

**BA Multimedia Examination (CBCSS)
Semester I**

**Question Bank
Paper 1 – 1 Creative Writing (Theory)**

Answer the Questions in one word, phrase or sentence.

1. Who is an anti-hero?
2. What is the difference between traditional hero and anti-hero?
3. Give two examples for anti-hero in modern literature.
4. What is an autobiography?
5. Why does an autobiography always remain an uncompleted work?
6. Which is considered the first autobiography in European literature?
7. Give two examples for autobiography.
8. What is a Ballad?
9. What is Ballad Measure?
10. What are the two kinds of Ballad?
11. What is the other name for the Ballad of Growth?
12. What is 'the Ballad of Growth'?
13. What is the other name for the Ballad of Art?
14. What is the Ballad of Art?
15. Give two examples for Authentic Ballad.
16. Give two examples Literary Ballads.
17. What is a biography?
18. Give an example for biography.
19. What is the origin of the term 'Catharsis'?
20. Who was the first ancient philosopher to apply this term to literature?
21. Which is the famous work of Aristotle, related to literature?
22. What is classicism?
23. What were the major qualities of ancient art?
24. What is generally considered the opposite of Classicism?
25. What is a cliché?
26. How is cliché related to comedy?
27. Which is the oldest Greek comedy?
28. What are the major subdivisions of comedy?
29. What is the confessional writing?
30. What is the important aspect of confessional writing?
31. What does 'conflict' means in drama?
32. Which are the two major sources of conflict in a drama?
33. Define the term 'Denotation'.
34. Define the term 'Connotation'.
35. Give an example that clarifies 'denotation' and 'connotation'.
36. What is copyright?
37. What is a curtain raiser?
38. How did the term 'curtain raiser' derive?
39. What is denouement?
40. Give the etymological meaning of 'denouement'.

41. What is destiny?
42. State the importance of destiny in literature.
43. From which language did the term 'elegy' originate?
44. In modern literature, what is the theme of elegy?
45. Which are the classic examples of the Epic in European literature?
46. Who was Homer?
47. What are the two Epics written by Homer?
48. What is an epic?
49. How is an epic divided?
50. What is a fable?
51. Give another name for fable.
52. How is a fable different from a parable?
53. How is a writer of fables known as?
54. What does the term 'fabulous' strictly mean?
55. What is a 'fairy tale'?
56. What is fantasy?
57. What is a farce?
58. How is the centuries-old tradition of farce plays in Japan known as?
59. Give the other term for 'free verse'.
60. Define 'free verse'.
61. What is a genre?
62. Define 'Hyperbole'.
63. Give two examples for Hyperbole.
64. What is 'Irony'?
65. What are the three types of Irony?
66. Define 'Verbal Irony'.
67. Define 'Dramatic Irony'.
68. Define 'Situational Irony'.
69. What is melodrama?
70. What is a metaphor?
71. Give examples for metaphor.
72. What is a monologue?
73. What are the advantages of monologues?
74. Why monologues are called 'artificial'?
75. What is mythology?
76. Name the three parts of an Ode.
77. Which was the first ode in English Literature?
78. What is Onomatopoeia?
79. What is a paradox?
80. What is Personification?
81. Give examples for personification.
82. Define 'Renaissance'.
83. What is the time-span of 'Renaissance'?
84. Where did Renaissance begin?
85. What is Rhetoric?
86. Define 'Romanticism'.
87. What is 'satire'?
88. What is the ideal intention of satire?
89. What is Science Fiction?
90. Define 'short story'.

91. What is a 'simile'?
92. Give two examples for 'simile'.
93. What is 'soliloquy'?
94. How is soliloquy different from monologue?
95. Which is the most famous soliloquy in English literature?
96. What is a symbol?
97. Who are the ancient writers of tragedy?
98. According to Aristotle what is tragedy?
99. What is tragic-flaw?
100. Define tragicomedy.
101. What is unity of action?
102. What is unity of place?
103. What is unity of time?
104. What is verse drama?
105. Give two examples for verse drama.

Develop the Newspaper Headline into a Report:

1. Rain Diseases Kill Over Two Dozen
2. Largest Discovery of Dinosaur Eggs
3. Militants Attack in Jammu Kashmir
4. India Emerge T20 Champions
5. PM to Visit Flood-Hit Andhra
6. Barack Obama to Visit India
7. Militants Gun Down 20 Villagers
8. Swine Flue Deaths in India
9. New Governors Named for Tripura, Nagaland
10. Rail Passenger Opens Fire, Killing One
11. India at the Top of Test Ranking
12. Sachin Selected Cricketer of the Year
13. India-Pak Talks in Danger

Develop the outline into a short story and suggest a suitable title.

