

IMPORTANT INSTRUCTIONS

1. The Question Papers of both **New Syllabus** and **Old Syllabus** are made available, one based on revised study material marked as **New Syllabus** and the other based on pre-revised study material marked as **Old Syllabus**.
2. **New Syllabus** is compulsory for those candidates who have registered for 2025 (Block-I) admission and are appearing in April 2026 Examinations.
3. **Old Syllabus** is compulsory for those who had registered before 2025 (Block-I) admission.
4. Candidates are to answer only one Question Paper from the given two Question Papers.
5. Candidates are not allowed to mix questions from the given two Question Papers.



ENGLISH
(New Syllabus)
(302)

Time : 3 Hours]

[Maximum Marks : 100

- Note : (i) This Question Paper consists of 27 questions.
(ii) All questions are compulsory. The marks allotted to each question are indicated against it.
(iii) Question Nos. **1** to **13** are objective-type questions that include MCQs, Fill in the Blanks, True/False, Match the Column, and One-word answer types. Each question has sub-parts carrying 1 mark each.
(iv) Question Nos. **14** to **19** and **21** (in five sub-points) are very short answer-type questions carrying 2 marks each.
(v) Question Nos. **20** and **27** are short answer-type questions carrying 3 marks each. Question No. **22** carries 4 marks, divided into four sub-parts of equal marks. Question Nos. **24** to **26** are long answer-type questions carrying 4 marks each. Question No. **23** is an essay-type question carrying 6 marks.

An internal choice has been provided in some of these questions. You have to attempt only one of the given choices in such questions.

- (1) Answers of all questions are to be given in the Answer-Book given to you.
(2) 15 minutes time has been allotted to read this Question Paper. The Question Paper will be distributed at 2:15 p.m. From 2:15 p.m. to 2:30 p.m., the students will read the Question Paper only and will not write any answer on the Answer-Book during this period.

- 1.** Choose the correct option from the given alternatives : 1×3=3
- (a) Why does Thiruvalluvar describe fortitude as maintaining equanimity in success and failure?
- (A) It is because both success and failure are permanent states
(B) It is because true strength lies in self-control regardless of circumstances
(C) It is because failure should always be ignored
(D) It is because success is more important than failure
- (b) What shift occurs when Tagore speaks of 'words from the depth of truth'?
- (A) From politics to economics
(B) From poetry to prose
(C) From tradition to superstition
(D) From external social issues to inner moral life
- (c) What is the deeper meaning of 'wornout tools' in the poem?
- (A) Literal tools used for construction
(B) Outdated traditions that must be discarded
(C) A person's exhausted mind and spirit still striving to rebuild
(D) The futility of hard work



2. Read the text carefully and choose the correct option from the given alternatives :

1×5=5

Bal Gangadhar Tilak was born on July 23, 1856, in Ratnagiri, Maharashtra. He hailed from a Brahmin family and received an early education rooted in Indian culture and heritage. His quest for knowledge led him to pursue higher education in mathematics and law. Tilak's entry into politics was marked by his deep sense of national pride and a call for Swaraj. He became a part of the Indian National Congress but later founded the extremist wing within the Congress, advocating for a more assertive approach towards achieving independence. His newspapers, *Kesari*, and later *Maratha*, became powerful platforms for spreading nationalist ideas.

One of the most famous incidents from Bal Gangadhar Tilak's life is the story of how he popularized the Ganesh Chaturthi festival as a public celebration. When Tilak was a young boy, he witnessed a group of children in his neighbourhood playing outside during the Ganesh Chaturthi festival. These children were upset because they couldn't openly celebrate the festival due to restrictions by the British colonial authorities. Tilak was deeply moved by this incident and felt that the cultural and religious traditions of India were being suppressed. In response, he had a brilliant idea—he decided to make the Ganesh Chaturthi celebration a public event. He believed that by celebrating the festival openly and bringing people together, they could assert their cultural identity and build a sense of unity and pride. This initiative led to the public celebration of Ganesh Chaturthi, a tradition that continues to this day in many parts of India, where communities come together to worship Lord Ganesha with elaborate processions, music, and dance.

