

Vidyasagar Mahavidyalaya

B.A. Internal, Tutorial and Theoretical Examination 2020

English Honours

Semester IV

Paper- SEC-B2, Academic Writing and Composition

Full Marks – 10+8+8, Date - ,Time-

Answer the following questions

Part A – Internal 10

1. Cite a source for example the name of a book (any) using MLA method. 2
2. Write a summary and critical appreciation of the following poem 4+4=8

Rumours

They fly

Sometimes it seems they fly

Faster than any aircraft

Found in conspiracy or in the accepted reality

Just the sight of a man entertaining a baby

Makes him a good father

Seeing a woman with a child giggling to no end

Makes her a good mother

When all they were trying to do is take care of a young one

Rumours

Be they good or be they cruel

Write the history of the small minds that let them be truth

Slowly they could become a weapon from Brahma

or an ancient legend

Rumours

They do not need a body

For they possess the foolish minds that believe

Only those that find its mistakes

Cause by the afflicted who tricked its tale

See the true lights of what is said

Rumours

Let them inside

And they will possess you

Altering the truth to fit their existence

Part B - Tutorial

1. Write a summary/substance with a critical note of the following paragraph $4+4=8$

There was once a wise tortoise that lived among many animals in the forest. The tortoise, because of his extensive knowledge and insight, was often sought out by the animals for advice. This made the tortoise very popular, but it also made him the envy of the most jealous and self-righteous creature in the woods: the hare. One day, the hare developed a very sneaky plan to establish himself as the best animal in the forest, far greater than the tortoise. He would challenge the wise but slow tortoise to a race. Everyone would then recognize the hare's triumph over the "all-knowing turtle," making him more popular and the envy of the tortoise.

One day, after the hare had finalized his plan and practiced his running, he approached the tortoise and offered him a bet. "Oh great and wonderful tortoise," said the hare, "I would like to challenge you to a race! If I lose, I shall finally recognize you as the greatest animal in all the woods, and I will submit to you my service. However, if I should win, you shall recognize me as the fastest and smartest animal in the woods, for I was the one that thought of this race! You will serve me and everyone will then know you not as a wise creature, but as the hare's servant!" "I accept your challenge," replied the tortoise, "but you should know one thing: quick feet do not mean a quick mind."

On the day of the race, both competitors lined up at the starting line. As soon as the fox said go, the hare bolted down the track, leaving the tortoise far behind. The hare, realizing his substantial lead, decided to take a quick nap before the finish line. Anyway, the hare figured that he had at least a few hours to sleep before the tortoise would even come close to passing him. But he ended up sleeping too long and the slow-poke turtle passed him and finished the race first! From that day on the hare became known as, in addition to jealous and self-righteous, foolish.

Part C - Theoretical

1. Write 2 very short essays out of the following topics $4 \times 2 = 8$

- a. Women and empowerment
- b. Influence of social media
- c. Literature versus science
- d. Student politics