

Booklet Serial No.

Signature Invigilator

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Question Paper cum Answer Script

Hall Ticket No.

OMR Serial No.

Time: 2hrs

Maximum Marks: 70

INSTRUCTIONS FOR CANDIDATES

1. Candidate should write their Hall Ticket number and OMR number on the space provided above. Candidate should not write their Hall Ticket and OMR number at any other place.
2. This question booklet contains (12) pages. The Candidate should check the booklet before taking the Test. In case of any discrepancy, a new booklet may be provided by the Invigilator.
3. The question booklet consists of Part A and Part B. Part A contains 50 multiple-choice questions, each with four options. The candidate must select the correct answer and mark the corresponding circle on the OMR sheet using a blue or black ballpoint pen. Each question carries one mark. No marks will be awarded if the correct answer is not properly marked against the corresponding question number in the OMR sheet. Further, if more than one option is marked for any question, no marks will be awarded for that question.
4. Part B consists of four descriptive questions, each carrying 5 marks. The answers must be written only in the 8-page answer booklet provided. No additional answer booklet will be issued.
5. There are no Negative marks.
6. At the end of Entrance Test, candidates are allowed to take their question booklet and handover the OMR Sheet and answer booklet to the Invigilator.

Part A
Section 1 – Research Methodology

1. What is the difference between a bibliography and references?
 - a. A reference is a scientific sample while a bibliography is writing of books.
 - b. References are given at the beginning of a research paper and the bibliography is given at the end of the research paper.
 - c. A bibliography is a single citation while references are double citations.
 - d. A reference is a specific source cited within a document while bibliography is a list of all the sources consulted.

(A) a, b and d are correct (B) b and c are correct
(C) Only c is correct (D) Only d is correct
2. Which of the following abbreviations refers to a documentation style
 - (A) MLA (B) APA
 - (C) Chicago (D) All of these
3. Which research method involves a detailed and intense examination of a text?
 - (A) Quantitative analysis (B) Historical research
 - (C) Close reading (D) Feminist approach
4. In literature review, a researcher's main purpose is to _____.
 - (A) present the number of books/research papers studied
 - (B) justify the research study and to identify the research gap
 - (C) prepare a bibliography
 - (D) add content to the research study
5. In a postcolonial reading of a literary text, what does "writing back to the empire" mean?
 - (A) Challenging and presenting a critique of the colonial narrative
 - (B) Imitating the colonial narrative
 - (C) Informing the colonial power of the present situation
 - (D) Writing to the colonial power appreciating the past

6. What is the main purpose of the methodology section in a research paper?
- (A) It provides literature review
 - (B) It describes how the research was conducted
 - (C) It presents the bibliography
 - (D) It lays down the results
7. Which of the following is correct about phenomenological research?
- a. It explores the 'lived' experiences of individuals.
 - b. Bracketing is a step in phenomenological research.
 - c. It relies on in-depth interviews often with small sample size.
 - d. All the above
- (A) a and c are correct
 - (B) b and c are correct
 - (C) A and b are correct
 - (D) d is correct
8. Select the correct citation as per MLA documentation style.
- (A) Tan, Willie. *Research Methods: A Practical Guide For Students And Researchers* (Second Edition). Singapore, World Scientific Publishing Company, 2022
 - (B) T. Willie. 2022. *Research Methods: A Practical Guide For Students And Researchers* (Second Edition). Singapore, World Scientific Publishing Company.
 - (C) *Research Methods: A Practical Guide For Students And Researchers* (Second Edition). Tan Willie. Singapore, World Scientific Publishing Company, 2022.
 - (D) Tan, Willie. Singapore, World Scientific Publishing Company, 2022. *Research Methods: A Practical Guide For Students And Researchers* (Second Edition).
9. Which of the following statement is true about quantitative research?
- a. It requires quantifiable data involving numerical and statistical explanations.
 - b. It is used to quantify attitudes, opinions, behaviors, and other defined variables.
 - c. It uses measurable data to formulate facts and uncover patterns in research.
 - d. Quantitative data collection methods include surveys, interviews, and online polls.
- (A) All are correct
 - (B) Only a is correct
 - (C) Only b and c are correct
 - (D) Only a and d are correct

10. What is blended learning environment?

- (A) A combination of film, music, and literature
- (B) A combination of F2F and CM learning where F2F stands for Face-to-Face and CM stands for Computer Mediated
- (C) Its blends traditional classroom teaching with vocational teaching
- (D) It is dual degree programme

11. Identify where the error in documentation occurs following the APA style:

Mohebbi, H. and C. Christine (2022). *Research Questions in Language Education and Applied Linguistics*. New York, NY: Springer.

