

FINAL EXAMINATION – 2026

ENGLISH

(For all categories of candidates)

Subject Code : 1302

Time : 3 hours 15 minutes

Full Marks : 80 (Eighty) for Regular Candidates

Full Marks : 100 (One hundred) for External Candidates

The figures in the margin indicate full marks.

Section – A : Reading : Marks – 20

- I. **Read the following passage carefully and answer the questions that follow :**

Politeness has been well defined as benevolence in trifles. It is desired to put those whom we meet perfectly at their ease, and save them from every kind of petty discomfort and annoyance. The limited part of benevolence called politeness requires only an inclination to make them happy temporarily, while they are in our presence, and when this can be done without any sacrifice on our part or only with a slight sacrifice of personal comfort.

Politeness is said to be one of the important characteristics of a civilised person. Politeness is the art of choosing among your thoughts. It must be implemented in every walk of life. When we deal with people elder to us we are polite. But, an honest polite person is polite with everyone, people of lower status, workers and even children. Not only with humans but also with animals we must be polite as they are our helpers.

Politeness is a skill. Like any other skill, you can master it with practice. The greatest enemy of politeness is ego. To be a polite person, you have to sacrifice your ego. It is difficult for an egoist to be polite. You have to imply politeness in your thinking, speech and actions. Actions work more than words. Polite actions will give fine results. Politeness will reduce your stress and boost you to be productive. Apart from your present benefits, you protect your future. Being polite makes you mentally healthy. In our daily life, we come across many incidents with people nearby and ourselves.

Turn Over

Different rules of behaviour have to be observed, accordingly as we are in the street or in the drawing room, at home or at school, in the company of friends or of strangers. There is also to be considered the great diversity of social etiquette which distinguishes one country from another.

Politeness, besides being a duty that we owe to others, is a valuable possession for ourselves. It costs nothing and it may in many cases bring much profit. The great advantages of the excellence of conduct was very clearly expressed by Dr. Johnson when he said that the difference between a well-bred and ill-bred man is that one immediately attracts your liking the other your dislike.

A. On the basis of your understanding of the above passage, answer the following questions :

1×5=5

1. Politeness is an art among your—

- (a) sleeps (b) thoughts
(c) dreams (d) night mares

2. An honest polite person is —

- (a) impolite (b) rude
(c) serious (d) polite

3. _____ is a valuable possession for ourselves.

- (a) kindness (b) quietness
(c) politeness (d) rudeness

4. Politeness is a —

- (a) art (b) skill
(c) dream (d) thought

5. Politeness has been well defined as benevolence in —

- (a) trifles (b) seriousness
(c) greatness (d) dreams

B. Answer the following questions :

1×5=5

6. What makes one mentally healthy?

7. Why is it difficult for an egoist to be polite?

8. How can one be polite?

9. What are the benefits of being polite?

10. Why is politeness called as limited part of benevolence?

II. Read the following excerpt carefully :

Tourists visiting Jammu and Kashmir have another attraction – a floating post office on the Dal Lake in Srinagar, the first in the country. 'Floating Post Office, Dal Lake' – claimed to be the only one such post office in the world is built on an intricately carved maroon houseboat, fastened on the western edge of the Dal Lake.

The post office lets one avail of all the regular postal services available in the country while being a float. The seal used on everything posted from the Floating Post Office is unique – along with the date and address, it bears the design of a boatman rowing a Shikara on the Dal Lake. The special feature of this post office is that the letters posted from here carry a special design which has the picturesque scenery of Dal Lake and Srinagar city. These pictures reach wherever these letters are posted to and hence promote Kashmir as a tourist destination across the world.

This is actually a heritage post office that has existed since British times. It was called Nehru Park Post Office before 2011. But then the chief postmaster John Samuel renamed it as 'Floating Post Office'.

The post office's houseboat has two small rooms – one serves as the office and the other a small museum that traces the philatelic history of the state postal department. It has a shop that sells postage stamps and other products.

But for the locals, the Floating Post Office is more than an object of fascination. 1-2 crore is deposited per month in the Floating Post Office by communities living in and around the Dal Lake. The Lake has several islets that are home to more than 50,000 people.

The greatest fear is the recurrence of 2019 like floods in which the household had gone for a toss uncontrollably pushed by the flood. Rescue teams had no anchor it using special mechanism in a nearby highland. Then it was brought back on Dal after the water receded.

A. On the basis of your understanding of the above passage, answer the following questions :

1×5=5

11. India's first 'Floating Post Office' is located on –

(a) Chilika Lake

(b) Dal Lake

(c) Tsongmo Lake

(d) Wular Lake

12. The Floating Post Office is built on intricately maroon houseboat, fastened on the _____ of the Dal Lake.
- (a) eastern-edge (b) western-edge
(c) southern-edge (d) northern-edge
13. Which object in the 'Floating Post Office' is unique?
- (a) post cards (b) Inland letters
(c) seals (d) stamps
14. Which word in the passage means 'a small island'?
- (a) heritage (b) philatelic
(c) islets (d) picturesque
15. Which information in the options is NOT correct according to the passage?
- (a) The Floating Post Office has a shop that sells postage stamps
(b) The Floating Post Office is in Srinagar
(c) The Floating Post Office was called Nehru Park Post Office
(d) The Floating Post Office houseboat has four small rooms

B. Answer the following questions :

1×5=5

16. What does the post office let one avail ?
17. What does the unique seal of the post office bear ?
18. What is the special feature of the post office ?
19. Write about the structure of the post office.
20. How much money is deposited per month in the Floating Post Office and by whom ?

Section – B : Grammar and Writing : Marks – 20

- A. The following passage has not been edited. There is an error in each line. Identify the error and write its correction against the correct blank number.**

The first one has been done as an example.

