

ELECTIVE ENGLISH

(Maximum Marks: 100)

(Time allowed: Three hours)

*(Candidates are allowed additional 15 minutes for **only** reading the paper.*

They must NOT start writing during this time.)

*Attempt **five** questions, covering at least **three** of the prescribed textbooks.*

The intended marks for questions or parts of questions are given in brackets [].

Note: *Credit is given for textual detail and for the candidate's own response.*

Candidates are advised to exercise their options with great care, keeping

in view their knowledge and understanding of the question(s) chosen.

*Candidates are also expected to be **precise** and to avoid **unnecessary** details.*

TO KILL A MOCKINGBIRD – *Harper Lee*

Question 1

Narrate what happened outside the Maycomb County Jail one evening when Tom Robinson was in a cell there. Comment on the significance of this incident in the novel *To Kill a Mockingbird*. [20]

Question 2

Describe the character and role of Miss Maudie in Harper Lee's novel *To Kill a Mockingbird*. [20]

Question 3

With close reference to the text, illustrate how both good and evil exist in Maycomb. [20]

THE HUNGRY TIDE – Amitav Ghosh

Question 4

Describe the circumstances in which Piya meets Fokir for the first time in the novel *The Hungry Tide*. How does Fokir assist her in her research? [20]

Question 5

Write short notes on: [20]

- (a) Mashima
- (b) Kusum

Question 6

Narrate what happens in the chapter *The Killing* when people corner the tiger to kill it. Comment on the differences in the reactions of Piya and Fokir to the apparent cruelty to the tiger. [20]

A DOLL'S HOUSE– Henrik Ibsen

Question 7

What is your impression of the character of Torvald Helmer in the play *A Doll's House*? Do you believe he gets what he deserves at the end of the play? Justify your opinion. [20]

Question 8

Narrate the sequence of events in Act III of the play *A Doll's House*, from the conversation between Mrs. Linde and Krogstad to the point Torvald reads the letter revealing Nora's secret. What realisation dawns on Nora on seeing his reaction? [20]

Question 9

What is the role of the following characters in the play *A Doll's House*: [20]

- (a) Krogstad
- (b) Dr. Rank

DEATH OF A SALESMAN – *Arthur Miller*

Question 10

How does Arthur Miller bring out the American Dream through the characters of Willy Loman, Charley and Bernard? [20]

Question 11

Describe the relationship between Willy and Linda in the play *Death of a Salesman*. [20]

Question 12

Write short notes on: [20]

- (a) The Woman
- (b) Ben

NINETEENTH AND TWENTIETH CENTURY VERSE – *Edited by Chris Woodhead*

Question 13

Give a critical analysis of the poem *Piano* by D.H. Lawrence [20]

Question 14

How do Seamus Heaney's poems *Digging* and *Follower* provide a link to his past? [20]

Question 15

Analyse *The Thought Fox* by Ted Hughes as a poetic account of the act of writing poetry and seeking inspiration. [20]