- (a) Tilak's early education was rooted in Indian culture and heritage. What impact did this background likely have on his later political life?
- (A) It made him indifferent to Indian traditions
 - (B) It inspired his nationalist pride and call for Swaraj
 - (C) It led him to avoid politics altogether
 - (D) It encouraged him to focus only on mathematics
- (b) Tilak founded the extremist wing within the Congress. What does this decision reveal about his approach to independence?
- (A) He preferred slow reforms and compromise
 - (B) He wanted to avoid confrontation with the British
 - (C) He believed in assertive and direct action
 - (D) He focused only on cultural festivals
- (c) Tilak used newspapers like *Kesari* and *Maratha*. What was the deeper purpose behind these publications?
- (A) To spread nationalist ideas and inspire unity
 - (B) To entertain readers with stories
 - (C) To advertise Ganesh Chaturthi celebrations
 - (D) To avoid political involvement



- (d) Tilak popularized Ganesh Chaturthi as a public celebration. What broader goal did this initiative serve?
- (A) To create more holidays for children
 (B) To assert cultural identity and unite people against colonial suppression
 (C) To reduce religious practices in society
 (D) To replace political movements with festivals
- (e) The beginning of public Ganesh Chaturthi celebrations continues today. What does this lasting tradition suggest about Tilak's influence?
- (A) His ideas were temporary and forgotten
 (B) His political role was limited to newspapers
 (C) His influence was confined only to Ratnagiri
 (D) His cultural initiatives had enduring social impact

3. Identify the following sentences as True or False : 1×4=4

- (a) Bob's diamond scarfpin and confident manner suggest that he had become wealthy and successful over the years.
 (b) Mathilde's dissatisfaction arises not from actual deprivation but from her longing for wealth and luxury.
 (c) The King was satisfied with the answers given by the learned men and rewarded them generously.
 (d) According to Bacon, the only purpose of studies is to provide delight in solitude, and they have no practical use in business or discourse.

4. Match the columns in reference to *After Twenty Years* : 1×3=3

Column-A

Column-B

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|-----------------------------------|---------------------------------------|
| (a) Bob sentimental yet criminal | (i) Symbolizes law and order |
| (b) Jimmy Wells remains policeman | (ii) Becomes source of conflict |
| (c) Bob returns after 20 years | (iii) Shows impact of time on choices |

5. Read the following passage carefully and choose the correct option from the given alternatives : 1×5=5

Wealth and financial security are often seen as signs of success. Many argue that wise saving and limiting the use of plastic money are essential habits for building stability. Plastic money, though convenient, can tempt people into overspending and making unnecessary purchases. The consequences of such habits often become clear only when misfortune strikes—loss of a job, sudden expenses, or multiple setbacks arriving at once.

Supporters of disciplined saving emphasize that living within one's means and curtailing unnecessary desires leads to a stress-free life. Without the burden of loans, individuals can enjoy peace of mind and be better prepared for emergencies.



Saving even a small portion of income regularly, such as ten percent, can steadily build wealth and provide strength during hard times. As the saying goes, “an empty sack cannot stand upright”—without savings, one loses resilience in the face of adversity.

On the other hand, critics argue that strict saving may limit enjoyment and opportunities. They believe money should also be spent to improve quality of life, pursue experiences, and support growth. For businesses, however, maintaining reserves is widely accepted as crucial. A company with at least a year’s expenditure saved is better equipped to survive downturns and unexpected challenges.

Ultimately, the debate centers on balance. Savings undeniably provide security, but spending wisely can also enrich life. The challenge lies in finding a middle path—enjoying the present while safeguarding the future.

