

Department of English

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Suggestions for In-course Examination

1. Elizabethan and Jacobian drama

Short question

1. The tragic history of Dr Faustus.
2. How does lady Macbeth persuade her husband to murder Duncan?
3. The trial scene in "The Merchant of Venice".
4. What prophecies do the witches make about Macbeth and Banguo?

Broad question

1. Dr Faustus as a tragic hero.
2. How do images evoke an atmosphere of gloom and doom in "Macbeth"?
3. Comment on the dramatic significance of the last scene in "Doctor Faustus".

2. Restoration and 18th Century

1. Describe the significance of Oroonoko's death.
2. Describe the horror of slavery presented in Oroonoko.
3. How did Robinson Crusoe build his habitation in the island?
4. Who were the high heels and low hills in Lilliput?

Broad question

1. Describe Aphre Behn's attitude towards slavery as expressed in Oroonoko.
2. Sketch the character of Oroonoko.
3. Write a note on the theme of sin, punishment and repentance in Robinson Crusoe.

3. 16th and 17th Century Poetry

Short question

1. Write a short note on the salient features of metaphysical poetry.
2. How does the poem "A Valediction Forbidding Mourning" celebrate the spiritual quality of love?
3. How does Marvell propose to his beloved to enjoy life in to his "To His Coy Mistress"?
4. What is allegory? Discuss in brief the moral and spiritual allegory in Canto - I of Faerie Queen Book - I?

Broad question

1. What is 'Carpe Diem' theory? How does Marvell use this theory in his poem to "His Coy Mistress"?
2. Write a critical appreciation of "A Validation Forbidding Mourning".
3. Evaluate John Donne as a metaphysical love poet.

4. 17th and 18th century Non-fictional Prose

Short question

1. What are the features of metaphysical poetry?
2. How can a man having a family lead a peaceful and disciplined life?
3. Describe Bacon's concept of truth.
4. What ironies do you find regarding Sir Roger's religious activities?

Broad Question

1. Evaluate with Francis Bacon as an essay
2. Would you call Bacon a good advisor?
3. Discuss Roger as a fascinating and humorous character.

5. Restoration and Elizabethan Century Poetry and Drama

1. Write a note on the wit and humour in Congreve's "The Way of the World".
2. Evaluate "The way of the World" as a comedy of manners.
3. What did Clarissa say about women's good sense?
4. How were the lock disappeared?

Broad question

1. How does Congreve deal with various themes in "The Way of the World"?
2. Elaborate the significance of the proviso scene "The Way of the World".
3. "The Rape of the Lock" as a social settle satire.

6. Victorian Poetry

1. Why does it seem always afternoon in the land of the Lotus Eaters?
2. What is the moral message of the poem "Oenone"?
3. What is Arnold's view about truth?
4. Why does Arnold refer to Sophocles?

Broad Question

1. Write on the pictorial quality of Tennyson's poetry.
2. 'Tennyson is at his best in his lyrical and descriptive poems' Explain with illustration
3. Write a critical appreciation of the poem "Dover Beach".

7. Introduction to literary criticism

Short question

1. What are the requirements of tragedy in the view of Aristotle?
2. What is poetic truth?
3. What was the aim of Wordsworth in writing Preface to the Lyrical Ballads?
4. What is Wordsworth's view on Poetic Dictions?

Question

1. What is Aristotle's view about an ideal tragic hero?
2. Why does Aristotle prefer complex plot to simple plot for tragedy?
3. How does Wordsworth appear as a poet of common man in his Preface the Lyrical Ballads?

8. Introduction to Linguistics

Short question

1. Discuss the relationship between language and culture.
2. Discuss the difference between language and parole.
3. What is the difference between inflectional and derivation and morpheme?
4. What is manner of articulation? Discuss the phonetic features of Affricate

Broad question

1. What is word formation? Define the basic rules of word formation.
2. Classify the English consonants according to their manner of articulation and place of articulation.
3. What is IC analysis example? Exemplify IC analysis through tree diagram and determine its limitation.

Assignment for Pre-Test

1. Elizabethan and Jacobian drama

Discuss "Volpone" as a Comedy of humour.

2. Restoration and 18th Century Fiction

Do you think Swift is a Misanthropist? Justify your answer.

3. 16th and 17th Century Poetry

How does Milton portray Satan's character in Book I of "Paradise Lost"?

4. 17th and 18th century Non-fictional Prose

What according to Johnson are Cowley's strength and limitations as a poet?

5. 5. Restoration and Elizabethan Century Poetry and Drama

Comment on the use of wit and humour in She Stoops to Conquer.

6. Victorian Poetry

The poetry of Robert Browning reveals a deep knowledge of the psychology of man and woman-discuss.

7. Introduction to literary criticism

What are the major objections of Coleridge to Wordsworth?

8. Introduction to Linguistics

Discuss cardinal vowels and show their positions through a diagram.

Assignment for Test

1. Elizabethan and Jacobian drama

Why is "The Duchess of Malfi" called a decadent play?

2. Restoration and 18th Century Fiction

Comment on Fiedling's concept of molarity and sexuality in Tom Jones.

3. 16th and 17th Century Poetry

Discuss Herbert's use of imagery in the poems you have read.

4. 17th and 18th century Non-fictional Prose

Comment on Burke's oratory scale and style as found in his "Speech on East India Bill".

5. Restoration and Elizabethan Century Poetry and Drama

Comment on the supernatural missionaries in "The Rape of the Lock".

6. Victorian Poetry

Discuss Hopkins religious poet

7. Introduction to literary criticism

How does Johnson defend Shakespeare's mixing of comic and tragic elements?

8. Introduction to Linguistics

What is dialect? How is non-standard dialect transform into a standard one?