

April,2025

Time- 3hours

Full Marks- 100

PART - I

NO. 1. Answer all the questions:

(1x10)

- a) Who is the author of the short story Misery?
- b) What kind of character is Miss Brill in Katherine Manfield's story?
- c) What is the profession of the main character in R.K Narayan's "An Astrologer's Day"?
- d) What is the purpose of precis writing?
- e) What is one key feature of essay writing?
- f) What is the significance of the title A Doll's House?
- g) What is the name of the protagonist in A Doll's House?
- h) Who wrote the poem "The Passionate shepherd to His Love"?
- i) What symbol is used in Maya Angelou's "Caged Bird"?
- j) What is the main theme of Philip Larkin's poem "Days"?

PART - II

NO. 2 Answer all the questions in 50 words:

(2x9)

- a) Describe the emotional state of the cab driver in Anton Chekhov's Misery.
- b) What does the gate symbolize in Franz Kafka's Before the Law?
- c) What are the key elements of an effective essay?
- d) How does precis writing improve comprehension skills?
- e) How does A Doll's House challenge traditional gender roles?
- f) Who wrote the play A Doll's House?
- g) Who is the speaker in Marlowe's poem "The passionate shepherd to his love"? what promises does he makes to his love?
- h) What feeling does "My Heart Leaps Up" express?
- i) What is the main theme of Philip Larkin's Days?

PART - III

NO.3 Answer any 8 out of 10 questions in 250 words:

(5x8)

- a) Discuss the theme of loneliness and emotional repression in Anton Chekhov's "Misery".
- b) Analyze the symbolic significance of the law and the gatekeeper in Franz Kafka's "Before the Law".
- c) What are the essential elements of a good essay? Explain with examples.
- d) How does guided composition help in developing writing skills? Illustrate with an example.
- e) Explain the steps involved in writing an effective precis
- f) Critically examine the transformation of Nora Helmer in A Doll's House.
- g) Compare and contrast the characters of Nora and Kristine in A Doll's House in Ibsen's play.
- h) Discuss how Maya Angelou uses imagery and metaphor in Caged Bird to convey her message.
- i) How does William Wordsworth reflect the Romantic ideals in My Heart Leaps Up?
- j) What philosophical ideas are presented in Philip Larkin's poem Days?

PART - IV

No.4 Answer any 4 out of 5 questions:

(8x4)

- a) Critically examine the portrayal of human indifference and emotional isolation in Anton Chekhov's story "Misery".
- b) Discuss how R.K Narayan's "An Astrologer's Day" blends irony, suspense, and Indian cultural elements to create an engaging short story.
- c) Write a detailed note on the structure and types of essays. How can one effectively develop an argumentized essay?
- d) Examine A Doll's House, as a critique of societal norms regarding marriage and gender roles.
- e) Analyze Christopher Marlowe's "The Passionate Shepherd to His Love" as a pastoral lyric.

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PART - I

NO. 1 Answer All the questions: **(1x10)**

- What emotion dominates the story “**Misery**” by Chekhov?
- What literary technique is commonly used by Franz Kafka in “**Before the Law**”?
- In “Miss Brill”, what does the main character enjoy doing every Sunday?
- What does a precis aim to remove from the original text?
- What is the ideal length of a precis compared to the original text?
- Which writing skill is practiced using pictures or guided outlines?
- In which language was *A Doll's House* originally written?
- What is the profession of Torvald Helmer in the play?
- What poetic form is “**My Heart Leaps Up**” written in?
- Which poem by Maya Angelou expresses the struggle for freedom?

PART -II

No.2 Answer All the questions: **(2x9)**

- How does the astrologer in R.K Narayan’s story use deception to survive?
- Write briefly on the ending of the story “**Misery**”.
- Describe Miss Brill’ Sunday routine and What does it reveals about her character?
- What are the key characteristics of a good precis?
- Mention two important points that one must keep in mind while writing an essay.
- Why is clarity important in composition writing?
- Why does Nora borrow money in *A Doll's House*?
- How does Ibsen portray the role of women in society through Nora?
- What is the central idea of “**The Passionate Shepherd to His Love**”?

PART - III

No. 3 Answer any 8 questions: **(5x8)**

- Discuss the theme of loneliness and grief in Chekhov’s short story “**Misery**”.
- How does Franz Kafka in critique justice and authority in “Before the Law” ?
- Write a short essay on the importance of punctuality in student life.
- Write a guide composition based on the theme: “A Memorable Journey.”
- Discuss the character of Nora Helmer as a symbol of women’s emancipation.
- What are the major conflicts in *A Doll's House*, and how do they contribute to the play’s message?
- Analyze Wordsworth’s view of nature in the poem “My Heart Leaps Up”
- Explain the philosophical message in Philip Larkin’s “Days.”
- Discuss the theme of love in the poem “The Passionate Shepherd to His Love”.
- What kind of language does the Larkin use in his poem “Days”. Discuss in brief?

PART - IV

No.4 Answer 4 out of 5 questions: **(8x4)**

- Kafka’s “Before the Law” is a tale about existential crisis and human struggle for justice. Discuss.
- How does R.K. Narayan make use of irony to reflect on fate?
- What are different types of essays. What are the steps involved in writing of essay?
- Discuss the theme of gender roles and female identity in Henrik Ibsen’s *A Doll's House*?
- Explore the theme of racial oppression and resilience in Maya Angelou’s “Caged Bird”.

**April,2025
Personality Development
Time- 3 hours Full Marks- 80
PART - I**

No1. Answer all the questions: **(1x10)**

- a) What is Personality?
- b) Name any one trait of personality.
- c) What is SWOT?
- d) Define attitude?
- e) Name one factor affecting attitude.
- f) Define leadership.
- g) Give one example of a soft skill.
- h) Give an example of body language.
- i) What is phonetics?
- j) Mention one purpose of a resume.

PART - II

No2. Answer all the questions: **(2x9)**

- a) Explain the significance of personality development.
- b) What is the importance of literature in building personality?
- c) State any two qualities needed for healthy interpersonal relationships.
- d) Mention two ways to maintain overall mental health.
- e) What is leadership? Give one example.
- f) Mention any two roles of team management.
- g) What are soft skills? Give two examples.
- h) Mention two techniques of time management.
- i) Define communication and state its purpose.

PART - III

No3. Answer any 8 out of 10 questions: (maximum 150 words) **(5x8)**

- a) Discuss the meaning, definition, and traits of personality.
- b) Describe SWOT analysis and its importance in self-improvement.
- c) How does literature contribute to building personality? Give examples.
- d) Differentiate between positive and negative attitudes with examples.
- e) What is self-motivation? Discuss its importance in professional growth.
- f) Discuss the importance of team management in personality development.
- g) Discuss any five-time management techniques.
- h) Describe the characteristics of effective communication.
- i) Explain the importance of resume writing and email etiquette.
- j) Discuss the significance of group discussions and seminar presentations.

PART - IV

No 4. Answer any 4 out of 5 questions: (maximum 500 words) **(8x4)**

- a) Elaborate on the role of literature in shaping and building personality.
- b) Write a detailed note on the effective use of social media and e-gadgets for overall mental health and wellbeing.
- c) What is attitude? Discuss its concept, significance, and factors affecting it.
- d) What is communication? Explain its meaning, purpose, process, and key elements with examples.
- e) Explain verbal and non-verbal communication in detail, including body language and gestures.