- (a) Why does the passage warn against excessive use of plastic money?
- (A) It is because it is inconvenient to carry
 - (B) It is because it tempts people to overspend unnecessarily
 - (C) It is because it cannot be used abroad
 - (D) It is because it is unsafe to handle
- (b) What long-term benefit does the passage associate with saving a portion of income regularly?
- (A) It guarantees luxury and comfort
 - (B) It eliminates the need for employment
 - (C) It steadily builds wealth and provides security in emergencies
 - (D) It ensures higher social status
- (c) Why does the passage suggest businesses should maintain reserves for at least one year?
- (A) To expand into new markets immediately
 - (B) To increase employee salaries
 - (C) To avoid paying taxes
 - (D) To survive downturns and protect against adverse events
- (d) What is the overall tone of the passage?
- (A) Advisory
 - (B) Humorous
 - (C) Neutral
 - (D) Pessimistic
- (e) The word ‘curtail’ in the passage most nearly means
- (A) increase
 - (B) reduce or limit
 - (C) ignore
 - (D) expand



6. Read the following passage and identify the sentences as True or False : $1 \times 5 = 5$

Nanotechnology is the new face of sustainable agriculture. It not only revolutionizes agriculture from top to bottom, but also affects other related fields like environmental engineering, water resources, energy conservation, etc.

Ever since nanotechnology has stepped in, agricultural productivity leapt up, as it could solve several shortcomings in conventional farming. Efficiency of fertilizers improved with the help of nano clays and zeolites. Nano fertilizers facilitate controlled release of fixed nutrients and also increase the efficiency of nutrient uptake by plants. This necessitates less frequent fertilizer application and prevents fertilizer-overdosage that harms soil and microbes. Consequently, soil toxicity is minimized and soil fertility is maintained. Nano herbicides prove efficient in perennial weed management and protects the weed seed bank. Ongoing research even aims at producing nano polymer-coated smart seeds that are programmed to germinate under favourable conditions.

Precision farming and controlled environment agriculture benefit a great deal from nanotechnology.

Nano biosensor-satellite systems are being developed that diagnose the peculiar needs of crops and deliver such inputs in the right quantities at the right time. The next era of agriculture will be completely driven by nano structured regulations.

Targeted delivery, as well as controlled and conditional release mechanisms, are being developed that could release with precision all the necessary active ingredients in response to environmental triggers and biological demands.

- (a) Nano fertilizers improve nutrient uptake and reduce the need for frequent fertilizer application.
- (b) Fertilizer overdosage is more common with nano fertilizers than with conventional fertilizers.
- (c) Nano herbicides help manage perennial weeds and protect the weed seed bank.
- (d) Nano polymer-coated smart seeds are designed to germinate under any condition, favourable or not.
- (e) Nano biosensor-satellite systems can diagnose crop needs and deliver inputs precisely.

7. Fill in the blanks with proper tense of the verbs given in the brackets : $1 \times 4 = 4$

- (a) At the moment, I am thinking about what course to pursue next year but I ____ (not make) a final decision yet.
- (b) I get up at 7.00 a.m. every morning but this morning I ____ (sleep) for a long time and did not get up until 8.00 p.m.
- (c) I ____ (help) you, if you had informed me earlier.
- (d) Shh! Someone ____ (listen) to our conversation!



8. Match the columns :

1×4=4

Column-A

Column-B

- | | |
|---|--------------------|
| (a) One who doubts human sincerity and motives | (i) Philanthropist |
| (b) One who loves mankind and works for its welfare | (ii) Fatalist |
| (c) One who believes in fate or destiny | (iii) Ascetic |
| (d) One who abstains from worldly pleasures and practices self-denial | (iv) Cynic |

9. Fill in the blanks with appropriate interrogation markers :

1×3=3

- (a) _____ is this umbrella?
(b) _____ you wish to see?
(c) _____ they completed the project on time?

