

**NEB - GRADE XII
2081 (2024)**

**Optional English
(New Course)**

(For the regular and grade increment students whose first two digits of registration number starts from 78, 79 and 80)

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 a proto-language ?
 - i) a language that has been extinct for over 1000 years.
 - ii) a language that is spoken in small geographical area.
 - iii) a language that has no known relatives at all.
 - iv) a language root that shares common features in a language family.
2. Which of the following dialects of English is agreed by the majority of native speakers ?
 - i) everyday English
 - ii) official English
 - iii) poetic English
 - iv) standard English
3. "A teacher gives a list of new words and their meanings in mother tongue to learn." Which one 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 refused to open the door when knocked by Holmes ?
 - i) Gilchrist
 - ii) DaulatRas
 - iii) Miles McLaren
 - iv) Bannister

5. Which one of the following essays is 'argumentative' in nature ?
 - i) An Eastern Journey
 - ii) Man and Battle of life
 - iii) Once More to the Lake
 - iv) The Case of Xanthippe
6. Which one of the following expressions best summarizes the essay 'A Black Grandmother' ?
 - i) Quest for identity loss
 - ii) Quest for family conflict
 - iii) Quest for racial discrimination
 - iv) Quest for study opportunity
7. Which of the following do the neighbours use to make the stones balance in the poem 'Mending Wall' ?
 - i) magic from elves
 - ii) cement
 - iii) their father's tools
 - iv) a spell
8. What is the tone of the poem 'If I Should Die' ?
 - i) sad and melancholic
 - ii) energetic and lively
 - iii) contemplative and reflective
 - iv) joyful and celebratory
9. Which of the following characters prepared a horoscope for Larry in the play 'All My Sons' ?
 - i) Joe Keller
 - ii) Frank Lubey
 - iii) Jim Bayliss
 - iv) Chris Keller
10. Which of the following ethical dilemmas does Act I of the play "All My Sons" revolve around ?
 - i) Joe Keller's wartime service
 - ii) Chris Keller's romantic relationships
 - iii) Ann's secret motives for visiting the Kellers
 - iv) Joe Keller's business decisions and their consequences
11. Which of the following groups controls the means of production according to Marxist approach ?
 - i) Members of parliament
 - ii) Baby Boomers
 - iii) Bourgeoisie
 - iv) Proletariat

Group 'B'

Write short answers to the following questions.

12. Define Creole language with examples.

[8×5=40]

13. "Early education in the mother tongue could serve as a crucial factor in learning new languages." Explain.
14. Explain how Odin's actions are showcase of human nature.

(*Cost of wisdom : The God King Odin's Tale*)

OR

What arguments does the narrator make in the essay 'Sir Roger at the assizes' ?

15. What realities of death are presented in the essay 'Not Nothing' ?
16. Do you sympathize or hate Cruz in the story Devil Deer ? Explain.

OR

Do you think " Once More to the Lake" is a nostalgic essay ? Explain.

17. Summarize the story depicted in the poem 'The Three Knights'.
18. Write a short notes on class perspectives.
19. Define femininity highlighting its dimensions.

Group 'C'

Write long answers to the following questions.

[3×8=24]

20. The story 'Leaving' moves around the theme of sacrifice and family bond. Explain.

OR

Describe the structures of the temple and the power of nature as depicted in the essay 'An Eastern Journey'.

21. Critically analyse the poem 'She Dwelt among the Untrodden ways'.
22. Do you think Ann's revelation of Larry's letter to the Kellers is a turning point in the play 'All My Sons' ? Give reasons to support your answer.