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CUET PG Marking Scheme

Particulars	CUET PG Exam Details
Correct Answer	+4 Marks
Incorrect Answer	-1 Mark
Unanswered Question	No Marks awarded for unanswered questions

STRUCTURE OF QUESTION PAPERS

- Duration of Exam would be of 105 Minutes.
- The Question paper will have 75 Questions.
- Languages papers will be in concerned language except Linguistic which would be in English

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2	TEXTS	5	2	-
3	LITERARY MOVEMENTS	5	3	2

CHAPTER-1 HISTORY OF ENGLISH & INDIAN LITERATURE

Unit 1.1: Major Authors

[PREVIOUS YEAR EXAM QUESTIONS]

(CUET PG 2022)

1. What was the pen-name of Samuel Clemens?

(A) Joyce Carol (B) Mark Twain
(C) Thomas Hardy (D) Eric Blair

(CUET PG 2022)

2. The title of William Faulkner's The Sound and the Fury has been derived from a play by:

(A) William Shakespeare
(B) Christopher Marlowe
(C) Ben Johnson
(D) Samuel Beckett

(CUET PG 2022)

3. Match the following:

(a) the Jungle	I. Leo Tolstoy
(b)The grapes of worth	II. Upton Sinclair
(c) War and Peace	III. Charles Dickens
(d)A Tale of Two Cities	IV. John Steinbeck

Choose the correct answer from the options given below

(A) a-I, b-II, c-III, D-IV (B) a-II, b-III, c-IV, c-I
(C) a-II, c-IV, c-I, d-III (D) a-II, b-I, c-III, d-IV

(CUET PG 2023)

4. Match List-I with List-II:

List-I	List-II
(a) "The Second Coming"	I. T.S Eliot
(b) "The Waste Land"	II. Robert Frost
(c) "The Road Not Taken"	III. W.B. Yeats
(d) "The Tyger"	IV. William Blake

Choose the correct answer from the options given below:

(A) a-IV, b-II, c-I, d-III (B) a-I, b-IV, c-II, d-III
(C) a-II, b-III, c-I, d-IV (D) a-III, b-I, c-II, d-IV

(CUET PG 2023)

5. Match List-I with List-II:

List-I	List-II
(a) An Essay on Man	I. John Keats
(b) The Faerie Queene	I. Charles Dickens
(c) Hard Times	III. Edmund Spenser
(d) Hyperion	IV. Alexander Pope

Choose the correct answer from the options given below:

(A) A-I, B-II, C-III, D-IV (B) A-II, B-III, C-I, D-IV
(C) A-IV, B-III, C-II, D-I (D) A-III, B-IV, C-II, D-I

(CUET PG 2023)

6. Which of the following books has not been written by Virginia Woolf?

(A) The Voyage Out
(B) To the Light house
(C) The Waves
(D) A Portrait of the Artist as a Young Man

(CUET PG 2024)

7. Match the book (List-I) with its author (List-II)

LIST I (Book)	LIST II (Author)
A. The Well of Loneliness	I. May Sinclair
B. Mary Olivier: A Life	II. Katherine Mansfield
C. The Garden Party and other stories	III. Radclyffe Hall
D. Dubliners	IV. James Joyce

Choose the correct answer from the options given below:

	A	B	C	D
(A)	4	2	3	4
(B)	1	3	2	4
(C)	3	1	2	4
(D)	3	4	1	2

Answer Key						
1	2	3	4	5	6	7
B	A	C	D	C	D	C

[PRACTICE QUESTIONS]

1. Erik Arthur Blair used the pseudonym

(A) Lewis Carroll (B) Saki
(C) Mark Twain (D) George Orwell

2. In which year was the English playwright William Shakespeare born?

(A) 1564 (B) 1568
(C) 1599 (D) 1546

3. **What Shakespeare play has as its basis for the film She's the Man?**
   (A) A Midsummer Night's Dream
   (B) As You Like it
   (C) Twelfth Night
   (D) Much Ado About Nothing

4. **Who among the following was not an early editor of Shakespeare plays?**
   (A) Nicholas Rowe (B) John Dryden
   (C) Alexander Pope (D) Lewis Theobald

