Examination: Ph.D. English

Section 1 - Section 1

Question No.1

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Match the following:

1) *Disgrace*  
   a) Gabriel García Márquez

2) *My Name is Red*  
   b) Kamila Shamsie

3) *One Hundred Years of Solitude*  
   c) J. M. Coetzee

4) *Burnt Shadows*  
   d) Orhan Pamuk

- 1-b; 2-a; 3-c; 4-d
- 1-c; 2-d; 3-a; 4-b
- 1-d; 2-b; 3-a; 4-c
- 1-a; 2-c; 3-b; 4-d

Question No.2

Who is the translator of the Tamil writer Bama’s *Karukku*?

- Edith Grossman
- K. S. Subramanian
- Vásanthaa Surya
- Lakshmi Holmström

Question No.3

The richest Booker Literary Prize is sponsored by

- Booker- McConnell
- Booker- Mayor
- Booker- Macdonald
- Cory Booker

Question No.4

In Yann Martel’s *Life of Pi*, the protagonist’s father owns a zoo in ________.

- Pondicherry
- Madurai
- Coimbatore
- Trichy
Question No.6

The literary genre that focuses on the psychological and moral growth of the protagonist from young age to adulthood is ____________.
- Autobiography
- Spiritual autobiography
- Memoir
- Bildungsroman

Question No.7

Identify the RIGHT pair:
- “The medium is the message”—Marshall McLuhan
- “Culture is ordinary” — Edward Said
- “There is nothing outside of the text” — Jean-François Lyotard
- “The personal is political” — Simone de Beauvoir

Question No.8

Being awarded the Best Singer in 2010 marked a __________ in her life.
- sign-post
- milestone
- yardstick
- memorial

Question No.9

Girish Karnad’s play Hayavadana is based on ____________.
- a Chinese legend
- Odyssey
- an Indian Folktale
- Thomas Mann’s The Transposed Heads

Question No.10

The 2015 sequel to Harper Lee’s To Kill a Mockingbird is ____________.
- The Color Purple
- Go Set a Watchman
- Beloved
- Invisible Man

Question No.11

Which of the following was NOT written by Chaucer?
- The Legend of Good Women
- The House of Fame
- Le Morte d'Arthur
- The Book of the Duchess
Question No.12
Who among the following was associated with Bloomsbury group in England?
- Iris Murdoch
- Jane Austen
- Emily Bronte
- Virginia Woolf

Question No.13
The Toni Morrison novel based on a real life incident is __________.
- Tar Baby
- Song of Solomon
- Paradise
- Beloved

Question No.14
Statement: Ten Candidates, who were on the waiting list could finally be admitted to the course.
Assumptions:
I. A large number of candidates were on the waiting list.
II. Wait listed candidates do not ordinarily get admission.
If neither I nor II is implicit
If both I and II are implicit
If only assumption II is implicit
If only assumption I is implicit

Question No.15
The period of Victorian Age is
- 1798 – 1832
- 1832 – 1901
- 1835 – 1900
- 1789 – 1837

Question No.16
Study the following information carefully and answer the question below it

Lakshman passes through seven lanes to reach his school. He finds that ‘Truth lane’ is between his house and ‘Lie lane’. The third lane from his school is ‘Karma lane’. ‘Dharma lane’ is immediately before the ‘Yog lane’. He passes ‘Salvation lane’ at the end, ‘Lie lane’ is between ‘Truth lane’ and ‘Dharma lane’, the sixth lane from his house is ‘Devotion lane’.