10. Match the word 'truth' with its correct meaning :

1×4=4

Column-A

Column-B

- | | |
|---|---|
| (a) She spoke her truth | (i) Universal reality or fundamental fact |
| (b) Philosophers seek the ultimate truth | (ii) Personal conviction or belief |
| (c) The truth of the statement was proven | (iii) Moral principle or honesty |
| (d) He is a man of truth | (iv) Factual correctness |

11. Fill in the blanks with the correct form of the words given in the brackets : 1×3=3

- (a) The scientist's _____ (discover) changed the world.
(b) The artist's _____ (create) was admired by all.
(c) The judge respected his _____ (honest).

12. Read the following poem and choose the correct option from the given alternatives : 1×3=3

The Thought-Fox

By Ted Hughes

I imagine this midnight moment's forest :
Something else is alive
Beside the clock's loneliness
And this blank page where my fingers move.
Through the window I see no star :
Something more near
Though deeper within darkness
Is entering the loneliness:

- (a) The opening line "I imagine this midnight moment's forest : " uses
(A) imagery
(B) simile
(C) metaphor
(D) personification



- (b) The phrase 'Beside the clock's loneliness' is an example of
- (A) symbolism
 - (B) personification
 - (C) alliteration
 - (D) hyperbole
- (c) The absence of stars in "Through the window I see no star :" conveys
- (A) irony
 - (B) symbolism
 - (C) hyperbole
 - (D) metonymy

13. Choose the correct option from the given alternatives :

1×4=4

- (a) Why is it necessary to tailor messages for electronic communication?
- (A) It is because the sender's and receiver's software or hardware may display messages differently
 - (B) It is because tailoring is unnecessary in paper-based communication
 - (C) It is because e-mails are always identical across devices
 - (D) It is because tailoring only applies to casual lunch invitations
- (b) Why do we use a formal tone, proper salutation, and complimentary close?
- (A) It is because job applications are meant to entertain the employer
 - (B) It is because these elements demonstrate professionalism and respect toward the recipient
 - (C) It is because they allow the applicant to showcase creativity
 - (D) It is because they replace the need for a résumé or CV
- (c) Why is it important to break up a memo's message into points?
- (A) It is because memos are meant to look like lists rather than paragraphs
 - (B) It is because memos must always be longer than letters
 - (C) It is because it helps readers grasp instructions quickly and avoid confusion
 - (D) It is because points are required only in inter-departmental communication
- (d) Why might reports often be written in third person and passive voice?
- (A) To make the report sound more casual and conversational
 - (B) To emphasize objectivity and focus on facts rather than the writer's perspective
 - (C) To highlight the writer's personal involvement in the event
 - (D) To make the report more dramatic and persuasive



Note : Answer the following questions (Q.Nos. 14–20) in 30–40 words each :

14. (a) Why does Kipling stress humility when walking with kings or talking with crowds? 2

OR

(b) What broader vision of society does Tagore present in the poem?

15. What is the deeper meaning of Kabir's metaphor of the tall date tree? 2

16. (a) Why did people feel drawn to the astrologer? 2

OR

(b) Why did the astrologer's answers satisfy his clients?

17. Why did Bishamber Nath demand extra dowry during the wedding? 2

18. (a) Why did the astrologer position himself next to the groundnut seller? 2

OR

(b) How did the astrologer charge for each question?

19. Why did Bholi's parents agree to Bishamber Nath's marriage proposal despite ignoring her feelings? 2

20. What item does Mathilde borrow from Madame Forestier? 3

OR

What does the astrologer's profession reveal about human nature?

21. Read the given passage carefully and answer the questions in 30 words each : 2×5=10

It was dark and Billy could not see anything. He was unable to identify where he was standing. Billy muttered to himself, "Where am I? Why can't I see a thing? Am I alone here?"

As it was pitch dark, his eyesight failed to guide him. He simply lost track of what was happening around and it was just like walking through nothingness. As Billy could not see anything, he felt like walking towards despair. He was not even sure whether he was alone or he was accompanied by someone else. Billy had no idea as to how he had come to that place. Billy in panic said, "This feels like despair... Did someone bring me here, or did I come myself?" He did not know. Suddenly Billy fell into the water and shouted "Help! I can't swim! Somebody, please!". As it was all dark, he did not have an idea that he was walking towards a river. Billy had never come to such a place before. Now he was neck deep in water and he did not know how to swim. Billy got relieved, "A boat... thank goodness! At least I won't drown." He was afraid he would drown. Suddenly Billy caught hold of something solid. He could tell it was a boat. He pulled himself onto the boat. Billy whispered to himself : "Where is this boat taking me? Why is it so dark? I can't hear anyone."