5. **Name the compilers of the First Folio of Shakespeare's plays:**
   (A) Webster and Fletcher
   (B) Pope and Dryden
   (C) Heminges and Condell
   (D) Herringmand and Brewster

6. **Name the Shakespeare play that has been adapted for the 1999 film 10 Things I Hate about You.**
   (A) The Tempest
   (B) Othello
   (C) Measure for Measure
   (D) The Taming of the Shrew

7. **Who is acclaimed to be the first Englishwoman to make a living from writing?**
   (A) Margaret Cavendish
   (B) Lady Mary Worth
   (C) Aphra Behn
   (D) Aemilia Lanyer

8. **Who among the following is not an Irish writer?**
   (A) Oscar Wilde (B) Oliver Goldsmith
   (C) Edmund Burke (D) Thomas Gray

9. **Shelley was expelled from Oxford University due to the publication of:**
   (A) The Revolt of Islam
   (B) The Necessity of Atheism
   (C) The Triumph of Life
   (D) The Masque of Anarchy

10. **The title of Thomas More's Utopia literally means:**
    (A) A post-apocalyptic society
    (B) An underwater world
    (C) No place
    (D) Paradise

Answer Key									
1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10
D	A	C	B	C	D	C	D	B	C

EXPLANATIONS

[PREVIOUS YEAR EXAM QUESTION]

1. **The Correct Answer is (B):** Samuel Langhorne Clemens is known by his pen name **'Mark Twain'**. He was an American writer, humorist, entrepreneur, publisher and lecturer.

2. **The Correct Answer is (A):** The title comes from a line in **William Shakespeare's** play "Macbeth," specifically from Act 5, Scene 5, where Macbeth reflects on the meaningless of life: "It is a tale told by an idiot, full of sound and fury, signifying nothing."

3. **The Correct Answer is (C):**
(A) The Jungle is a 1906 novel by the American Journalist and novelist Upton Sinclair. The novel portrays the harsh conditions and exploited lives of immigrants in the United States in Chicago and similar industrialized cities.
(B) The Grapes of Wrath is an American realist novel written by John Steinbeck and published in 1939. The book won the National Book Award and Pulitzer Prize for fiction, and it was cited prominently when he was awarded the Nobel Prize.
(C) War and Peace is a literary work by Russian author Leo Tolstoy that mixes fictional narrative with chapters on history and philosophy. The novel chronicles the French invasion of Russia and the impact of the Napoleonic era on Tsarist society.
(D) A Tale of Two Cities is an 1859 historical novel by Charles Dickens, set in London and Paris before and during the French Revolution. It is best-known work of historical fiction. A tale of two cities is said to be one of the best selling novels of all times.

4. **The Correct Answer is (D):** The authors and their respective works correctly match as follows: "The Second Coming" is a poem written by W.B. Yeats, where he explores the tumultuous future that might unfold in a post-war world. "The Waste Land" is one of the most famous poems by T.S. Eliot, often viewed as a reflection of post-World War I disillusionment. "The Road Not Taken" is a well-

known poem by Robert Frost that explores the idea of choice and its consequences. "The Tyger" is a poem by Wiliam Blake, from his collection "Songs of Experience", dealing with questions about creation and the creator.

5. **The Correct Answer is (C):** The correct match for the authors and their works is as follows: "An Essay on Man" was written by Alexander Pope, which is a philosophical poem. "The Faerie Queene" is an epic poem by Edmund Spenser, a comerstone of English literature. "Hard Times" is a novel by Charles Dickens that critiques industrialization. "Hyperion" is a long narrative poem by John Keats, which explores themes of beauty, art, sorrow, and aspiration.

6. **The Correct Answer is (D):** "**A Portrait of the Artist as a Young Man"** is a novel that was not written by Virginia Woolf but by James Joyce. Virginia Woolf, a central figure in the modernist literary movement, is renowned for works like "The Voyage Out", "To the Lighthouse", and "The Waves", which have significantly influenced the stream-of-consciousness literary technique.

