

MAEG-01

June – Examination 2024

M.A. (Previous) Examination

ENGLISH

(English Language Usage and
Communication Skills)

Paper : MAEG-01

Time : 3 Hours]

[Maximum Marks : 80

Note :- The question paper is divided into three Sections A, B and C. Write answers as per the given instructions.

Section-A

8×2=16

(Very Short Answer Type Questions)

Note :- Answer all questions. As per the nature of the question delimit your answer in one word, one sentence or maximum up to **30** words. Each question carries 2 marks.

1. Read the following passage and answer the questions that follow :

It was an unexpected surprise to watch ‘Mast me Rehneka’ an OTT release on Prime Video last week. It depicts the lives of several folks who are fighting in the city to live better lives. Set in the heavily congested city of Mumbai, it is a tale of optimism and preserverance. The movie offers a novel perspective on the distant nature of metropolis by concentrating on the loneliness of the elderly. In addition to kindness, the narrative gradually reveals challenges and personal secrets. Relationships are valued by the characters, who also manage to have fun occasionally and never give up. Jackey Shroff gives one of his best performances in a while as Kamath, a typical elderly widower in Mumbai. Neena Gupta plays a vivacious and upbeat character who is also lovely in the city. The film emphasizes the kindness of individuals while attempting to put a positive light on the challenges of living in a metropolis. Though it’s a light hearted movie, don’t take it too lightly.

The film wonderfully raises the issue of loneliness and sociability in old age. The number of elderly people is high overall and continues to rise as health care education advances. Numerous changes in their physical, psychological and social roles put these people's sense of self and ability to live happily at jeopardy.

Questions :

- (i) What is the theme of the movie 'Mast me Rehneka' ?
- (ii) What positive qualities of the elderly have been depicted in the movie ?
- (iii) What roles do the two main characters of the movie play ?
- (iv) Why has the number of elderly people grown in society ?
- (v) What has enabled the elderly to live happily ?
- (vi) Give noun forms of social, psychological.
- (vii) Which word in the passage means 'attractively lively and animated' ?
- (viii) Give opposite of loneliness.

Section-B

4×8=32

(Short Answer Type Questions)

Note :- Answer any *four* questions. Each answer should not exceed **200** words. Each question carries 8 marks.

2. Label the following sentences in terms of SVOCA :

- (i) He would not take the crown.
- (ii) It will make you mad.
- (iii) The crowd cheered him lustily.
- (iv) She made the problem complicated.
- (v) The company has been very successful.
- (vi) They are in the class.
- (vii) Don't drive too fast.
- (viii) Be organized.

3. (a) Frame one sentence each on the patterns given below :

- (i) S + Vt + direct object.
- (ii) S + Vt + to infinitive.
- (iii) S + Vt + noun/pronoun + past participle.
- (iv) S + Vi + adverbial.

- (b) State whether the given group of words is a phrase or a clause :
- (i) Because of his health problems.
 - (ii) Though he was ill.
 - (iii) As you are my friend.
 - (iv) Once upon a time.
4. (a) Passivize the following sentences :
- (i) The carpenter is building the desk.
 - (ii) The woodcutter cut down the tree.
 - (iii) The farmer will plough the field.
 - (iv) What did you do in the evening ?
- (b) Change the following into Reported Speech :
- (i) She said to me, "I don't like chocolate."
 - (ii) He said, "I was sleeping when Julie called."
 - (iii) She said to me, "Why did you go out last night ?"
 - (iv) She said to me, "Please help me carry this."

5. (a) Use the following idioms into sentences :
- (i) For good.
 - (ii) In the blink of an eye.
 - (iii) French leave.
 - (iv) Like a cake walk
- (b) Give one word substitution for the following :
- (i) Not clear enough to be read.
 - (ii) Government by kings and queens.
 - (iii) Having more than one wife.
 - (iv) One who travels on foot.
6. (a) Point out the notion/concept expressed through the sentences given below :
- (i) Let's sit outside.
 - (ii) If only my friends were here ?
 - (iii) You had better start your studies.
 - (iv) Best of luck !
- (b) State the literary devices used in these expressions :
- (i) You have grown taller than a sky scraper.

Section-C

2×16=32

(Long Answer Type Questions)

Note :- Answer any *two* questions. You have to delimit your each answer maximum up to **500** words. Each question carries 16 marks.

- (ii) Six silly sisters saw the swan.
 - (iii) There was a deafening silence in the crowd.
 - (iv) The wind moaned outside the window.
7. (a) Name the types of affixes (prefix or suffix) used in the following words :
- (i) Misbehave
 - (ii) Undo
 - (iii) Graceful
 - (iv) Companionship
- (b) Correct the following sentences :
- (i) I have visited Niagara Falls last weekend.
 - (ii) She married with a dentist.
 - (iii) She was boring in the class.
 - (iv) Although it was raining, but we had the picnic.
8. Enumerate the do's and don'ts to write the best précis.
9. Discuss the tips for writing a brilliant review of the latest book you read—whether you liked it or not.

10. What is a bibliography ? How should the reference list be organized ? Explain with examples.
11. Write a letter to the editor of a local newspaper highlighting the problem of stray cattle on the roads of the city. Imagine you are Imtiaz Ahmed.
12. Write a detailed note on the process of creating compound words in English giving suitable examples.
13. Write an essay on any *one* of the following topics :
- (i) Effects of social networking sites
 - (ii) Artificial Intelligence
 - (iii) The most embarrassing moment of my life