

**AGA KHAN UNIVERSITY EXAMINATION BOARD**

**SECONDARY SCHOOL CERTIFICATE**

**CLASS X**

**ANNUAL EXAMINATIONS (THEORY) 2024**

**English Compulsory Paper II**

**Time: 2 hours      Marks: 45**

**INSTRUCTIONS**

**Please read the following instructions carefully.**

1. Check your name and school information. Sign if it is accurate.

**I agree that this is my name and school.  
Candidate's Signature**

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2. There are THREE questions. Answer ALL questions. Question 2 offers TWO choices and Question 3 offers THREE choices. Attempt any ONE choice from each.
3. When answering the questions:  
  
Read each question carefully.  
Use a black pointer to write your answers. DO NOT write your answers in pencil.  
DO NOT use staples, paper clips, glue, correcting fluid or ink erasers.  
Complete your answer in the allocated space only. DO NOT write outside the answer box.
4. The marks for the questions are shown in brackets ( ).

Q.1.

(Total 17 Marks)

Read the passage carefully and answer all the questions that follow.

Often, people wonder why they should go through the four walls of the university to obtain a degree in Art History. Still, Art history is a more prominent way of preserving historical events and making our past last even with the changes that go with modernisation and civilisation, and studying the history of art is a great reflection to understand these events...

- 5 Just like history, art is almost as old as man. Art History is a feasible means of preserving the cultural heritage of any country or people, as culture is dynamic and progressive...Written words or spoken history of past events would undoubtedly give us a sense of the past, pointing out the way of life of our people in the past. [It] provides data for researchers, a background knowledge for students as well as full flare professionals in the area...
- 10 While the unprofessional people only appreciate the beauty of that piece of art, an Art History student would take time to observe the main essence and context of it. For instance, going to the museum without background knowledge of art or a tour guide might not be very interesting and engaging. This is obtainable because you might not be knowledgeable about how to interpret the works in the galleries or the cathedral in the museum...
- 15 Art History promotes our understanding of the changes in our societies and reminds us of important and strategic events in the past...As time passes by, history may be perverted, although we have the documented words to testify to the happenings that took place centuries back...A historian may explain the significant occurrences of the past, but will most likely not talk about the apparels worn by people at such accessions\*...
- 20 Furthermore, you do not need to be dexterous at any of these things before you can enroll in the art history programme. What you are primarily required to do is to have a considerably good sense of appreciation for the world in totality and view things from a unique perspective...Art History is a field that incorporates other fields like politics, anthropology, humanity, literature, sociology, economics, etc. In a nutshell...Art History is the most important part of history...

\*accessions: (noun) agreements or treaties

Source: Adapted from an article published by the Editorial Committee on <https://www.theartist.me>

- a. Identify any FOUR cohesive (connective) devices used in the given passage. (4 Marks)

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- b. Explain how the given passage supports the preservation of history through learning about art. (2 Marks)

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- c. With reference to the information in the given passage, discuss any TWO ways in which art is related to an individual's personal experience. (4 Marks)

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d. Highlight any THREE evidences from the passage that indicate the theme of awareness. (3 Marks)

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e. Describe TWO reasons why the author mentions other subjects in the given passage. (4 Marks)

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Q.2.

(Total 10 Marks)

Compose a response of about 200-250 words on any **ONE** of the options **a** or **b**.

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**EITHER**

- a. You had recently ordered a clothing item which was on sale from an online store. However, when you received the package, the item was not what you had ordered.

Write an email to the manager of the store's online website. In your email,

- describe the difference in the item you had ordered and the one that you received.
- discuss what could be done to solve the issue.

**OR**

- b. As part of your school's summer assignment, you had been tasked to research and then write a report on the harmful effects of social media trends on school-going children.

In your report, discuss any ONE

- finding of your report.
- way in which educational institutions can help students use social media wisely.

*Make your notes below or on the pages given for rough work. Write your final draft on pages 6 and 7.*

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Q.3.

(Total 18 Marks)

Write a composition of about 200-300 words on any **ONE** of the options **a, b** or **c**.

**EITHER**

- a. Due to the economic crisis in Pakistan, there is shortage of life-saving medicines and basic utilities such as electricity, gas and fuel, and food.

Write an essay on the given issue. In your essay,

- explain any TWO ways in which the people of Pakistan are suffering due to the economic crisis.
- suggest TWO ways in which individuals can cope in this situation.
- suggest ONE way in which the government of Pakistan can support its people in this difficult time.

**OR**

- b. In most societies like Pakistan, humanities or social sciences subjects such as psychology, education, sociology, etc. are not given much attention. Parents also do not prefer that their children study such subjects.

Write an essay on the given topic. In your essay,

- explain TWO reasons why social sciences are not given attention.
- discuss THREE advantages of studying social sciences.

**OR**

- c. Imagine that you had been awarded the 'Student of the Year' award by your school. Write an essay about the experience. In your essay, describe

- your emotions upon finding out that you had been selected for the prize.
- TWO reasons why you think you were awarded the prize.
- the impact of the award on your life.

*Make your notes below or on the pages given for rough work. Write your final draft on pages 9 and 10.*

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