

(FOR THE CANDIDATES ADMITTED

25 PEL 208

DURING THE ACADEMIC YEAR 20

ONLY)

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N.G.M.COLLEGE (AUTONOMOUS) : POLLACHI

END-OF-SEMESTER EXAMINATIONS : MAY 2026

M.A ENGLISH LITERATURE

MAXIMUM MARKS: 75

SEMESTER-II

TIME : 3 HOURS

25PEL208 INDIAN KNOWLEDGE IN INDIAN WRITING IN ENGLISH

SECTION – A (10 X 1 = 10 MARKS)

ANSWER THE FOLLOWING QUESTIONS.

- 1, What happens to the old man's body in "Old Man's Death"?
a) It is cremated with honor. b) It is studied by doctors.
c) It is "bundled away" effortlessly d) It is left out in sea.
2. What is Shashi Tharoor primarily known for?
a) Writing novels b) Political activism
c) Professional cricket career d) Medical research
3. Who was run over by Jiten's car?
a) a child b) a beggar woman c) a beggar man d) a blind woman
4. How do the characters find themselves in the dark in "A Temporary Matter"?
a) Their power is shut off because they are moving.
b) Their power is shut off because they are behind in payments.
c) Their power is shut off for routine maintenance.
d) Their power is shut off because it is a tradition to eat by candlelight.
5. How old is Idris' son Kandavar?
a) 11 b) 9 c) 12 d) 19

ANSWER THE FOLLOWING IN ONE (OR) TWO SENTENCES

6. Who is the girl mentioned that is being married in "Marriages are Made"?
7. What is the title of Arundhati Roy's debut novel?
8. What is the central theme of "Kamala"?
9. What is the name of Draupati's husband?
10. Who created the Meluha empire?

SECTION – B

(5 X 5 = 25 MARKS)

ANSWER THE FOLLOWING QUESTIONS.

11. a) In what extent the poem "The Old Woman" critique societal neglect of the elderly and marginalized?
(Or)
b) How does Ezekiel use satire to criticize the Indian approach to English in "Goodbye Party for Miss Pushpa T.S."?
12. a) Describe how Tharoor navigates between historical reality and the mythologized figure of Pushkin.
(Or)
b) How does Roy protest against the state's policies of development and social suppression in "Democracy"?

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- 13.a) Analyze how the character of Daksha and her memories act as a bridge between the past and present.
(Or)
b) Discuss the parallels between Sarita and Kamala.
- 14.a) How does the stillbirth of their child irrevocably alter Shoba and Shukumar's relationship in "A Temporary Matter" ?
(Or)
b) Discuss how the story "The Wog" showcases the difficulty of balancing traditional Indian customs with modern, liberal ideas.
15. a) Bring out character sketch of Princess Sati of Meluha. (Or)
b) Write the significance of the title "Idris: Keeper of the Light".

SECTION – C

(5 X 8 = 40 MARKS)

ANSWER THE FOLLOWING QUESTIONS.

16. Discuss how Rabindranath Tagore presents the relationship between the individual soul and the divine in "Gitanjali".
(Or)
b) How does Toru Dutt portray Lakshman as a symbol of loyalty and obedience, despite being accused by Sita?
- 17.a) "Discuss how Shashi Tharoor portrays Alexander Pushkin as more than just a poet, but a cultural symbol of Russia in "Remembering Pushkin". (Or)
b) Write a critical analysis of Arundhati Roy's essay "Democracy".
- 18.a) In what extent the play "Bravely Fought the Queen" pulls back the curtain on the "respectable" upper-middle class in Bangalore?
(Or)
b) Analyze Jaisingh Jadhav as a representative of modern patriarchal society—both selfish and hypocritical in "Kamala".
- 19.a) How does the story "Draupati" explore the themes of intersectional oppression, caste, class, gender, and tribal identity?
(Or)
b) Write a critical appreciation on Manjula Padmanabhan's story "Beads".
- 20.a) In what extent Amish Tripathi's "The Immortals of Meluha" surrounds the deeds and adventures of Shiva?
(Or)
b) 'AnitaNair's "Idris:Keeper of theLight" is an adventures tale' – Discuss.
