library.

4. (i) Write synonyms of any six from the following: 6

answer, beautiful, begin, happy, wrong, big, delay, ancient

(ii) Write Antonyms of any six from the following: 6

advantage, absence, punish, early, friend, agree, include, vacant

Or

(i) Write Antonyms of any six from the following: 6

accurate, ancient, bent, bless, despair, Export, Feeble, transparent

(ii) Write one word substitute for the following-

- a. One who is present everywhere.
- b. One who works for free.
- c. One who looks on the bright side of things.
- d. One who knows many languages.
- e. One who is indifferent to pleasure or pain.
- f. A woman whose husband is dead.

5. (i) Fill in the blanks with the appropriate article- a, or an, 6

- (1) He isauthor.
- (2) My grandfather isold man.
- (3) He isB.A.
- (4) He isM.A.
- (5) The boy gave meone rupee note.
- (6)hour is made of sixty minutes.

(i) Rewrite the sentences by using correct form of the verbs given in brackets: 6

- a) Hima Das (win) Gold medal in World Jr Athletics Champions.
- b) Last Sunday, I (go) for a movie.
- c) Do you (go) to library often?
- d) They (go) to Pune tomorrow.
- e) My friend (leave) for home just now.
- f) She (live) at Amarkanatak since 2010.

Or

(i) Fill in the blanks with appropriate prepositions given in brackets: 6

- (a) He works.....the poor. (between/among)
- (b) Surekha livesMumbai. (in/at)
- (c) The old man was sittingher mother. (beside/besides)
- (d) My parents will come..... Sunday.(on/in)
- (e) Why are you goingDelhi? (to/in)
- (f) The new session will startJuly (in/on)

(ii) Choose the correct modal verbs from the options given along with each sentence 6

- (a)I come in? (may/might)
- (b) We.....listen to friendly advice. (would/should)
- (c)I borrow your laptop? I will return it in the evening.
(can/might)
- (d) The sky is cloudy today. It.....rain. (may/must)
- (e) Isolve this puzzle easily. (should/can)
- (f)you like to have a cup of coffee with me? (would/might)
