

# Question Paper

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## MANIPAL ACADEMY OF HIGHER EDUCATION

### INTERNATIONAL CENTRE FOR APPLIED SCIENCES I SEMESTER B.Sc. APPLIED SCIENCES IN ENGINEERING END SEMESTER EXAMINATION-APRIL/MAY 2019

#### Composition [EN 111]

Marks: 100

Duration: 180 mins.

#### Answer 5 out of 8 questions.

1) Read the following passage and answer the questions that follow: (10)

A) I have yet to meet a poetry-lover under thirty who was not an introvert, or an introvert who was not unhappy in adolescence. At school, particularly, maybe, if, as in my own case, it is a boarding school, he sees the extrovert successful, happy, and good and himself unpopular or neglected; and what is hardest to bear is not unpopularity, but the consciousness that it is deserved, that he is grubby and inferior and frightened and dull. Knowing no other kind of society than the contingent, he imagines that this arrangement is part of the eternal scheme of 10 things, that he is doomed to a life of failure and envy. It is not till he grows up, till years later he runs across the heroes of his school days and finds them grown commonplace and sterile, that he realizes that the introvert is the lucky one, the best adapted to an industrial civilization the collective values of which are so infantile that he alone can grow, who has educated his fantasies and learned how to draw upon the resources of his inner life. At the time, however, his adolescence is unpleasant enough. Unable to imagine a society in which he would feel at home, he turns away from the human to the nonhuman: homesick he will seek, not his mother, but mountains or autumn woods, and the growing life within him will express itself in a devotion to music and thoughts upon mutability and death. Art for him will be something infinitely precious, pessimistic, and hostile to life. If it speaks of love it must be love frustrated, for all success seems to him noisy and vulgar; if it moralizes, it must counsel a stoic resignation, for the world he knows is well content with itself and will not change.

*Deep as first love and wild with all regret,  
O death in life, the days that are no more.  
Now more than ever seems it sweet to die  
To cease upon the midnight with no pain.*

That to the adolescent is the authentic poetic note and whoever is the first in his life to strike it, whether Tennyson, Keats, Swinburne, Housman or another, awakens a passion of imitation and an affectation which no subsequent refinement or sophistication of his taste can entirely destroy. In my own case it was Hardy in the summer of 1923; for more than a year I

read no one else and I do not think that I was ever without one volume or another or the beautifully produced Wessex edition in my hands: I smuggled them into class, carried them about on Sunday walks, and took them up to the dormitory to read in the early morning, though they were far too unwieldy to be read in bed with comfort. In the autumn of 1924 there was a palace revolution after which he had to share his kingdom with Edward Thomas, until finally they were both defeated by Elliot at the battle of Oxford in 1926. Besides serving as the archetype of the Poetic, Hardy was also an expression of the contemporary scene. He was both my Keats and my Sandburg. To begin with, he looked like my father: that broad unpampered moustache, bald forehead, and deeply lined sympathetic face belonged to that other world of feeling and sensation. Here was a writer whose emotions, if sometimes monotonous and sentimental in expression, would be deeper and more faithful than my own, and whose attachment to the earth would be more secure and observant. Adapted from an article written by W H Auden.

- a) According to the author, poetry lovers under thirty generally...
- b) The author's main purpose is apparently to...
- c) Knowing no other kind of society than the contingent, he imagines that this arrangement is part of the eternal scheme of 10 things, that he is doomed to a life of failure and envy. The word contingent means...
- d) The author regards the introverted adolescent as ultimately lucky because he has \_\_\_\_\_
- e) To the adolescent the authentic poetic note is one of \_\_\_\_\_
- f) It can be inferred that, for the author, the poetry of Hardy is \_\_\_\_\_
- g) The author mentions Carl Sandburg as \_\_\_\_\_
- h) The author qualifies his appreciation of Hardy by pointing out that Hardy's poetic techniques were \_\_\_\_\_
- i) The author feels that Hardy's physical appearance suggested \_\_\_\_\_
- j) State true or false According to the passage Edward Thomas was once held in high esteem by the author.

B) Correct and rewrite the following sentences if necessary: (10)

- a. The colors blue and green compliment each other perfectly.
- b. Are you coming to a party next Saturday.
- c. Music soothe me.
- d. The last two questions in the exam is especially hard.
- e. I sympathize for you over your mother's death.
- f. He is one of the best players of Singapore and he takes pride of it.
- g. My friend asked me to go for shopping with her.
- h. The contestant hitted the target with great accuracy.
- i. To who did you pass the message I gave you.
- j. Please convey my best wish to your mother when you see her.

