

Examination: M.A. English and Comparative literature

Section 1 - Section 1

Question No.1

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“Stately, plump Buck Mulligan came from the stairhead, bearing a bowl of lather on which a mirror and a razor lay crossed.” This is the opening line of

- Northanger Abbey
- To the Lighthouse
- Ulysses
- Sense and Sensibility b) To the Lighthouse c) Ulysses d) Northanger Abbey

Question No.2

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In which novel of RK Narayan would you come across Rosie?

- The Guide
- The Vendor of Sweets
- Swami and Friends
- The Financial Expert

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To what category does “My Last Duchess” belong?

- Sonnet
- Dramatic Monologue
- Ode
- Pastoral Elegy

Question No.4

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Choose the best antonym of the italicized word.

The task assigned to him was *arduous*.

- plain
- absorbing
- good
- easy

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If Milk is water, water is sugar, sugar is road, road is sky and sky is track where do aeroplanes fly?

- Sugar
- Sky
- Milk
- Road

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Allomorphs are the _____ variants of a morpheme.

- phonetic
- syntactic
- pragmatic
- semantic

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Who suggested 'Imitation' also as a method in Translation?

- Pope
- Johnson
- Tytler
- Dryden

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The method of replacing one word class with another without changing the meaning of the message is called _____.

- Loan words
- Calque
- Transposition
- Modulation

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Upon translation of Omar Khayyam's Rubaiyat, _____ made this observation, "Better a live sparrow than a stuffed eagle"

- Fitzgerald
- Rossetti
- Arnold
- Longfellow

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The term 'stream of consciousness' was coined by

- Dorothy Richardson
- William Faulkner
- Henry James
- William James

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How many syllables does the word "unilaterally" have?

- 04
- 07
- 05
- 06

Question No.12

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Which of the following is NOT true about the Metaphysical poets and poems?

- Spirituality and sensuality go together in their works.
- Dissociation between thought and feeling has set in because of these poets.
- 'Heterogeneous ideas are yoked by violence together' in these poems.
- Conceits and wit abound in them.

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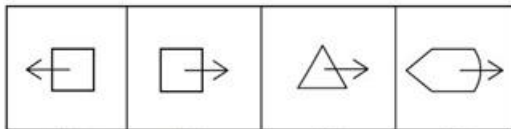
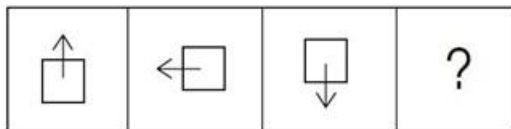
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Anand is heavier than Gopal. Mohan is lighter than Jagan. Pandian is heavier than Jagan but lighter than Gopal. Who is the heaviest of all ?

- Anand
- Jagan
- Pandian
- Gopal

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(A) (B) (C) (D)

- A
- B
- C
- D

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Choose the best synonym of the italicized word.
Reena has an *insatiable* love for music.

- unchanging
- irreconcilable
- unquenchable
- undesirable

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Identify the WRONG pair

- Wimsatt – “Intentional Fallacy”
- Ilen Tate – “Tension in poetry”
- Cleanth Brooks – “The Language of Paradox”
- I. A. Richards – “Seven Types of Ambiguity”

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Who does not belong to the group of University Wits?

- Thomas Kyd
- Robert Greene
- William Shakespeare
- John Lyly

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Who among the following is NOT a member of The Movement poets?

- Carol Ann Duffy
- Thom Gunn
- Kingsley Amis
- Philip Larkin

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John Gower's Speculum Meditantis was written in

- English
- Greek
- Latin
- French

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The First Folio of Shakespeare's works was published in

- 1626
- 1624
- 1625
- 1623

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'The Skopos theory' was introduced by _____ .

- Goethe
- Borges
- Steiner
- Vermeer

Question No.22

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X is twice as good a workman as Y and together they finish a piece of work in 18 days. In how many days will X alone finish the work?

- 25
- 28
- 26
- 27

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Based on the information given, answer the below question.

1. A,B,C,D,E and F are travelling in a bus.
2. There are two reporters, two mechanics, one photographer and one writer in the group.
3. Photographer A is married to D who is a reporter.
4. The writer is married to B who is of the same profession as that of F.
5. A,B,C,D are two married couples and no one in this belong to the same profession.
6. F is the brother of C.

Which of the following is the pair of reporters?

- DE
- DF
- Cannot be determined
- AE

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The writer who wrote under the pen name, George Eliot, was _____ .

