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**NEB - GRADE XII
2083 (2026)**

Optional English

(For regular and partial students whose first two digits of registration number starts from 79, 80, 81 and 82)

Candidates are required to give their answers in their own words as far as practicable. The figures in the margin indicate full marks.

Time: 3 hrs.

Full Marks: 75

Attempt all the questions.

Group 'A'

Write the correct answer, choosing from the options given below.[11×1=11]

1. Which of the following languages has 'No' native speakers ?
i) Creole ii) Pidgin iii) Lingua franca iv) Register
2. Which of the following deals with commonality and universal humanity as a tendency to emphasize cultural differences ?
i) Multiculturalism ii) Bilingualism
iii) Monolingualism iv) Multilingualism
3. In which method of teaching grammar, learners themselves must discover the rules in context ?
i) The direct method
ii) The deductive approach
iii) The inductive approach
iv) The communicative method
4. What is the theme of the story 'Brahmadatta and the Bunyan Deer' ?
i) Hatred ii) Revenge
iii) Love and compassion iv) Freedom and Justice
5. Where did Paul start to work ?
i) Cinema ii) Theatre iii) Concert hall iv) Restaurant
6. With whom had the narrator visited the lake when he had gone there for the first time ?
i) Friend ii) Wife iii) Son iv) Father
7. What does the speaker express about the thought of death in 'If I Should Die' ?
i) Terror ii) Sadness
iii) Calmness iv) Anger

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8. What type of stanza pattern is used in 'The Three Knights' ?
i) Couplet ii) Tercet iii) Quatrain iv) Quintet
9. In which month do the events of the play 'All My Sons' take place ?
i) November ii) August iii) June iv) February
10. Where does Chris intend to move in the play 'All My Sons' ?
i) St. Louis ii) Louisville iii) Cincinnati iv) Cleveland
11. Which one of the following is major focus of formalism ?
i) Content ii) Form iii) Background iv) Biography

Group 'B'

Write short answers to the following questions.

[8×5=40]

12. What are major language family ? Describe one of them in brief.
13. Define multiculturalism in short.
14. How does the teacher describe three students ? (*The Three Students*)

OR

- Why do the five towers of Angkor look shapeless ? (*An Eastern Journey*)
15. What does 'wheat' symbolize in the story 'A Deal in Wheat' ? Explain in brief.
16. What is the author's opinion about the existence of god ?
(Man and the Battle of Life)
17. Explain the title of the poem 'Lord ! Make Me a Sheep'.
18. Describe 'Gender Perspective' in short.

OR

- Write short note on 'Marxist Criticism'.
19. What is marginality ? How are certain groups of people marginalised ?

Group 'C'

Write long answers to the following questions.

[3×8=24]

20. Describe 'The Lost Child' as a realistic story.

OR

- The author talks about commodification of art, literature, sports etc. Is it good or bad for the society ? Give your opinions.
(Once More to the Lake)
21. 'Mending Wall' explores the nature of human relationships. Explain.
22. Describe 'All My Sons' as a modern tragedy.