Billy kept his ears wide open to clearly hear the sounds coming from all sides. But he could only hear the gurgling of water and the swishing sound of the wave. Billy was frustrated, "If only there was a bit of light... I feel trapped."

It was a windy night and it was becoming tough for Billy to escape from the place. His eyes were useless because of the darkness. He could neither see nor do anything. A bit of light would have solved all problems but there was no hope for Billy.

Suddenly the boat hit a hard surface and Billy fell from the boat. Billy groaned "Not again! What now?"

Once again he managed to get up and this was not a land. This time Billy found himself on the floor of his bedroom. He had been dreaming all night. He opened his eyes and realized he was lying on the floor of his bedroom. Billy sighed in relief, "It was just a nightmare... but I'll never forget it."

- (a) Why did Billy feel like he was walking towards despair?
- (b) What happened suddenly while Billy was wandering in the dark?
- (c) Why was Billy afraid after falling into the water?
- (d) What sounds did Billy hear while sitting on the boat?
- (e) Why did Billy feel trapped while on the boat?

22. Do as directed :

1×4=4

- (a) The teacher said, "You write neatly."
(Change the speech)
- (b) I called him, but he didn't answer.
(Make it complex sentence)
- (c) They unanimously named Ravi the captain of team.
(Change the voice)
- (d) The firemen extinguished the fire in the forest.
(Rewrite the sentence using a phrasal verb for the underlined word)

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23. Answer any *one* of the following questions in 150-200 words :

- (a) Write a paragraph on the connectivity between social media users, especially teenagers, against mental health issues.
- (b) Design a poster against the ill-effects of firecrackers on the environment emphasizing issues such as air and noise pollution, harm to animals, health risks for people, and the contribution to climate change.



24. Read the passage given below and make notes on it using headings, sub-headings and recognizable abbreviations wherever necessary in 80–100 words :

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- (a) Science and technology have become indispensable in helping humanity understand the complexities of our changing climate. Climate is not static; it varies across regions and evolves over time due to both natural processes and human activity. To grasp these variations, scientists rely on advanced tools and technological innovations that allow them to observe, measure, and predict climate patterns with increasing accuracy.

Satellites, for instance, provide continuous monitoring of Earth's atmosphere, oceans, and land surfaces. They track temperature changes, greenhouse gas concentrations, and deforestation rates, offering a global perspective that was unimaginable a century ago. Similarly, supercomputers run sophisticated climate models that simulate future scenarios based on different levels of carbon emissions. These models help policymakers anticipate challenges such as rising sea levels, extreme weather events, and shifts in agricultural productivity.

Technology also plays a vital role in data collection at the local level. Automated weather stations, drones, and sensors gather real-time information about rainfall, wind speed, soil moisture, and ocean currents. This data is crucial for communities vulnerable to floods, droughts, or cyclones, enabling early warning systems that save lives and reduce economic losses. For example, predictive algorithms can forecast hurricanes with greater precision, giving people more time to prepare and evacuate.

Beyond observation and prediction, science and technology contribute to solutions. Renewable energy technologies—solar panels, wind turbines, and bioenergy—offer alternatives to fossil fuels, reducing greenhouse gas emissions. Innovations in carbon capture, sustainable agriculture, and energy-efficient infrastructure further demonstrate how technology can mitigate climate change while supporting human development. Even everyday tools, such as mobile apps that track energy use or promote sustainable practices, empower individuals to make climate-conscious choices.