- (A) First name of the author should be mentioned at the beginning.
- (B) The year of publication should be at the end of the entry.
- (C) The publication details should be given immediately after the names of authors.
- (D) There is no error.

12. Match the sequence in the research process:

- a. Define the research problemi. Step 3
- b. Review the literatureii. Step 1
- c. Formulate the hypothesis.....iii. Step 4
- d. Prepare the research designiv. Step 2

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| (A) a-iv; b-iv; c-ii; d-iii | (B) a-iii; b-iv; c-i; d-ii |
| (C) a-ii; b-iv; c-i; d-iii | (D) a-i; b-iii; c-ii; d-iv |

13. Find the odd one out:

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| (A) Chi square test | (B) F-test |
| (C) t-test | (D) Mic-test |

14. Which of the following statements is NOT correct?
- a. Null hypothesis assumes that no relationship exists among the variables.
 - b. Simple hypothesis proposes a relationship between one independent and one dependent variable.
 - c. Complex hypothesis proposes relationship when there is no relationship among the variables
 - d. Alternative hypothesis states a relationship exists among the variables.
- (A) c is not correct (B) a and c are not correct
(C) a, b and d are not correct (D) d is not correct
15. When is et al. used in MLA in-text citation and Works Cited entry?
- (A) When there are two authors
 - (B) When there is one author
 - (C) When there are three or more authors
 - (D) When the author is not known
16. The act of “presenting work or ideas from another source as your own, with or without consent of the original author” is termed _____.
- (A) Integrity (B) Experimentation
 - (C) Originality (D) Plagiarism
17. Which of the following is the correct APA stylesheet format for in-text citation?
- (A) There is not a strong correlation between a high GPA and students who began reading at an early age (Kahneman & Klein, 2009).
 - (B) Kahneman and Klein (2009) found that there is not a strong correlation between a high GPA and early readers.
 - (C) Both A and B are correct.
 - (D) Both A and B are incorrect.
18. Parenthetical Referencing is also known as _____.
- (A) Endnote Referencing (B) Footnote Referencing
 - (C) In-text Referencing (D) Title Referencing

19. Conference Proceedings are _____ sources of research.
- (A) Secondary (B) Primary
(C) Unreliable (D) Unpublished
20. What is impact factor?
- (A) It is a measure of the frequency with which a journal has been published in a particular year.
(B) It is a measure of the number of copies of a book sold in a particular year.
(C) It is a measure of the frequency with which a journal has been cited in a particular year.
(D) It is a measure of the frequency with which the average article in a journal has been cited in a particular year.
21. Who proposed the h-index metric?
- (A) J.E. Hirsch (B) C.R. Lewis
(C) Arundhati Roy (D) Taylor and Francis
22. What is ethnographic research?
- (A) It is a qualitative research method.
(B) It involves the systematic study of people in their natural environment.
(C) Only A is correct.
(D) Both A and B are correct.
23. Which of the following is mainly concerned about finding solutions of problems related to different aspects of classroom teaching?
- (A) Data Collection (B) Action Research
(C) Interviews (D) Bibliography
24. The main advantage of random sampling is:
- (A) It is cost-effective. (B) It involves few people.
(C) It eliminates bias. (D) It saves time.

25. In experimental research, which group receives the intervention?
- (A) Control group
 - (B) Experimental group
 - (C) Both control group and experimental group
 - (D) Discussion group

Section 2 – English

26. With which cultural theorist is the encoding and decoding model associated?
- (A) Raymond Williams
 - (B) Benjamin Walter
 - (C) Stuart Hall
 - (D) Amitav Ghosh
27. Who wrote the poem: *To India My Native Land*?
- (A) Henry Derozio
 - (B) Sarojini Naidu
 - (C) Rabindranath Tagore
 - (D) Kushwant Singh
28. Which of the following statements correctly defines literary criticism?
- a. It is an interpretation of literature.
 - b. It is the act of interpreting, analyzing, and judging a text.
 - c. It is the framework for interpretation, analysis, and judgement of a text.
 - d. It is an evaluation of literary works and of their author's place in literary history.
- (A) Only a is correct
 - (B) b, c, and d are correct
 - (C) a, b, and d are correct.
 - (D) none
29. Which of the following is a contemporary of Charles Dickens?
- (A) George Eliot
 - (B) William Makepeace Thackeray
 - (C) Thomas Hardy
 - (D) All the above