1×4=4

Robinson used to spent

21. hours gazing on merchant ships.

Error
spent

spend

Correction
spend

spend

22. His father want him to become _____
 23. a lawyer but he wanted to exploring _____
 24. the world on one of them. _____

B. Read the dialogue given below and then complete the report that follows : 1×3=3

Neha : I'm really looking forward to the family picnic tomorrow.

Namita : Yes, after a long time we will be meeting our relatives. _____

Neha : It will be fun.

25. Neha told Namita that she _____
 26. Namita agreed that after a long time _____
 27. Neha added that it _____

C. Fill in the blanks below choosing the correct alternatives given within the brackets. 1×3=3

28. The coach with his players _____ come to play a match. (have / has / is / had)
 29. 'I had done' is an example of _____ tense. (Present indefinite / Past perfect / Present perfect / Present continuous)
 30. You _____ always use helmet while riding a bike. (would / can / might / must)

D. Answer the following questions :

31. Write a letter to the editor of an English Newspaper within 100–120 words regarding the misuse of mobile phones by students. You are Ankur/Amisha, a resident of Belonia, South Tripura. 5

Or

Write a letter to the Agartala Municipal Corporation expressing your grave concern about the poor condition of road in your locality. You are Anita/Amit of AB Road, Agartala, West Tripura. <https://www.tripuraboard.com>

32. Write a paragraph on "Importance of Saving Water".

[Water – most valuable gift of nature – scarcity of safe drinking water – misuse of water – how to save water] [120 words] 5

Or

Write a paragraph on "Forest Wealth of Tripura".

[Tripura – small North-Eastern state – 60% forest cover – rich in biodiversity – shal, sagun trees – bamboo, cane – fruit orchards – rubber, tea production – wildlife tourism – monkeys, elephants, bison, bears – rural employment / economic growth] [120 words]

Section – C : Literature : Marks – 40

✓ 33. **Read the extract and answer the questions that follow :**

1×5=5

“But he's locked in a concrete cell,
His strength behind the bars,
Stalking the length of his cage ,
Ignoring visitors”.

- ~~(a)~~ Who is the poet of the poem?
- ~~(b)~~ Where is the tiger locked in?
- ~~(c)~~ Who is 'he' referred to here?
- ~~(d)~~ Find out a word from the extract which means the same as “neglecting”.
- ~~(e)~~ Why does the tiger ignore the visitors?

Or

“Though to distinguish beasts of prey
A novice might nonplus,
The Crocodile you always may
Tell from the Hyena thus:
Hyena come with merry smiles;
But if they weep they're Crocodiles”.

- ~~(a)~~ Who is the poet of the poem ?
- ~~(b)~~ Which two animals are mentioned in the above extract ?
- ~~(c)~~ Find out a word from the extract which means the same as ‘happy’.
- ~~(d)~~ What are the features of the above mentioned animals ?
- ~~(e)~~ Where does a novice get confused ?

34. **Read the extract and answer the questions that follow :**

1×5=5


“On that lovely autumn day I was accompanied by my daughter Zenani. On the podium, Mr. de Klerk was first sworn in as second Deputy President. Then Thabo Mbeki was sworn in as first Deputy President. When it was my turn, I pledged to obey and uphold the Constitution and to devote myself to the well-being of the Republic and its people.”

- (a) What was the name of Nelson Mandela's daughter ?
- (b) Who was sworn in as the first Deputy President ?
- (c) What was Nelson Mandela's pledge to the nation ?
- (d) Who was sworn in as the second Deputy President ?
- (e) From which prose-piece has the above extract been taken ?

Or

“The Coorg Regiment is one of the most decorated in the Indian Army, and the first Chief of the Indian Army, General Cariappa, was a coorgi. Even now, Kodavus are the only people in India permitted to carry firearms without a licence.

The river, Kaveri, obtains its water from the hills and forests of Coorg. Mahaseer – a large freshwater fish-abound in these waters.

- (a) Which is one of the most decorated regiments in the Indian Army ?
- (b) Who was General Cariappa ?
- (c) Where does the river Kaveri get its water from ? 
- (d) What is 'Mahaseer' ?
- (e) Find out a word from the extract that means “a permit”

III. Answer any four of the following questions in about 40-50 words each. 3×4=12

35. What was the reason behind Lencho's writing a letter to God ?
36. What legends are associated with the origin of tea ?
37. How is the crow and the hemlock tree associated with the poet ?
38. How will the world end twice ?
39. Why is the baker essential for the Goan village ?

IV. Answer any two of the following questions in about 40-50 words each. 3×2=6

40. Why did the author say that Matilda's birth was ‘an error of destiny’ ?

41. How did Dr. Harriot treat Tricky ?

42. Why is Bholi's father worried about her ?

V. Answer the following questions within 100 - 120 words each.

6×2=12

43. What lesson on death and suffering did the Buddha teach Gotami in the chapter "The Sermon at Benaras"?

Or

What message does the poet convey in the poem "The Trees"?

44. 'Griffin was rather a lawless person' – comment.

Or

Who was Horace Danby? Write a character sketch of him with reference to the story, 'A Question of Trust'.

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45. Answer the following questions within 40 - 50 words each.

3×4=12

(a) How did 'fire' and 'ice' represent in the poem "Fire and Ice" ?

(b) What does the tiger do at night ?

(c) How did Mandela's 'hunger for freedom' change his life?

(d) Why did Kisa Gotami visit Sakyamuni Gautama Buddha?

46. Answer the following questions within 30 - 40 words each.

2×4=8

(a) Why does Anne want to keep a diary ?

(b) How does the fog come? To which feet is the fog compared ?

(c) What was the role of the baker in the narrator's childhood ?

(d) How is the poet's head full of whispers in the poem, "The Trees" ?