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Instructions for Candidates

1. Write your Roll No. on the top immediately on receipt of this question paper.
2. This question paper contains **2** parts. **Both** parts are compulsory.
3. Candidates have to answer **ALL** the questions in **Part A** and **ANY THREE** questions in **Part B**.
4. Questions in **Part A** carry **10** marks each and questions in **Part B** carry **20** marks each.

Part A

(10×3=30)

1. (a) Read the following poem carefully and attempt a practical criticism. Focus on theme, tone, imagery, metaphors, and rhyme.

Beneath the silver moon's soft glow,
The river hums, the breezes blow,
Through ancient woods and whispering trees,
The night hums secrets on the breeze.
Stars like lanterns pierce the dark,
Their trembling light ignites a spark,
Where shadows dance on mossy ground,
And every leaf makes gentle sound.
The owl surveys with golden eyes,

P.T.O.

Its silent flight through midnight skies,
While flowers close their sleepy heads,
And dreams like rivers weave through beds.

Or

- (b) What is the significance of writing an abstract and keywords for a research paper?

2. (a) Convert the following entries into MLA 9 style: (5×2)

- (i) Book: John Smith. *Modern Research*. New Delhi: Oxford University Press, 2018. Print.
- (ii) Journal Article: Meena Sharma. "Language and Culture." *Indian Journal of English Studies*, Volume 5, Issue 2, 2020, pages 45-60. Published by Delhi University Press.
- (iii) Website Article: "Research Methods Today." Author: not mentioned. Website: Research World. Publisher: Research World Pvt. Ltd. Date of publication: 15 June 2021. URL: www.researchworld.com/methods. Accessed on 10 January 2023.
- (iv) Book Chapter: R.K. Gupta. "Poetry Analysis." In *Perspectives on Literature*, edited by S. Verma, Routledge India, New Delhi, 2019, pp. 120-135.
- (v) Newspaper Article: Rajiv Kumar. "Education in India." *The Hindu*, New Delhi edition, 5 March 2022, page 10.

Or

- (b) Write a short note on qualitative and quantitative research. Discuss the applicability of quantitative research to English studies.
3. (a) What is a thesis statement? Explain its characteristics and importance in research writing.

Or

- (b) Paraphrase the following passage in your own words in about 200-250 words :

Research methodology constitutes a crucial dimension of scholarly inquiry, encompassing the systematic frameworks and procedures through which knowledge is generated, validated, and disseminated. At its core, research is not merely an accumulation of facts but a disciplined process that involves critical thinking, analytical reasoning, and methodological precision. Scholars are required to make informed choices regarding research design, data collection techniques, and modes of analysis, all of which are influenced by the nature of the research problem and the theoretical orientation adopted. In contemporary academic discourse, there has been an increasing emphasis on methodological pluralism, which acknowledges that no single approach can adequately address the complexity of social, cultural, and literary phenomena. Quantitative methods, with their focus on measurement and statistical analysis, offer valuable insights into patterns and generalizations, while qualitative approaches enable a deeper exploration of meaning, context, and subjective experience. The integration of these methods, often referred to as mixed-methods research, reflects a growing recognition of the need for flexibility and adaptability in research practices. Furthermore, the role of the researcher is not that of a detached observer but an active participant whose perspectives, assumptions, and positionality inevitably shape the research process. Ethical considerations also occupy a central place in research methodology, encompassing issues such as informed consent, confidentiality, and the responsible representation of data. Ultimately, research methodology serves as the foundation upon which rigorous and meaningful scholarship is built.

Part B

(20×3=60)

4. (a) Elucidate the process of finalizing a research topic. What are the challenges you faced while arriving at your research topic?

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Or

(b) Write a note on the significance of literature review in research.

5. (a) What are the components of a Research Proposal? Discuss any two of these in detail.

Or

(b) Explain the role of annotated bibliography in research and discuss the features of any one style manual.

6. (a) What is the significance of research methodology in humanities? How did you arrive at a methodology for your research paper?

Or

(b) Why are research questions important while embarking on a research idea? Comment with reference to any two research questions you have raised in your research paper.

7. (a) What are primary and secondary sources? If secondary sources are over-emphasized in research what are the problems that are likely to emerge?

Or

(b) What is the significance of creativity in research? Do you think creative writing is relevant in research in English Studies? Give a reasoned answer.