

Reg. No. : .....

**SY 23**

Name : .....

**MARCH 2019**

Time : 2½ Hours  
Cool-off time : 15 Minutes

Part-III  
**ENGLISH LITERATURE**  
Maximum : 80 Scores

***General Instructions to Candidates :***

- There is a 'Cool-off time' of 15 minutes in addition to the writing time.
- Use the 'Cool-off time' to get familiar with questions and to plan your answers.
- Read questions carefully before answering.
- Certain sections of questions have choice. Follow the choice regulations.

**(Question Nos. 1 – 6) : Fill in the blanks with suitable answers. Attempt any 5 of the following. Each question carries 1 score. (5 × 1 = 5)**

1. Bama's critically acclaimed work which won the Crossword Book Award in 2000 is \_\_\_\_\_.
2. \_\_\_\_\_ is a satirical poem on modern society where an individual is reduced to a numerical factor.
3. The term often used to relate to Kafka's writings characterised by senseless, disorienting and menacing complexity is \_\_\_\_\_.
4. \_\_\_\_\_ is a short story, taken from the collection 'Strange Forces', which deals with the attempt of the narrator to make an ape speak.
5. The mother in the short story 'Doves on the Wing' was worried about \_\_\_\_\_.
6. The poet, who wrote 'The Waste Land' is \_\_\_\_\_.

**(Question Nos. 7 – 11) : Answer any 4 questions of the following in 2 or 3 sentences.**

**Each question carries 2 scores.**

**(4 × 2 = 8)**

7. What is the 'tidy waste' that the poet is referring to in the poem 'No More Hiroshimas' ?
8. What does the title 'Doves on the Wing' signify ?
9. What was the initial reaction of the crowd to the note taker ? Why ?
10. What is the ridiculous spectacle mentioned in the travelogue, 'In Memory of Azores' ?
11. "Women's work does not bring prestige or power." Why does V. Geetha say so in her essay, 'Role Play' ?

**(Question Nos. 12 – 14) : Read the following extracts and answer any 2 of the following questions. Each question carries 4 scores.**

**(2 × 4 = 8)**

12. "I have never known you  
But your blood flows in my veins  
Your beautiful black blood that irrigates the fields  
The blood of your sweat  
The sweat of your work  
The work of your slavery"

- (a) Explain the context. **(2)**
- (b) Identify the poem. **(1)**
- (c) Who is the poet ? **(1)**

13. “I have looked upon those brilliant creatures  
And now my heart is sore”  
(a) Why does the author call the swans as ‘brilliant creatures’ ?  
(b) Identify and explain the poetic device used here.
14. “Some forest diety, or diety of highway  
and sky, has incognito set up residence – the godhead  
invoked in a machine”  
(a) Why does the poet compare bicycle to a forest deity ?  
(b) What does the poet want to offer the forest diety ?

**(Question Nos. 15 – 22) : Answer any 7 of the following questions. Each question carries 5 scores. Each should not exceed 80 words. (7 × 5 = 35)**

15. The second act of ‘Pygmalion’ gives a detailed view of Higgin’s personality. Explain.
16. What is the role played by Kabaddi in the short story ‘Lt Aaron Eats his Hat’ ?
17. Write a paragraph on the situation that led to the transformation of Gregor Samsa into a vermin.
18. Comment on the social criticism that V. Geetha raises in her essay ‘Role Play’.
19. English has become an indispensable language in India. Comment.
20. Write a paragraph on the rural background of the poem ‘Ecology’.
21. Bring out the element of humour in the story ‘Doves on the Wing’.
22. Write a paragraph on how the narrator’s obsession resulted in a tragedy in the life of Yzur.

**(Question Nos. 23 – 26) : Answer any 3 of the following questions in not less than 200 words. Each question carries 8 scores. (3 × 8 = 24)**

23. How does the poem, 'Night Rain' by Sugatha Kumari bring out the feelings of a woman ?

(Hints : Rain as a mad woman – the anguish mother – young poet as happy lover – a rejected lover – kind and sad – pity and suppressed rage – sobbing and weeping alone – use of poetic device and imagery)

24. Bring out the contrast between the Wild Swans and ageing poet as reflected in the poem 'Wild Swans at Coole'.

(Hints : poet visits Coole park – description of the autumn evening – attention on swans – symbol of youth – poet's realization – use of poetic devices and imagery)

25. How does Bernard Shaw use 'the Pygmalion Myth' in the play ?

(Hints : Pygmalion myth – sculptor – giving life to statue – Galatea – live together – Prof. Higgins – bet – transformation of Eliza – empowered woman)

26. Comment on the family relationship, as revealed in the novella 'the Metamorphosis'.

(Hints : Background of Samsa family – Gregor Samsa – tiring job – transformation – reaction of the family members – change in attitude – Gregor alienated – father's violence – ultimate death)

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