With smartphones as well as the internet has further strengthened the fight against climate change by putting powerful tools directly into people's hands. Mobile applications allow individuals to monitor their carbon footprint, track energy consumption, and even participate in community-driven sustainability projects. Online platforms connect citizens with global initiatives, enabling collaboration across borders in real time. Social media spreads awareness rapidly, mobilizing support for climate-friendly policies and practices. With instant access to research, weather updates, and eco-friendly solutions, people can make informed choices daily. In this way, the smartphone becomes not just a communication device but a personal instrument for climate action.

Equally important is the role of technology in communication and education. Digital platforms spread awareness about climate science, making complex data accessible to the public. Interactive maps, visualizations, and online courses help people understand the urgency of climate action and encourage global participation in sustainability efforts.



Smartphones and the internet have truly shrunk the world into the palm of our hands. With a single device, people can access global news, connect with friends across continents, and explore vast libraries of knowledge instantly. Social media platforms, video calls, and instant messaging have erased geographical barriers, making communication seamless and immediate. Online shopping, banking, and education are now possible from anywhere, empowering individuals with convenience and choice. Even entertainment—from movies to music—streams directly into our pockets. This fusion of mobility and connectivity has transformed daily life, turning the smartphone into a powerful gateway to the entire world.

In essence, science provides the knowledge, and technology offers the means to apply it. Together, they form a powerful alliance that not only deepens our understanding of climate variability but also equips humanity with strategies to adapt and respond. As climate challenges intensify, the integration of scientific research and technological innovation will remain central to safeguarding our planet and ensuring a sustainable future.

OR

- (b) Read the passage given below and write a summary of the passage in your own words :

The quality of our natural heritage lies at the very heart of our agricultural success. Healthy ecosystems provide fertile soil, clean air, and fresh water, all of which are essential for producing nutritious food. Forests regulate rainfall and protect watersheds, ensuring reliable irrigation for crops. Wetlands and bogs act as natural filters, maintaining water purity, while diverse plant and insect life supports pollination and soil fertility. Birds and animals contribute to pest control and ecological balance, making farming more sustainable.

Agriculture thrives when biodiversity is preserved. Native plants enrich soil health, while micro-organisms maintain its productivity. Insects like bees and butterflies ensure pollination, directly influencing crop yields. Similarly, uplands and woodlands safeguard against erosion, protecting farmland from degradation. Without these natural systems, food security would be at risk, and the quality of agricultural produce would decline.

Science and conservation play a vital role in maintaining this balance. Sustainable farming practices, organic cultivation, and eco-friendly technologies help protect natural heritage while meeting human needs. By valuing biodiversity and clean ecosystems, we ensure that agriculture continues to provide safe, nutritious, and abundant food. Thus, the strength of our natural heritage is inseparable from the strength of our agriculture, securing both human well-being and environmental sustainability.

25. (a) Imagine that you are the Manager of Sahaya Apparel and Fashion Accessories, Mumbai. You ordered 250 shirts and dresses, with Roy Textiles, Kolkata but the supplier delivered 250 shoes and accessories. Write a letter of complaint and request a replacement.

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OR

(b) Imagine that you are the Head of the Student Council, and you need to inform your fellow students about an upcoming school event to showcase Health and Wellness Camp on the importance of vaccination, yoga, or fitness. Write a memo announcing the event, including the date, time, location and any preparations they need to make.

26. (a) A Book Fair was organized by your school in School Library on 20th November, 2025. Write a news clipping for the Residents' Welfare Association about the event.

OR

(b) As a Purchase Officer of Sanu Wires Pvt. Ltd., Noida, you wish to change the vendor who supplies electrical spare parts to the company. Submit your report to the Managing Director, listing why the new vendor would be better for the company.

27. (a) Write an e-mail to Blue Stone Residency, Chennai asking them to cancel your room reservation as your travel plans have changed, and mention that you will rebook later.

OR

(b) Write a résumé for the position of an Accountant in a trading firm, emphasizing accounting expertise, financial management skills, proficiency with accounting software, and eagerness to contribute to the organization's growth.

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