

ENGLISH - B
SEMESTER-IV (New System)

2026

Total Time : 2 Hours]

[Total Marks : 40

- ◆ *Special credit will be given for answers which are brief and to the point. Marks will be deducted for spelling mistakes, untidiness and bad handwriting. Figures in the margin indicate full marks for the questions.*

INSTRUCTIONS

- This Question Booklet consists of 8 pages.
- Attempt the questions as per the instructions given therein.

Write the answers only in the Marked Answer Script, nowhere else.

This Question Booklet is sealed by Reverse Jacket. The candidate has to cut the jacket to open the booklet shown on the opening side of the Question Booklet. Candidate may use scale to cut open the jacket.

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Section - A

[for 20 marks questions]

5 × 2 = 10

1. Answer any *two* questions out of four questions :

- A) Why couldn't Alice go through the little door even though she had the key ?
- B) What did Alice find on the table on the second occasion ?
- C) What did the Tsar decide to do when he disagreed with the learned men ?
- D) Why did the wounded man want to kill the king ?

2. Answer any *two* questions out of four questions :

- A) What is the 'right' of the hawk and why are 'no arguments' needed for it ?
- B) What does the phrase 'yellow leaves' symbolize in William Shakespeare's Sonnet 73 (LXXIII) ?
- C) What is the stanzaic division and the rhyme scheme of Sonnet 73 ?
- D) What, according to Carl Dennis, will happen to the Plain States ?

3. Answer any *one* question out of two questions :

- A) Sima wrote a letter. It contained the truth. He praised Sima for it.
- B) Hearing the noise, Arjun got startled.
(Join into complex sentence)
(Split into two simple sentences)

Section - B

[for 3 marks questions]

1 × 3 = 3

4. Answer any one question out of two questions :

- A) The teacher said to her, "Why didn't you attend the class yesterday ?"

(Change into indirect speech)

- B) Yesterday, I went to market near my house. I bought ^{an} apple and a loaf of bread. On my way back, I saw a cat sitting the wall, looking very curious.

(Fill in the blanks with articles and prepositions)

Section - C

[for 5 marks questions]

1 × 5 = 5

5. Answer any one question out of two questions :

- A) Discuss the role of the 'sea' in J. M. Synge's one-act play *Riders to the Sea*.
- B) Analyse J. M. Synge's *Riders to the Sea* as a one-act play.

Section - D

[for 6 marks questions]

2 × 3 = 6

6. Answer any one question out of two questions :

- A) Describe Alice's experiences of falling down the rabbit hole in Lewis Carroll's *Alice in Wonderland — Down the Rabbit Hole*. What thoughts and feelings does she have during the fall ?

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- B) What were the three questions in Leo Tolstoy's short story with the same title? What were their answers?

2 + 4

7. Answer any one question out of three questions :

- A) Bring out the elements of violence and brutality in 'Hawk Roosting'.
- B) How does the image of autumn reflect the speaker's awareness of his mortality in William Shakespeare's Sonnet 73? How do the images of autumn get compared to those of 'fire' and 'twilight' in portraying the passage of life?
- C) Discuss the ecological concerns expressed in Carl Dennis' 'The Greenhouse Effect'.

Section - E

[for 10 marks questions]

1 x 10 = 10

8. Answer any one question out of two questions :

- A) Write an essay (in about 150 words) on any one of the following topics :

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- i) Impact of Social Media on the Youth



What is social media? How it affects mental health — connectivity and socialization — self-expression and creativity — information and education — social awareness — addiction and distraction.

OR

- ii) Importance of Vocational Education
 Meaning of Vocational Education — its importance in the context of present educational system — the scope it provides to employment — governmental encouragement.

- B) i) Draft an e-mail, in about 75 words, requesting your school authority to register your new address and new contact details (mobile number and e-mail Id) in the school records. 5

Inform why your address has changed and why new contact details are necessary — give the new address and contact details.

OR

Draft an email, in about 75 words, to a guest speaker, inviting him/her to speak at the Annual Programme of your school.

Details of the Annual Programme (date, time and tentative programme schedule) — what do you want him to talk about — duration of the talk — honorarium, if any.

- ii) Write a blog in about 75 words, on any *one* of the following topics : 5

Increasing Air Pollution in your locality.

OR

Women Empowerment in Sports and Games in India.