

**FYUG PROGRAMME EXAMINATIONS, NOVEMBER 2024**  
**(2024 Admission Regular)**  
**SEMESTER I – MDC (ENGLISH)**  
**EN1MDC02B24 - NARRATIVES OF HUMOUR**

Time: 45 mnts.

Maximum Marks: 35

Answer all the 35 questions. Choose the correct option.

Q.No:	QUESTIONS	Ans	CO	LEVEL
1.	Cite the tone of the poem “Goodbye Party for Miss Pushpa T. S”. a. Melancholic and sad      b. Formal and respectful c. Humorous and ironic      d. Aggressive and confrontational		1	U
2.	Assess the role that humor plays in the essay “Reception at Six”. a. It adds seriousness to the event b. It creates tension among the guests c. It provides a light-hearted perspective on social interactions d. It detracts from the main theme		4	E
3.	Select the number of crows that Birbal claimed were in Agra. a. 10,000      b. 5,555      c. 10,666      d. 10,333		1	R
4.	How does Fatima respond to Nasruddin’s repeated questions about dinner? a. She ignores him completely b. She gets angry and scolds him c. She laughs and jokes d. She is indifferent		1	U
5.	Recall the trick Raman used to choose between the two pots. a. He asked for a third option      b. He tasted both c. He pretended to be undecided      d. He refused to choose		1	R
6.	Cite the primary theme of “Modern Times”. a. The effects of war b. The struggle against industrialization and dehumanization c. The quest for love d. The importance of family		3	U
7.	Identify Twain’s main source of humor in the essay. a. His informed and detailed descriptions of successful farming techniques b. His interactions with farmers c. The absurdity of the agricultural advice he provided d. His struggles with writing style		1	U
8.	The poet refers to _____ as the Napoleon of Crime. a. Macavity      b. Mungojerrie      c. Griddlebone      d. Growltiger		1	R
9.	Cite the major paradox of humour. a. Humour may be used for both amiable and antagonistic purposes b. Humour can elicit positive emotions like mirth c. Humour can be used to force people into conforming to desired behaviours d. Humour can occur at the expense of others		1	U
10.	State why Remy and Linguini have a falling out. a. Linguini spends all his time with Colette		1	R

	b. Linguini does not acknowledge Remy and takes the credit for the restaurant's rising popularity c. Linguini cooks a meal without Remy d. Linguini starts supporting Skinner's frozen food line			
11.	How does the speaker in the poem describe Miss Pushpa T. S.? a. She is very strict and disciplined b. She is cheerful and full of optimism c. She is shy and reserved d. She is angry and rude		1	U
12.	Interpret the narrator's view on social customs in "Reception at Six". a. Their significance in strengthening relationships b. Their importance in maintaining relationships c. Their complexity, difficulty and irrelevance d. Their pivotal nature in tying the couple together		2	Ap
13.	How did Birbal defend his answer when Akbar asked for a proper count? a. He insisted on counting them himself. b. He mentioned that crows might leave or arrive. c. He changed his answer. d. He refused to answer again.		1	U
14.	The different names for Molla Nasruddin in various cultures signify _____. a. His universal appeal and popularity b. His limited reach c. His various professions d. His different stories		2	Ap
15.	Recall Kali Devi's reaction to Raman's actions. a. She rewarded him b. She was angry c. She cursed him to become a jester d. She ignored him		1	R
16.	What is the job done by Charlie Chaplin's character, the Tramp, in the factory? a. Manager b. Assembly line worker c. Janitor d. Supervisor		1	R
17.	The irony that the essay "How I Edited an Agricultural Paper" ends with is a. The newspaper was banned b. The sales of the newspaper increased c. The real editor had to come back from his holiday d. The readers started following the advice given by the narrator		1	U
18.	Select the trait that is NOT associated with Macavity? a. He is a master of disguise b. He is always polite c. He can easily escape from any situation d. He has a knack for mischief		1	R
19.	_____ is NOT an example of linguistic humour. a. Spoonerism b. Malapropism c. Slapstick d. Freudian slips		1	U
20.	What does Linguini discover about his family heritage? a. He comes from a long line of chefs b. He has no family connections to cooking c. He is Gusteau's son d. He is related to Skinner		1	R
21.	Cite what Kali Devi implied about Raman's future. a. He would be remembered only as a jester		1	U