- Mary Ann Evans
- Mary Shelley
- Mary Eliot
- Mary Agnes

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Which of the following texts of Kalidasa in translation was received with an undisputed applause by the Germans?

- Shakuntala
- Raghuvamsha
- Malavika and Agnimitra
- Urvashi

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The first detective novel in English is

- Cranford
- The Woman in White
- The Moonstone
- Bleak House

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In which year was monarchy restored in England?

- 1661
- 1660
- 1662
- 1659

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Identify the adverb in the following sentence:

We looked upwards and saw a bright shooting star

- upwards
- looked
- bright
- shooting

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These poultry belong to Mr. Kishen, our new neighbor

The underlined word is a _____ noun.

- common
- collective
- abstract
- proper

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The author of Treasure Island is _____ .

- H.G.Wells
- William Golding
- Jonathan Swift
- R.L.Stevenson

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Cliché means

- using the pleasant words for the unpleasant ones
- blending of two or more words
- overused expressions
- study of language change

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In which year was Tagore awarded the Nobel Prize?

- 1911
- 1913
- 1912
- 1914

Question No.33

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In which novel of Thomas Hardy would you come across Michael Henchard?

- Under the Greenwood Tree
- Far From the Madding Crowd
- The Return of the Native
- The Mayor of Casterbridge

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Name the author of The Inheritance of the Loss.

- JumpaLahiri
- Kiran Desai
- Anita Desai
- Anita Nair

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The line "I fall upon the thorns of life! I bleed!" appears in

- Ozymandias
- Adonais
- To a Skylark
- Ode to the West Wind

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Match the writer with the movement:

I. Nathaniel Hawthorne A. Black Mountain School

II. T.S. Eliot B. Beat Poetry

III. Robert Creeley C. Modernism

IV. Allen Ginsberg D. Transcendentalism

- I-D; II-C; III-A; IV-B
- I-A; II-B; III-C; IV-D
- I-B; II-A; III-D; IV-C
- I-C; II-D; III-A; IV-B

Question No.37

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How many consonants does English have?

- 24
- 23
- 22
- 21

Question No.38

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When was The King James Version of the Holy Bible published?

- 1612
- 1611
- 1609
- 1610

Question No.39

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G. M. Hopkins's 'curtal sonnet' has

- 10 lines
- 11 lines
- 11 ½ lines
- 10 ½ lines

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How many lines does a sonnet have?

- 13
- 14
- 15
- 12

Question No.41

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Who among the following is associated with 'language games'?

- John Searle
- Ludwig Wittgenstein
- Paul Grice
- Gottlob Frege

Question No.42

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Who wrote the essay "Tradition and Individual Talent"?

- F.R. Leavis
- I.A. Richards
- Pound
- T.S. Eliot

Question No.43

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Who is known as a 'Wessex writer'?

- Henry James
- Thomas Hardy
- Charles Dickens
- William Wordsworth

Question No.44

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The magazine associated with the Pre-Raphaelites is

- The Liberal
- The Germ
- The Blast
- The Examiner

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Who wrote "Naipaul's India and Mine"?

- Sarojini Naidu
- A .K .Ramanujan
- Vikram Seth
- Nissim Ezekiel

Question No.46

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Whose work both imitates and parodies the Spanish writer Cervantes's Don Quixote?

- Ann Radcliffe
- Anne Finch
- Frances Bruneau
- Charlotte Lennox

Question No.47

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What is Tolstoy's nationality?

- Italian
- French
- German
- Russian

Question No.48

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The author of Unto This Last is _____.

- Carlyle
- Lytton
- Ruskin
- Macaulay

Question No.49

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In which novel of Jane Austen would you come across Fanny Price?

- Mansfield Park
- Pride and Prejudice
- Persuasion
- Northanger Abbey

Question No.50

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The play that portrays the travails of Willy Loman is _____.

- Arthur Miller's Death of a Salesman
- Sam Shepard's Buried Child
- Eugene O'Neill's Emperor Jones
- August Wilson's Fences

Question No.51

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Heathcliff is a character in _____.

- Agnes Grey
- Jane Eyre
- Wuthering Heights
- The Woodlanders

Question No.52

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Who is regarded as the father of Modern Linguistics?

- Saussure
- Bloomfield
- Chomsky
- Jones

Question No.53

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Name the first English Settlers on the East Coast of USA?

- Methodists
- Puritans
- Jesuits
- Catholics

Question No.54

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The mother gripped her child's arm _____ he be trampled.

