

2023

ENGLISH — HONOURS

Paper : SEC-B-2

(Academic Writing and Composition)

Full Marks : 80

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*The figures in the margin indicate full marks.*

*Candidates are required to give their answers in their own words  
as far as practicable.*

1. Create citations for **any five** from the following data following the MLA stylesheet or CMS. Pay attention to formatting, punctuation, capitalization and arrangement. 2×5
  - (a) S Wynn in 2020 authored a book entitled City of London at war 1939–45. Pen and Sword Military. London.
  - (b) An article, Researchers track down two copies of fossil destroyed by the Nazis. By E. Blackmore in the *The Washington Post*. 2020, November.  
12 <https://www.washingtonpost.com/science/2022/11/12/ichthyosaur-fossil-images-discovered/>
  - (c) A. Bell (2009). Landscapes of fear: Wartime London, 1939–1945. *Journal of British Studies* (48) 1, 153–175.2009. <https://www.jstor.org/stable/25482966>
  - (d) Wukovits, John. A World War II Survivor Recalls the London Blitz 2023, Jan. 30. [britishheritage.com/history/world-war-ii-survivor-london-blitz](http://britishheritage.com/history/world-war-ii-survivor-london-blitz). British Heritage magazine.
  - (e) “The Fat and the Furriest: Morphological Changes in Harp Seal Fur with Ontogeny.” 158–66 article by Gmuca, Natalia V., Linnea E. Pearson, Jennifer M. Burns, and Heather E. M. Liwanag. *Physiological and Biochemical Zoology* (88 : 2) (March/April 2015)
  - (f) Good Morning, Midnight, Penguin, London. 2000. A book by Jean Rhys.
  - (g) Williams, John. Vintage, 2003. London Name of the book: *Stoner*
  - (h) Richard Levins, On Sugar, Capitalism and Socialism.in *the journal* Capitalism Nature Socialism 17, no. 4 December 2006 in pages 125–36. <https://doi.org/10.1080/10455750601004657>.
2. Attempt a critical appreciation of **any one** of the following verses : 20×1
  - (a) Fish (fly-replete, in depth of June,  
Dawdling away their wat'ry noon)  
Ponder deep wisdom, dark or clear,  
Each secret fishy hope or fear.  
Fish say, they have their Stream and Pond;

Please Turn Over

But is there anything Beyond?  
This life cannot be All, they swear,  
For how unpleasant, if it were!  
One may not doubt that, somehow, Good  
Shall come of Water and of Mud;  
And, sure, the reverent eye must see  
A Purpose in Liquidity.  
We darkly know, by Faith we cry,  
The future is not Wholly Dry.

- (b) Out of the huts of history's shame  
I rise  
Up from a past that's rooted in pain  
I rise  
I'm a black ocean, leaping and wide,  
Welling and swelling I bear in the tide.  
Leaving behind nights of terror and fear  
I rise  
Into a daybreak that's wondrously clear  
I rise  
Bringing the gifts that my ancestors gave,  
I am the dream and the hope of the slave.  
I rise  
I rise  
I rise.

3. Write a substance with a critical note on *any one* of the following passages.

12+8

- (a) If we are the only intelligent beings in the galaxy, we should make sure we survive and continue. But we are entering an increasingly dangerous period of our history. Our population and our use of the finite resources of planet Earth are growing exponentially, along with our technical ability to change the environment for good or ill. But our genetic code still carries the selfish and aggressive instincts that were of survival advantage in the past. It will be difficult enough to avoid disaster in the next hundred years, let alone the next thousand or million. Our only chance of long-term survival is not to remain inward-looking on planet Earth, but to spread out into space. The answers to these big questions show that we have made remarkable progress in the last hundred years. But if we want to continue beyond the next hundred years, our future is in space.
- (b) Why is it that countries which we call 'strong' are so powerful in creating wars but so weak in bringing peace? Why is it that giving guns is so easy but giving books is so hard? Why is it that making tanks is so easy, but building schools is so difficult? As we are living in the modern age, the 21st century, we all believe that nothing is impossible. We can reach the moon and maybe soon will land on Mars. Then, in this, the 21st century, we must be determined that our dream of quality education for all will also come true. So let us bring equality, justice and peace for all. Not just the

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politicians and the world leaders, we all need to contribute. Me. You. It is our duty. So we must work ... and not wait. I call upon my fellow children to stand up around the world. Dear sisters and brothers, let us become the first generation to decide to be the last. The empty classrooms, the lost childhoods, wasted potential—let these things end with us.

4. Write an essay on *any one* of the following topics :

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- (a) Social media and alternative employment
- (b) Sports in India today
- (c) Relationship between happiness and leisure activities
- (d) Impact of online teaching-learning method in a post-Covid world.

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