

CMI
I B.Sc.
English

Date: 30/9/2024

Max marks:40

Time :2 hrs

Section A: Answer any 3 of the following in 150 words.10x3=30 marks

- 1) Discuss either Browning's 'My Last Duchess' or Tennyson's 'Ulysses' as a dramatic monologue.
- 2) Imagine Guru Nayak of 'An Astrologer's Day' goes back to his village and shares his incredible experience with a friend, Raju. Write a dialogue between Guru Nayak and Raju.(5 exchanges)
- 3) Analyze the character of either Brutus or Antony focusing on the character's strengths and weaknesses.
- 4) Read the essay 'Srinivasa Ramanujan' and answer the questions that follow:
 - a. Why do you think Hardy considered his discovery of Ramanujan romantic?
 - b. 'I don't think history relates what they said, if anything, when Ramanujan became famous.' Who are 'they'? Why doesn't history relate what they said?
 - c. 'Anyone who has been sent unsolicited material will have a sneaking sympathy with them'
Explain the phrases 'unsolicited material' and 'sneaking sympathy'
 - d. Pick out the words in the text (from paras 1 and 2) which have the following meanings:
 - i. A slow walk for pleasure *stroll*
 - ii. A person with strange ideas *crack*
 - iii. Predicting what will happen in the future *prophetic*
 - d. A text written in a code. *cryptogram*

Section B: Phonetics (10 marks)

1. Pick out the odd one in the following groups of words and say why you consider it odd. The first one is done for you..

1. Good, should, food, wood, would.

'Food' is the odd one as it has the long vowel /u:/ while the rest have the short vowel /U/

2. gym, gum, jam, jest, geriatric

gum has /g/ in place of /dʒ/

3. cheer, chaste, charisma, change, chill

charisma has /k/ in place of /tʃ/

4. dare, share, beer, fair, bear

beer has /i:/ in place of /eə/

5. across, appoint, apple, awake, ago

apple has /æ/ in place of /ə/

6. treated, blushed, mended, wanted, funded

treated has /t/ in place of /d/

II Write the phonetic transcription of any 5: 5 marks

1 jeep /dʒi:p/

2 apple

3. yes /jes/

4 bath /bɑ:θ/

5 shoe /ʃu:/

6 file

7 chair /tʃeə/