- if not
- unless
- lest
- if

Question No.55

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As a country, the United States is _____ that there are five time zones.

- much big
- very big
- so big
- too big

Question No.56

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Identify the author of The Old Man and the Sea.

- Melville
- Hawthorne
- Cooper
- Hemingway

Question No.57

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Who was the first to expound the 'alienation effect' in theatre?

- Henrik Ibsen
- Emile Zola
- Arthur Miller
- Bertolt Brecht

Question No.58

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Due to _____, the subways were closed all morning.

- flood
- are flooded
- its flooding
- floods

Question No.59

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How many sonnets did Shakespeare write?

- 155
- 152
- 153
- 154

Question No.60

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In the following question, the first two words (given in italics) have a definite relationship. Choose one word out of the given four alternatives which will fill the blank space and show the same relationship with the third word as between the first two.

Truthfulness is to *Liar* as *Loyalty* is to?.....

- Falsehood
- Devotion
- Traitor
- Worker

Question No.61

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In which play of Shakespeare would you come across Ariel?

- As You Like It
- The Tempest
- The Merchant of Venice
- Twelfth Night

Question No.62

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Name the Roman theoretician who wrote *Institutio Oratoria* that emphasizes the need for translation to be made part of a young man's education to improve his oratorical skills.

- Longinus
- Horace
- Quintilian
- Cicero

Question No.63

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Choose the missing term: SHG, RIF, QJE, PKD, ?

- OLD
- MLB
- OLC
- NMD

Question No.64

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The Last Days of Pompeii is a historical novel written by _____ .

- Anthony Trollope
- Benjamin Disraeli
- Walter Scott
- Edward Bulwer Lytton

Question No.65

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H.G. Wells is known for his contribution to the field of _____ .

- Picaresque novels
- Historical fiction
- Science fiction
- Comic plays

Question No.66

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Study the following information carefully and answer the question below it

The Director of an MBA college has decided that six guest lectures on the topics of Motivation, Decision Making, Quality Circle, Assessment Centre, Leadership and Group Discussion are to be organised on each day from Monday to Sunday.

- (i) One day there will be no lecture (Saturday is not that day), just before that day Group Discussion will be organised.
- (ii) Motivation should be organised immediately after Assessment Centre.
- (iii) Quality Circle should be organised on Wednesday and should not be followed by Group Discussion
- (iv) Decision Making should be organised on Friday and there should be a gap of two days between Leadership and Group Discussion

Which of the pairs of lectures were organised on first and last day?

- Quality Circle and Motivation
- Group Discussion and Quality Circle
- Group Discussion and Decision Making
- None of these

Question No.67

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Who is the architect of the "Theatre of Cruelty"?

- Stanislavski
- Grotowski
- Eugene O'Neill
- Antonin Artaud

Question No.68

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Which novel of Thomas Hardy ends with this line: "happiness is but the occasional episode in a general drama of pain"?

- The Mayor of Casterbridge
- Tess of the D'Urbervilles
- The Return of the Native
- Jude the Obscure

Question No.69

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What “presents an intellectual and emotional complex in an instant of time”?

- Simile
- Sign
- Symbol
- Image

Question No.70

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The author of Jane Eyre is _____ .

- Emily Bronte
- George Eliot
- Charlotte Bronte
- Jane Austen

Question No.71

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Bookmark

Name the author of “The Scholar Gypsy”.

- Hopkins
- Browning
- Arnold
- Tennyson

Question No.72

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Assertion: Crude oil is abundantly found in nature

Reason: It is the main raw material for all automobiles

- A is true but R is false
- Both A and R are true and R is the correct explanation of A
- A is false but R is true
- Both A and R are true and R is not the correct explanation of A

Question No.73

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Who declared that “Poetry is the spontaneous overflow of powerful feelings. . .”?

- Shelley
- Keats
- Byron
- Wordsworth

Question No.74

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Ernest Hemingway belonged to

- Lost Generation
- The Fugitives
- Beat Generation
- Prague School

Question No.75

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Which poem of Sylvia Plath has an elegiac tone?

- 'Daddy'
- 'The Applicant'
- 'Mirror'
- 'Child'

Question No.76

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How many lines does a 'villanelle' have?

- 18
- 19
- 16
- 17

Question No.77

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Bookmark

What kind of a play is Everyman?

- Passion Play
- Mystery Play
- Morality Play
- Miracle Play

Question No.78

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Name the author of A Portrait of the Artist as a Young Man.