2) A well-known American university has offered scholarship to the meritorious students of ICAS. You wish to avail the scholarship and pursue your study in that university. Prepare a statement of purpose (SOP) of about 300-350 words stating why you deserve to be selected. (20)

3) Frame sentences using the following pairs of words so as to distinguish (5)

A) between the meanings.  
a.affect/effect b. along/a long c. alter/altar d. assent/ascent e. birth/ berth

B) A well-known American university has offered scholarship to the meritorious students of ICAS. You wish to avail the scholarship and pursue your study in that university. Prepare a Resume/CV to be submitted along with your SOP. The resume should include your personal details and other details. (15)

4) **Read the following passage :** (5)

A) The term co-operation lose its meaning when 'co-operative' becomes 'competitive' and just a firm of retail shopkeepers, entering in rivalry with either similar co-operatives or private shops. In the issue of licenses, permits, supplies, grants, loans, etc. government followed a general policy of preferring co-operatives to private originations. Since the government itself is run on party lines, this had led to rival co-operatives, one favoured by the part in power and the other trying to checkmate it. To remedy this, one way will be to insist on having only one multi-purpose co-operative in one unit, to eliminate all private dealers in distribution, and to make membership in the co-operative society compulsory for every householder. My feeling is that co-operatives, weather in selling, purchasing, or distributing should be restricted to carry in their operations for and between their members only. They must not become commission agents or middlemen among non members on the one hand and government or the world on the other. Their purchases must be for the needs of its members only and not for sale to the public. Their sales to the public must be confined to its own production. Permits, grants, loans, and other help should be given to them for proper distribution between their members only. (210)

**Rewrite the passage correcting the errors and underline the corrections made. (There are no punctuation errors.)**

B) The term co-operation lose its meaning when 'co-operative' becomes 'competitive' and just a firm of retail shopkeepers, entering in rivalry with either similar co-operatives or private shops. In the issue of licenses, permits, supplies, grants, loans, etc. government followed a general policy of preferring co-operatives to private originations. Since the government itself is run on party lines, this had led to rival co-operatives, one favoured by the part in power and the other trying to checkmate it. To remedy this, one way will be to insist on having only one multi-purpose co-operative in one unit, to eliminate all private dealers in distribution, and to make membership in the co-operative society compulsory for every householder. My feeling is that co-operatives, weather in selling, purchasing, or distributing should be restricted to carry in their operations for and between their members only. They must not become commission agents or middlemen among non members on the one hand and government or the world on the other. Their purchases must be for the needs of its members only and not for sale to the public. Their sales to the public must be confined to its own production. Permits, grants, loans, and other help should be given to them for proper distribution between their members only. (210)

**Write a summary of the given passage (around 1/3 of its length)**

- C) **Punctuate the following:** (5)

the announcement from the ministry of plenty ended on another trumpet call and gave way to tinny music parsons stirred to vague enthusiasm by the bombardment of figures took his pipe out of his mouth the ministry of plenty's certainly done a good job this year he said with a knowing shake of his head by the way smith old boy i suppose you haven't got any razor blades you can let me have not one said winston i've been using the same blade for six weeks myself ah well just thought i'd ask you old boy sorry said winston the quacking voice from the next table temporarily silenced during the ministry's announcement had started up again as loud as ever for some reason winston suddenly found himself thinking of mrs parsons with her wispy hair and the dust in the creases of her face within two years those children would be vaporized syme would be vaporized the eyeless creature with quacking voice would never be vaporized the little beetle-like men who scuttled so nimbly through the labyrinthine corridors of ministries they too would never be vaporized

- D) Write a paragraph on "Rainy season" (5)

- 5) **Answer ANY TWO of the following:** (20)

- i) How is Totalitarianism depicted in the novel 1984?
- ii) Discuss the role of Four Ministries in the lives of Oceania's citizens.
- iii) Write a note on the Big Brother?

- 6) **Answer ANY TWO of the following:** (20)

- i) What is Objectivism? How is it presented in Atlas Shrugged?
- ii) Write a note on the character Dagny Taggart.
- iii) What is the significance of the title "Atlas Shrugged"?

- 7) **Write an argumentative essay (on ANY ONE of the following) in about 500 to 600 words.** (20)

- i) Technology makes us more alone.
- ii) It is only Education that can lead you to success

- 8) **Write an expository essay (on ANY ONE of the following) in about 500 to 600 words.** (20)

- i) What is the role of Artificial Intelligence in solving problems of humankind?
- ii) Teenage depression and technology

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