7. **The Correct Answer is (C):**

A. The Well of Loneliness was written by Radclyffe Hall and is a pioneering work of lesbian literature.
B. Mary Olivier: A Life was authored by May Sinclair, a novel exploring the inner life of a woman.
C. The Garden Party and Other Stories is a collection of short stories by Katherine Mansfield.
D. Dubliners is a collection of short stories by James Joyce, depicting life in Dublin.

[PRACTICE QUESTIONS]

1. **The Correct Answer is (D):** Erik Arthur Blair, better known by his pen name **George Orwell,** was an English writer known for his critical and insightful works of fiction and non-fiction. Orwell's writing often explored themes of social injustice, totalitarianism, and the dangers of political oppression. His most famous works include the dystopian novels "Nineteen Eighty-Four" and "Animal Farm," which remain influential and widely read today.

2. **The Correct Answer is (A):** The English playwright William Shakespeare was born in the year **1564.**

3. **The Correct Answer is (C):** "She's the Man" is a 2006 teen romantic comedy film inspired by Shakespeare's "**Twelfth Night**." It follows Viola Hastings, who disguises herself as a boy to join her brother's boarding school and play on the boys' soccer team.

4. **The Correct Answer is (B): John Dryden** was not an early editor of Shakespeare plays. The other individuals listed — Nicholas Rowe, Alexander Pope, and Lewis Theobald — were among the first to edit and publish editions of Shakespeare's works. Nicholas Rowe was the first to publish a complete edition of Shakespeare's plays in 1709, followed by Pope and Theobald.

5. **The Correct Answer is (C):** The compilers of the First Folio of Shakespeare's plays were **John Heminges and Henry Condell**. They were two of Shakespeare's close friends and fellow actors who undertook the task of collecting and publishing his plays in this format. This compilation was published in 1623, seven years after Shakespeare's death, and is formally titled "Mr. William Shakespeare's Comedies, Histories, & Tragedies"

6. **The Correct Answer is (D):** "10 Things I Hate About You" is a 1999 American romantic comedy directed by Gil Junger, featuring Julia Stiles, Heath Ledger, Joseph Gordon-Levitt, and Larisa Oleynik. The screenplay by Karen McCullah Lutz and Kirsten Smith modernizes William Shakespeare's late-16th-century comedy **"The Taming of the Shrew,**" setting it in a late-1990s American high school. The plot follows new student Cameron (Gordon-Levitt), who falls for Bianca (Oleynik). To bypass her father's strict dating rules, Cameron enlists bad boy Patrick (Ledger) to date Bianca's ill-tempered sister, Kat (Stiles). The film's title references a poem by Kat about her complex romance with Patrick. Filming largely took place in the Seattle area, with numerous scenes shot at Stadium High School in Tacoma.

7. **The Correct Answer is (C): Aphra Behn** is recognized as the first Englishwoman to earn a living from her writing. She was a prolific playwright, novelist, and

poet whose works often explored themes of gender and power, and she played a significant role in the literary culture of the late 17th century.

8. **The Correct Answer is (D): Thomas Gray** was an English poet, classical scholar, and professor at Cambridge University, best known for his elegy "Elegy Written in a Country Churchyard." In contrast, Oscar Wilde, Oliver Goldsmith, and Edmund Burke were all of Irish origin. Oscar Wilde was born in Dublin and became famous for his plays, novels, and epigrams. Oliver Goldsmith, also from Ireland, is known for works like "The Vicar of Wakefield." Edmund Burke, an Irish statesman, is recognized for his political philosophy. Therefore, Thomas Gray is the correct answer as he was not Irish.

9. **The Correct Answer is (B)**: Percy Bysshe Shelley was expelled from Oxford University in 1811 after publishing a pamphlet titled **"The Necessity of Atheism.**" The pamphlet challenged the existence of God and criticized religious orthodoxy, leading to his expulsion for promoting controversial and radical ideas.

10. **The Correct Answer is (C)**: Thomas More coined the term "utopia" from the Greek words "ou" (not) and "topos" (place), meaning **"no place" or "nowhere.**" This term was a play on words, as it also sounds like "eu-topos," which means "good place." More's "Utopia" describes an ideal society on an imaginary island, raising questions about whether such a perfect place can exist in reality.