- Joyce
- Kipling
- Hardy
- DH Lawrence

Question No.79

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Who among the following comparative theoreticians believed that, by means of worldwide contacts, a harmonization was to ensue within the individual literatures?

- Baldensperger
- Guyard
- Carre
- Goethe

Question No.80

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Who does not belong to the 'Confessional group' of poets?

- Sylvia Plath
- Anne Sexton
- Emily Dickinson
- Robert Lowell

Question No.81

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Which of the following idioms means 'a state of confusion'?

- To bite the bullet
- Achilles' heel
- On cloud nine
- Sixes and sevens

Question No.82

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Bookmark

Correct the error in the italicized part of the sentence by choosing the most appropriate option.
Whenever the two sisters *go out for shopping*, they take their pet dog with them.

- go out shopping
- go out of shopping
- go out on shopping
- go out to shopping

Question No.83

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Bookmark

Which is the autobiographical novel of Charles Dickens?

- Great Expectations
- Hard Times
- David Copperfield
- The Pickwick Papers

Question No.84

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Bookmark

Who is considered the father of American poetry?

- Frost
- Whitman
- Emerson
- Dickinson

Question No.85

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Bookmark

The titular character of Aravind Adiga's *The White Tiger* is

- Biju
- MoraesZogoiby
- L. Murugan
- Balram Halwai

Question No.86

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Bookmark

Name the author of *The Waste Land*.

- Arnold
- WB Yeats
- Browning
- T.S. Eliot

Question No.87

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Who said "the personal is political"?

- Toril Moi
- Carol Hanisch
- Julia Kristeva
- Helene Cixous

Question No.88

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Bookmark

Who is the author of The Bluest Eye?

- Paule Marshall
- Toni Morrison
- Maya Angelou
- Alice Walker

Question No.89

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Dr Jekyll and Mr Hyde are characters created by _____.

- Stevenson
- Richardson
- Fielding
- Swift

Question No.90

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In which play of Karnad would you come across Padmini?

- Tughlaq
- Naga Mandala
- Hayavadana
- Dreams of Tippu Sultan

Question No.91

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In GirishKarnad's Tughlaq, the capital of the Mughal empire was shifted from Delhi to

- Ahmedabad
- Lucknow
- Daulatabad
- Gwalior

Question No.92

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Who is "Catharsis" associated with?

- Sidney
- Longinus
- Aristotle
- Plato

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Bristle : Brush

- Key: Piano
- Art: Sculpture
- Arm : Leg
- Stage: Chairs

Question No.94

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The author of Vanity Fair is _____ .

- George Eliot
- Thomas Hardy
- Virginia Woolf
- Thackeray

Question No.95

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Bookmark

Who is the author of the play, The Dumb Dancer?

- BadalSircar
- Vijay Tendulkar
- AsifCurrimbhoy
- GirishKarnad

Question No.96

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Identify the author of Kanthapura.

- RK Narayan
- Mulk Raj Anand
- Raja Rao
- Tagore

Question No.97

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Deriving the verb 'edit' from the noun 'editor' is an example of

- Backformation
- Reduplication
- Spoonerism
- Malapropism

Question No.98

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The first monolingual English dictionary that appeared in 1604 was:

- James Murray's Oxford English Dictionary
- Samuel Johnson's Dictionary of the English Language
- Nathaniel Bailey's Universal Etymological English Dictionary
- Robert Cawdrey's Table Alphabeticall

Question No.99

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Bookmark

Study the following information carefully and answer the question below it:

Aasha, Bhuvnesh, Charan, Danesh, Ekta, Farhan, Ganesh and Himesh are sitting around a circle, facing the centre. Aasha sits fourth to the right of Himesh while second to the left of Farhan. Charan is not the neighbour of Farhan and Bhuvnesh. Danesh sits third to the right of Charan. Himesh never sits next to Ganesh.

Who is to the immediate left of Aasha?

- Ganesh
- Aasha
- Charan
- Bhuvnesh

Question No.100

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Bookmark

Study the following information carefully and answer the question below it

- (i) There is a group of five persons- A, B, C, D and E
- (ii) One of them is manual scavenger, one is sweeper, one is watchman, one is human scarecrow and one is grave-digger
- (iii) Three of them – A, C and grave-digger prefer tea to coffee and two of them – B and the watchman prefer coffee to tea
- (iv) The human scarecrow and D and A are friends to one another but two of these prefer coffee to tea.
- (v) The manual scavenger is C's brother

Which of the above statements is unnecessary?

- Nill
- (iv)
- (ii)
- (iii)