If Lakshman’s house, each lane and his school are equidistant and he takes 2 minutes to pass one lane, then how long will he take to reach school from his house?
- 15 minutes
- 16 minutes
- 13 minutes
- 14 minutes
**Question No.17**
U. R. Anantha Murthy’s novel Samskara (1965) was translated into English by_________.
- Ganesh Devy
- R. Parthasarthy
- Girish Karnad
- A. K. Ramanujan

**Question No.18**
A Novel Without a Hero is the subtitle of
- Dryden’s All for Love
- Orwell’s Animal Farm
- Eliot’s Silas Marner
- Thackeray’s Vanity Fair

**Question No.19**
Who said that in metaphysical poetry “heterogeneous ideas are yoked by violence together”?  
- Cleanth Brooks
- John Dryden
- Samuel Johnson
- T. S. Eliot

**Question No.20**
Choose the best antonym of the italicized word.  
The deliberate suavity of Olaf’s behavior made the emotions of the audience volatile.
- stupidity
- impetuosity
- politeness
- pleasantness

**Question No.21**
Which novel of James Joyce is set in a single day?
- Dubliners
- Ulysses
- Finnegans Wake
- Stephen Hero

**Question No.22**
The Empire Writes Back was written by_________.
- Bill Ashcroft, Gareth Griffiths and Helen Tiffin
- Bill Ashcroft and Gayatri Chakravorty Spivak
- Barbara Christian and Gareth Griffiths
- Bill Ashcroft, Louis Gates and Sara Mills
Question No.23

The post-structuralist critic who, in *The Anxiety of Influence*, ‘argues that poets strive to assert their own vision without being influenced by earlier poets’ is __________.

- Hillis Miller
- Paul de Man
- Harold Bloom
- Judith Butler

Question No.24

The famous American film that was remade in Tamil as *Avvai Shanmughi* is __________.

- Terminator
- Superman
- Mrs. Doubtfire
- Exorcist

Question No.25

Which of the following novels is not written by Graham Greene?

- Lord Jim
- *The Quiet American*
- *The Man Within*
- *The End of the Affair*

Question No.26

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 following information is not required for the above lecture arrangements?

- Only (i)
- Only (iii)
- Only (ii)
- All are required

Question No.27

Marlow plays the role of narrator in __________

- *Power and Glory*
- *Middlemarch*
- *Lord Jim*
- *Women in Love*
### Question No.28

Based on the information given answer the following question.

1. In a family of six persons, there are people from three generations. Each has separate professions and they like different colours. There are two couples.
2. Shyam is an Engineer and his wife is not a doctor and she does not like Red colour.
3. Chartered Accountant likes green colour and his wife is a teacher.
4. Manisha is the mother-in-law of Sunita and she likes orange colour.
5. Vimal is the grand father of Tarun and Tarun is the Principal and likes black colour.
6. Nyna is the grand daughter of Manisha and she likes blue colour. Nyna’s Mother likes white colour.

What is the profession of Sunita?
- Teacher
- Cannot be determined
- Chartered Accountant
- Principal

### Question No.29

In which of the following travelogues does Mark Twain give an account of his visit to India?
- Roughing It
- Following the Equator
- The Innocents Abroad
- A Tramp Abroad

### Question No.30

Which Australian novelist won the Booker Prize twice?
- David Malouf
- Jessica Anderson
- Peter Carey
- Thomas Keneally

### Question No.31

Identify the wrongly matched pair:
- Roland Barthes – Différance
- Noam Chomsky – Competence and Performance
- Ferdinand de Saussure – Signifier and signified
- Elaine Showalter – Gynocriticism

### Question No.32

C. S. Pierce’s model of the sign consists of
- Mimicry, Ambivalence, Hybridity
- Transcendental signified, Différance, Trace
- Signifier, Signed, Arbitrariness
- Representamen, Object, Interpretant

### Question No.33

Which of the following works parodies “deus ex machina” technique?
- Oliver Twist
- Jane Eyre
- Threepenny Opera
- The Beggar’s Opera
Question No.34

*Of Grammatology* was translated into English by ________.
- HomiBhabha
- Roman Jakobson
- Raymond Williams
- Gayatri Chakravorty Spivak

Question No.35

Match the following lists

**List I (School of Criticism)**
- I. Reader-response Theory
- II. New Historicism
- III. Cultural Materialism
- IV. Ecocriticism

**List II (Critics)**
- 1. Stephen Greenblatt, Clifford Geertz
- 2. Cheryl Glotfelty, Harold Fromm
- 3. Stanley Fish, Wolfgang Iser
- 4. Jonathan Dollimore, Alan Sinfield