1. A wood cutter – lived by cutting wood in the forest and selling it in the town – one day his axe slipped from his hand and fell into the river - the wood cutter helpless – lost his only means of livelihood- wept hard. An angel appeared - asked the reason - the wood cutter explained his plight - the angel dived into the river –came back with a golden axe – then a silver axe – finally, iron axe - woodcutter accepted – angel gave him golden and silver axes too – reward for honesty.
2. A just king -hung a bell in front of palace - anyone with a complaint to ring the bell - the bell not rung for a long time - a creeper grew on the bell rope - an old horse driven out by its bad master - no food for the horse - the horse

- ate the creeper on the bell rope - the bell rang - the king came out – understood the problem of the horse - summoned - owner of horse - compelled him to keep horse well fed.
3. Issac Newton - great scientist - kept manuscripts on table - a lighted candle on table - went out for walk - pet dog Diamond playing in his room - upset lighted candle - all papers burnt - record of twenty years of experiments ruined - Newton returned – saw the mischief done by dog - not angry - patted dog - said ‘Diamond you do not know the amount of mischief you have done’.
 4. The French at war with English – commander of a French ship sailed with his son Casabianca - a sea battle broke out - little boy Casabuanca stood in deck - ordered by father not to leave the place - ship caught fire - flames goes higher - flames came close to boy - boy did not leave the place - would not leave it without father’s words – all sailors fled – the boy’s father was dead - the little boy chose to stay on obeying his father’s words - he laid down his life.
 5. Abu Ben Adham – a pious man - a lover of humanity - an angel appeared in dream - the angel writing in a book of gold - Abu Ben Adham asked angel what he was writing – answered names of those who loved God - was his name in the list? - No said the angel - requested angel to write his name among those who loved fellowmen - the angel did so. Next night angel appeared again - showed names of people blessed by love of God – Abu Ben Adham’s name at the top.
 6. A he-crow and she-crow living in nest on a banyan tree - she crow laid eggs - a black snake in a hole in he trunk of tree - crows flew away in search of food - black snake ate up the eggs. The same thing happened a number of times - the crows asked advise from friend jackal - palace - princess bathing in pond- laid necklace on bank – crow picked up necklace - flow to banyan tree - servants followed - put the necklace in the hole - servants dug the hole - snake came out hissing - killed snake - crows safe now.
 7. Velan - A carpenter - aged father Kuppam with him - Velan drunkard - bad man- ill treated father - father eating food in an earthen plate - slipped and broke -Velan spoke harsh words to father - carpenter’s son Muthu - good boy - sad at treatment given to grand father - Muthu working on a piece of wood with tools - Veleam asked what it was – Muthu answered - a wooden plate -

making it for Velan - to be useful in old age -earthen plate would break perhaps get abuse for that. Carpenter learns a lesson treated father well.

8. Kandan - a shepherded boy - took his father's sheep to forest for grazing - wanted to have fun shouted 'a tiger, a tiger' - villagers came running with sticks - no tiger - boy laughed - another day a tiger really came - boy shouted a tiger a tiger'. The villagers thought Kandan was lying - did not go to help - Kandan climbed up a tree – tiger killed many sheep then tiger went away. Kandan resolved not to tell a lie again.
9. A gentleman - a pet monkey - master sleeping - a fly sat on master's face - monkey drove fly many times - still it came back -monkey angry - saw a knife on table - took knife - struck the fly sitting on master's face - fly flew away blow on the master's nose- minor injury - master wake up - pardoned monkey - foolish but good intention beware of foolish friends.

Describe in about a hundred words.

1. A Notorious Criminal
2. A Person Whom You Admire Most
3. Your Favourite Hero
4. Your Most Intimate Friend
5. Your Father
6. Your mother
7. The most interesting person you have met
8. Your favourite cricketer
9. The person who has influence you most in your life
10. Your favourite cine actor
11. A singing beggar you saw in a train
12. the Prime Minister of India
13. Mother Theresa
14. A small child in your family
15. Your elder brother
16. The railway ticket examiner
17. the bus conductor
18. The traffic policeman
19. your favourite sports person
20. Your Grand father

Write in a hundred words on the following.

1. A funny incident in your life
2. Memories of school life
3. Your ambition in life
4. The most interesting book you have read
5. The film that had appealed to you most.
6. A tourist centre you have visited
7. Corruption in public life
8. The evil of fundamentalism
9. Slums
10. A railway journey
11. A family reunion
12. A sports event you witnessed
13. Your village/ town
14. A visit to an amusement park
15. The intensity of draught
16. Transition from summer to rainy season
17. AS tour you participated in
18. A church/temple festival
19. Your first day in college
20. Your hobby

Write eight lines of verse on the following.

