

2023

ENGLISH — GENERAL

Paper : SEC-B-2

(Creative Writing)

Full Marks : 80

The figures in the margin indicate full marks.

*Candidates are required to give their answers in their own words
as far as practicable.*

1. Answer **any one** of the following questions : 15×1
 - (a) Enumerate the distinctive features of creative writing. How is it different from other forms of writing?
 - (b) Discuss the role of description and narration in creative writing.
2. Answer **any one** of the following questions : 20×1
 - (a) Compose an original short story with a focus on plot and suspense on this topic— ‘The Mysterious Stranger’. Add a title.
 - (b) “In displaying the psychology of your characters, minute particulars are essential.” — Write a short story, keeping in mind these words of Anton Chekhov.
3. Answer **any one** of the following questions : 20×1
 - (a) Given below are the opening lines of a poem. Complete the poem using the same form as far as possible.

“I know that I shall meet my fate
Somewhere among the clouds above;
Those that I fight I do not hate,
Those that I guard I do not love...”
 - (b) Compose a poem of two stanzas on nature or city life.
4. Answer **any one** of the following questions : 15×1
 - (a) What are the duties of an editor in publishing an original work?
 - (b) Compare and contrast print publication and publication on social media.
5. Answer **any one** of the following questions : 10×1
 - (a) “If you don’t have time to read, you don’t have the time (or the tools) to write. Simple as that.” — Do you agree with the above view expressed by Stephen King? Give reasons for your answer.
 - (b) Discuss the appropriateness of using slang, jargon, technical words and words used on social media in creative writing.