

**NEB - GRADE XII
2082 (2025)**

Optional English

(For regular and partial students whose first two digits of registration number starts from 78, 79, 80 and 81)

Candidates are required to give their answers in their own words as far as practicable. The figures in the margin indicate full marks.

Time: 3 hrs.

Full Marks: 75

Attempt all the questions.

Group 'A'

Write the correct answer, choosing from the options given below. [11×1=11]

1. What is language family ?
 - i) A group of languages that share the same grammar rules.
 - ii) A group of languages that are spoken in the same geographic area.
 - iii) A group of languages that have the same writing system.
 - iv) A group of languages that have a common ancestral language.
2. Which of the following varieties of language is chosen to suit the particular audience ?
 - i) Dialect
 - ii) Register
 - iii) Pidgin
 - iv) Creole
3. "A teacher acts, demonstrates or shows realia to teach a new word." Which of the following language teaching methods does the teacher use ?
 - i) The Grammar Translation Method
 - ii) The Direct Method
 - iii) The Communicative Approach
 - iv) The Eclectic Method
4. In the story 'Three Students', which of the following characters is described 'steady and methodical' ?
 - i) Sir Jabez Gilchrist
 - ii) DaulatRas
 - iii) Miles McLaren
 - iv) Bannister
5. Which one of the following essays talk about the 'formal rejection of a belief, claim or a course of action' ?
 - i) An Eastern Journey
 - ii) A Black Grandmother
 - iii) Once More to the Lake
 - iv) Man and Battle of Life

(Contd...)

6. Which one of following expressions best summarizes the author's view in the essay, 'Not Nothing' ?
 - i) Death is a natural process.
 - ii) Death is absolutely paradoxical.
 - iii) Death of a fly is crucial.
 - iv) Death is indeed a fantasy.
7. When do the two neighbours identified in the poem 'Mending Wall' mainly meet ?
 - i) When the apple harvest is ready for sale.
 - ii) Every week to talk about repairing the fence.
 - iii) During winter to discuss expanding their property.
 - iv) During spring in order to fix the wall.
8. Which of the following adjectives best presents the tone of the poem 'Abiku' ?
 - i) Painful
 - ii) Boastful
 - iii) Melancholic
 - iv) Apologetic
9. Which of the following characters is described as a Doctor in the play 'All My Sons' ?
 - i) Frank Lubey
 - ii) Joe Keller
 - iii) George Deever
 - iv) Jim Bayliss
10. What do the instances of foreshadowing in Act I of the play 'All My Sons' primarily suggest ?
 - i) Future revelations about Joe Keller's past actions
 - ii) An impending financial crisis for the Kellers
 - iii) The imminent return of a long-lost family member
 - iv) Chris Keller's plans to leave his family behind
11. Which of the following statements depicts Marxist approach to literature ?
 - i) With God nothing is impossible.
 - ii) The bourgeoisie impose their value on proletariat.
 - iii) Male personalities are standard to female personalities.
 - iv) Men and women are each incomplete without the other.

Group 'B'

Write short answers to the following questions.

[8×5=40]

12. Define pidgin language with examples.
13. If you were a language teacher, which method of teaching a language would you use and why ? Explain.

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14. Explain with examples that the story 'Brahmadatta and the Bunyan Deer' as the story of love and compassion.

OR

How does the author defend about science and politics in the essay 'The Case for Xanthippe' ?

15. What is the main purpose of the essay 'Man and Battle of Life' ?

16. Is Paul a static or a dynamic character ? Explain. (*Paul's Case*)

OR

Why do you think the narrator attempts to preserve her aboriginal identity ? Explain. (*A Black Grandmother*)

17. Summarize the story depicted in the poem 'King Lear and His Three Daughters'.

18. Write a short note on Gender Perspective.

19. Define 'Queer Theory' highlighting its features.

Group 'C'

Write long answers to the following questions.

[3×8=24]

20. The story 'Deal in the Wheat' vividly shows the malpractices occurred in business. Explain.

OR

Describe the author's impression of five towers of Angkor in comparison to other temples. (*An Eastern Journey*)

21. Critically analyse the poem 'Lord ! Make me a Sheep'.

22. Do you think the characters in the play 'All My Sons' are represented to relate the connection between war and money ? Give reasons to support your view.