30. Match the following:

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| a. Lyric | i. Porphyria's Lover |
| b. Epic | ii. Daffodils |
| c. Pastoral elegy | iii. Paradise Lost |
| d. Dramatic monologue | iv. Lycidas |
| (A) a-iii; b-i; c-ii; d-iv | (B) a-ii; b-iii; c-iv; d-i |
| (C) a-iv; b-ii; c-i; d-iii | (D) a-i; b-iv; c-iii; d-ii |

31. The period 1660 to 1688 marks the _____.

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| (A) Victorian Age | (B) Romantic Age |
| (C) Restoration Age | (D) Modern Age |

32. Select the metaphysical poet:

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| (A) John Donne | (B) Andrew Marvell |
| (C) George Herbert | (D) All of these |

33. Which of the following is an epic convention?

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| (A) Medias res | (B) invocation |
| (C) Homeric similies | (D) All of these |

34. Who wrote *An Apology for Poetry*?

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| (A) William Wordsworth | (B) Philip Sidney |
| (C) John Galsworthy | (D) T.S. Eliot |

35. Identify the play by G.B. Shaw:

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| (A) Major Barbara | (B) Look Back in Anger |
| (C) A Streetcar Named Desire | (D) Murder in the Cathedral |

36. T.S. Eliot lived during the period _____.

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| (A) 1880-1960 | (B) 1878-1955 |
| (C) 1888-1965 | (D) 1898-1965 |

37. Which of the following plays is a Restoration Comedy?

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| (A) Twelfth Night | (B) The Duchess of Malfi |
| (C) Doctor Faustus | (D) The Way of the World |

38. Who contributed periodical essays to the Spectator and the Tatler?
(A) T.S. Eliot and Charles Dickens
(B) Joseph Addison and Richard Steele
(C) Shakespeare and Marlowe
(D) Mathew Arnold and John Ruskin
39. In which year was the *Lyrical Ballads* published?
(A) 1698 (B) 1778
(C) 1798 (D) 1878
40. Who is considered the father of Structuralism?
(A) Ferdinand de Saussure (B) Cleanth Brooks
(C) T.S. Eliot (D) Mathew Arnold
41. Who wrote *The Language of Paradox*?
(A) John Donne (B) Raymond Williams
(C) Cleanth Brooks (D) Mathew Arnold
42. In which play by Shakespeare do we find the character named Portia?
(A) Hamlet (B) Merchant of Venice
(C) Twelfth Night (D) Macbeth
43. From which poem are these lines taken?
“All human things are subject to decay,
And, when Fate summons, monarchs must obey:”
(A) Absalom and Achitophel (B) Essay on Criticism
(C) Rape of the Lock (D) Mac Flecknoe
44. In what meter is the following line written?
“Let me not to the marriage of true minds”
(A) Trochaic tetrameter (B) Anapestic pentameter
(C) Iambic pentameter (D) Dactylic hexameter

45. In which year did Meenakshi Mukherjee receive the Sahitya Academy Award?
- (A) 2003 (B) 2000
(C) 2013 (D) 1999
46. Who won the Noble Prize for Literature, 2025?
- (A) Sinclair Lewis (B) Arundhati Roy
(C) Han Kang (D) László Krasznahorkai
47. Match the author with the text:
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| a. Chinua Achebe | i. Return of the Native |
| b. Toni Morrison | ii. A Grain of Wheat |
| c. Ngugi wa Thiong'o | iii. Things Fall Apart |
| d. Thomas Hardy | iv. Beloved |
- (A) a-ii; b-i; c-iii; d-iv (B) a-iii; b-iv; c-ii; d-i
(C) a-i; b-ii; c-iv; d-iii (D) a-iv; b-iii; c-i; d-ii
48. What is common to Steve Mentz, Margaret Cohen, Dan Brayton and Hester Blum?
- (A) Blue humanities (B) Graphic fiction
(C) Medical humanities (D) Deconstruction
49. Which of the following is not authored by Amitav Ghosh?
- (A) Shadow Lines (B) Sea of Poppies
(C) Passage to India (D) The Hungry Tide
50. Limbale's *Dalit Sahityache Soundarya Shastra* was translated as *Towards Aesthetics of Dalit Literature* by _____.
- (A) Meenakshi Mukherjee (B) Arun Kumar Mukherjee
(C) Dr. B.R. Ambedkar (D) Arundhati Roy

Part B (Subjective Questions)

Answer all four questions

20 Marks

Research Methodology

1. Examine the differences between quantitative and qualitative research?
2. What is research design? Mention the key components and the types of research design.

Subject Concerned

3. Evaluate the contribution of I.A. Richards to New Criticism.
4. Discuss the characteristics of postcolonial literature with illustrations.

Rough Work