The correct combination according to the code is:
- I-3, II-2, III-1, IV-4
- I-4, II-1, III-3, IV-1
- I-4, II-3, III-1, IV-1
- I-3, II-1, III-4, IV-2

Question No.36

Bernard Shaw coined the word *ghoti* and insisted that it should be pronounced______.
- fish
- goat
- glue
- fox

Question No.37

Who was the promoter of the slogan, ‘Art for Art’s sake’?
- Oscar Wilde
- Chesterton
- Bennet
- Conrad

Question No.38

The English language has _______ phonemes.
- 42
- 43
- 41
- 44
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Who is not a contemporary of Somerset Maugham?
- Aldous Huxley
- W.M.Thackeray
- Joseph Conrad
- J.B.Priestly

Question No.46
She studies very hard for the exams, _____?
- is it?
- isn't it?
- does she?
- doesn't she?

Question No.47
When their father died, their elder brother sold the old house and __________ in a small flat in a far-off suburb
- set them down
- set them up
- put them down
- put them up

Question No.48
Which poet did the new verse translation of Beowulf?
- Thom Gunn
- Dylan Thomas
- Philip Larkin
- Seamus Heaney

Question No.49
The French writer who influenced modernism was __________ .
- George Bernanos
- Victor Hugo
- Marcel Proust
- Gustave Flaubert

Question No.50
The rhyme scheme of Shakespearean sonnets is:
- abbaabacdcddc
- ababbcddcdee
- ababcdedefgg
- abbaabacdecde
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<td>☑ Swami Vivekananda</td>
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<td>☑ Taslima Nasrin's <em>Lajja</em></td>
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<td>☑ John Gardner's <em>Grendel</em></td>
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<td>☑ Ruth</td>
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<td>☑ Aston</td>
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<td>☑ Mick</td>
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<td>☑ Bob Dylan</td>
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<td>☑ Salman Rushdie</td>
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<td>☑ Carpenter</td>
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### Question No.57

Identify the odd one out:
- Dostoyevsky's Raskolnikov
- Dickens's Sam Weller
- Beckett's Hamm
- Camus's Meursault

### Question No.58

Crumb : Bread ::
- Tea : Cup
- Splinter : Wood
- Water : Bucket
- Flower : Vase

### Question No.59

T.B. Macaulay presented his “Minute on Education” in __________.
- 1900
- 1835
- 1857
- 1947

### Question No.60

In Orwell's *Animal Farm* (1945), who stands for the good nature of common man?
- Napolean
- Boxer
- Old Major
- Snowball

### Question No.61

Mark the correct pair:
- GaurViswanathan - *Masks of Conquest*
- Franz Fanon - *Figures in Black*
- Edward Said - *The Location of Culture*
- Benedict Anderson - *The Empire Writes Back*

### Question No.62

This is the school where I studied till class 5.
The underlined word is a
- preposition
- adverb
- adjective
- pronoun
**Question No.63**

The term ‘stream of consciousness’, was first used by ________.
- William James
- Henry James
- T.S. Eliot
- James Joyce

**Question No.64**

In “The Archetypes of Literature”, Northrop Frye associates the myth of ‘the birth of the hero’ with ________.
- Summer
- Spring
- Autumn
- Winter

**Question No.65**

Postcolonial theory states that language ________.
- is never isomorphic
- is both isomorphic and not isomorphic
- is isomorphic
- is isomorphic only if it’s a regional language

**Question No.66**

The term ‘Double Consciousness’ was coined by ________.
- Ngugi Wa Thiongo
- Henry Louis Gates Jr.
- W. E. B. Du Bois
- Salman Rushdie

**Question No.67**

Find the odd one out?
- Withdrawal
- Deposit
- Deduction
- Debit

**Question No.68**

Which work is written in the form of a dialogue among four speakers: Eugenius, Crites, Lisideius and Neander?
- Shelley’s *A Defence of Poetry*
- Sidney’s *An Apology for Poetry*
- Horace’s *Ars Poetica*
- Dryden’s *An Essay of Dramatic Poesy*
Question No.69

Nidhi walks 10 metres in front and 10 metres to the right. Then every time turning to her left, she walks 5, 15 and 15 metres respectively. How far is Nidhi now from her starting point?