1. The sea
2. A close friend
3. A rainy day
4. The summer
5. Death
6. Parting
7. My Father
8. My Mother
9. My College
10. A Garden in Full Bloom
11. Childhood Memories
12. Freedom
13. Summer Rain
14. Tsunami
15. Unrequited Love

16. The Moonlit Sky
17. Love at First Sight
18. A Fruit Vendor
19. A Decrepit Beggar
20. Hope and Frustration
21. A Wedding Feast
22. A Blank Mind
23. A Green Field
24. Jealousy
25. Meeting after Parting
26. The Stormy Sea
27. The Brook
28. Sunset
29. Rising Sun
30. War
31. Life After Death
32. A Full Moon Day
33. A New Moon Day
34. The Flight of Birds
35. A Fish Vendor
36. The Birth of a Child
37. A Festival
38. The Cat
39. The Dog
40. The Backwater
41. An Uneasy Mind
42. A Disappointment
43. The Prodigal Son
44. The Savage
45. A Goon
46. A Forest Scene
47. A Pair of Birds
48. A Scary Day
49. A Private Grief
50. Summer Vacation
51. Onam
52. A Dream
53. A Mind in Conflict
54. A Mind at Rest
55. A Magician
56. A Small Child
57. The Lion
58. The Birth of a Child
59. The Train
60. A Holiday Crowd
61. The City
62. A Starry Night
63. The Crow
64. Man
65. God

66. The Postman
67. The Computer
68. A Lovely Girl
69. The New Year
70. A Night Mare
71. The Waves
72. Taj Mahal
73. Life in the Slum
74. The Witch
75. William Shakespeare
76. Hatred
77. By the Fields at Sunset
78. Innocent Eyes
79. Green Fields
80. On Writing Poems
81. A Message to the Mess Age
82. Moments Past
83. Faded Flowers
84. Old Age
85. Childhood
86. The Transience of Beauty
87. Mercy
88. Love
89. Friendship
90. The Falcon
91. The Sheep
92. The Lamb
93. Sachin Tendulkar
94. Sania Mirza
95. Narain Karthikeyan
96. Mother Teresa
97. Mahatma Gandhi
98. Nelson Mandela
99. A Winter Night
100. A Summer Night

Expansion of Proverbs

1. A friend in need is a friend indeed.
2. All that glitters is not gold
3. Books and friends may be few but good
4. Cleanliness is next to godliness
5. Discretion is the better part of valour.
6. Don't judge a book by its cover
7. Early bird catches the worm
8. Empty vessels make the most sound
9. Every cloud has a silver lining
10. Every dog has his day
11. Failure is the stepping-stone to success
12. Familiarity Breeds Contempt

13. First impression is the best impression
14. Fortune favours the bold
15. Great oaks from little acorns grow
16. Honesty is the best policy
17. Look before you leap
18. Many hands make light work
19. Men in glass houses should not throw stones
20. Money is a good servant, but a bad master
21. Necessity is the mother of invention
22. Never cry over spilt milk
23. Pen is mightier than the sword
24. Practice makes perfection
25. Prevention is better than cure
26. Pride goes before a fall
27. Prosperity makes friends, adversity tries them
28. Rome was not built in a day
29. Slow and steady wins the race
30. Where there is a will there is a way.

Represent in dramatic form the situations give below.

1. A quarrel between an employee and a boss.
2. A meeting between two friends after a gap of ten years
3. the quarrel a husband and a wife over overspending in the family
4. The principal has called to his office the father of a boy who has been irregular in attending classes Imagine how they would talk to each other
5. The parting of two friends on the last day in college.
6. The conversation between a journalist and the Chief Minister designate.
7. A meeting with your friends on the last day in college.
8. A Conversation with your friend who has cleared the entrance examination for medicine
9. A conversation with your friend who has selected to the civil service.
10. A quarrel between a father and a son over the division of the property.
11. A conversation between a journalist and the leader of the party, which has lost the elections.
12. A conversation between a mother and a daughter concerning a love affair of the latter.
13. A conversation between a traffic policeman and an errant driver.
14. A conversation between two schoolboys about the coming vacation.

15. A conversation between two friends on how to go about with their preparation for the examination.
16. A conversation between a driver and a careless pedestrian.
17. A conversation between a policeman and a thief.
18. A conversation between a doctor and a patient.
19. A conversation between a teacher and a mischievous student
20. A conversation between a lion and the cub regarding a fine catch they had today.

Attempt in three pages

1. The impact of electronic media on Indian Culture.
2. The influence of advertising.
3. Trace the different stages in the making of a feature film.
4. What are the differences between a feature film and a documentary?
5. Is television a boon or a curse?
6. Point out the differences between film and drama as art forms.
7. The impact of films on society.
8. Realism in cinema.
9. Advertisement films do more harm than good. Do you agree?
10. 'Cartoon films are a feast of enjoyment even for the grown ups'. Is there anything more than this in the cartoon films for the viewers?
11. Documentaries have tremendous educative value. Do you agree?
12. Suggest ways and means by which film piracy can be eliminated.
13. Distinguish between art films and commercial films.
14. The emergence of television has been a setback to the film industry. Do you agree?
15. A film is the creation solely of the director. Do you agree?
16. An ideal film should combine entertainment with instruction. Do you agree?
17. The film industry in Kerala is facing a crisis. How can this be tided over?
18. The contribution of Satyajit Ray to Indian Cinema.
19. The contribution of Aravindan to Indian Cinema.
20. What are the components of an effective film critique.