- 10 metres
- 5 metres
- 15 metres
- None of the above

Question No.70

If A+B means A is daughter of B, A-B means A is husband of B, A × B means A is brother of B.

From the statement A × B × C × D, which of the following statement is not necessarily true?

- C is the brother of A
- D is brother of C
- B is the brother of A
- A, B, C are male

Question No.71

Which Dalit writer is called "the poet of the underworld"?

- KanchaIlaiah
- Namdeo Dhasal
- Daya Pawar
- Arun Kamble

Question No.72

Colonialism means ________ .

- The notion of racial inferiority
- The end of Indian princely states
- The conquest of the Third World
- The imperialist expansion of Europe

Question No.73

The kitchen-sink drama is marked by __________.

- Kitchen scenes
- Neo-realism
- Domestic life
- Pseudo realism

Question No.74

The first Indian novel in English was written by __________ .

- G. V. Desani
- Sake Dean Mahomed
- Bankim Chandra Chatterjee
- Upamanyu Chatterjee
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<td>- Stuart Hall</td>
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<td>- Richard Dyer</td>
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<td>- C.K. Janu’s <em>Mother Forest</em></td>
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Which work popularized the movement “Lost Generation”?
- Doctorow’s *Ragtime*
- Ginsberg’s *Howl*
- Hemingway’s *The Sun Also Rises*
- Fitzgerald’s *The Great Gatsby*

The terms “instress” and “inscape” were coined by
- Alfred Noyes
- Edith Sitwell
- T. S. Eliot
- G. M. Hopkins

Which Irish political leader was the centre of discussion in James Joyce’s *A Portrait of the Artist as a Young Man*?
- Parnell
- Yeats
- Casey
- Acquinas

Choose the best synonym of the italicized word.
Dr. Elango is in the habit of using *obsolete* words.
- difficult
- outdated
- simple
- wrong

In which novel is Hester Prynne the protagonist?
- *Scarlet Letter*
- *Scarlet*
- *Scarlet Pimpernel*
- *A Study in Scarlet*

The Subaltern School of Historiography emerged in ________.
- 1980s
- 1970s
- 1960s
- 1990
**Question No.87**

‘Graphology’ refers to the ________ system of a language.
- writing
- semantic
- etymological
- sound

**Question No.88**

______________ Spelling Book helps to standardize spelling and to distinguish British from American English.
- William Caxton’s
- Noah Chomsky’s
- Ben Gimson’s
- Noah Webster’s

**Question No.89**

‘Ascribing human feelings to the inanimate’ is called ____________.
- Synecdoche
- Pun
- Metaphor
- Pathetic fallacy

**Question No.90**

Correct the error in the italicized part of the sentence by choosing the most appropriate options

Job was a tiny man, barely five feet tall, with ____________
- spright walk
- a sprightly walk
- a sprightly walking
- spright walkingly

**Question No.91**

Uriah Heep is a character in ____________
- *David Copperfield*
- *Oliver Twist*
- *The Pickwick Papers*
- *Hard Times*

**Question No.92**

Which of the following statements is WRONG:
- The proponents of New Historicism include Stanley Fish and Wolfgang Iser.
- It makes a parallel reading of literary and non-literary texts of the same historical period.
- New Historicism is also called ‘Cultural Poetics’.
- It politicises and stresses the intimate relationship between literature, culture and history.
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### Question No.98

**Statement:** Apart from its entertainment value, the educational value cannot be ignored.

**Assumptions:**
1. People take Television to be the means of entertainment only.
2. The educational value of Television is not realized properly
   - If only assumption I is implicit
   - If neither I nor II is implicit
   - If only assumption II is implicit
   - If both I and II are implicit

### Question No.99

The term ‘subaltern’ widely used in the postcolonial theory was first used by ___________.
- Frantz Fanon
- Gayatri Chakravorty Spivak
- Antonio Gramsci
- Raymond Williams

### Question No.100

The term ‘campus novel’ is associated with _____________.
- Graham Greene
- Kingsley Amis
- Johann Wyss
- William Golding