	b. He would become the king c. He would be immortal d. He would be famous for his foolishness			
22.	The quality of Molla Nasruddin highlighted in the story is _____. a. His cowardliness b. His ability to entertain and provide insights c. His wealth d. His bravery		1	U
23.	What was Akbar's reaction to Birbal's cleverness? a. He was angry.                      b. He was confused. c. He laughed heartily.            d. He ignored it.		1	R
24.	How does the essay the "Reception at Six" conclude? a. With a focus on the evening's success b. With a critique of the bride's costume c. With the narrator feeling overwhelmed d. With a critique of the wedding banquet		1	U
25.	In the poem, why is the farewell party being held for Miss Pushpa T. S.? a. She is getting married b. She is moving to a different city for higher education c. She is traveling abroad d. She is retiring from her job		1	R
26.	State what happens to Gusteau's by the end of the movie. a. It is handed over to Skinner b. It is shut down c. It becomes a fast-food chain d. It gets a new head chef		1	R
27.	Saying "Three cheers for our queer old dean" instead of "Three cheers for our dear old queen" is an example of _____. a. Malapropism                      b. Spoonerism                      c. Freudian slip                      d. Pun		1	U
28.	Cite the reason why Macavity may be considered a stray cat. a. His coat is dusty and whiskers are uncombed b. He can do log division sums c. He defies the laws of gravity d. His brow is deeply lined with thought		1	U
29.	Mark Twain's essay "How I Edited an Agricultural Paper" can be best described as _____. a. Fantasy                      b. Satire                      c. Science-Fiction                      d. Memoir		1	U
30.	Interpret the underlying message in "Reception at Six". a. The futility of social gatherings b. The joy of companionship c. The chaos of mechanical life d. The decline of economy		3	Ap
31.	State why the people were crowding around to see the editor? (How I Edited an Agricultural Paper) a. Because his knowledge in agriculture was exceptional b. Because they had read what he wrote and thought he was crazy c. Because he was the newly appointed editor d. Because the recommendations he offered in his paper had benefited the people		1	R
32.	Identify the poet's tone in describing Macavity, the Mystery Cat. a. Admiring and respectful                      b. Angry and vengeful		1	U

	c. Fearful yet fascinated                      d. Indifferent and uninterested			
33.	Select the incorrect statement. a. Humour can increase social cohesion within an in-group b. Humour can exclude individuals from an out-group c. Humour and laughter are experienced only by humans d. The social-emotional functions of humour and laughter are crucial to our survival as a species		1	U
34.	State Ego's interpretation of Gustaeu's motto "Anyone can cook". a. Cooking is for professionals only b. Cooking is easy for everyone c. A great cook can come from anywhere d. Anyone can be a great cook		1	R
35.	"Then this old person got up and tore his paper all into small shreds, and stamped on them, and broke several things with his cane, and said I did not know as much as a cow; and then went out and banged the door after him, and, in short, acted in such a way that I fancied he was displeased about something. But not knowing what the trouble was, I could not be any help to him." Identify the type of humour used in the last line of the passage.  a. teasing      b. understatement                      c. self-deprecation                      d. satire		4	Ap

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1.	Twain's satirical essay "How I Edited an Agricultural Paper" is aimed at ---- --- a. People who are confident in their ignorance b. People who are passionate in their field of work c. People who are honest at their jobs d. People who put their skills to best use		3	U
2.	Select the line that is repeated throughout the poem to emphasise Macavity's elusiveness. a. It must have been Macavity b. Macavity's not there! c. Macavity, the invisible cat d. There never was a cat like Macavity!		1	U
3.	Identify the term that the author suggests to refer to the emotion evoked by the perception of humour. a. Joy   b. Happiness   c. Mirth   d. Amusement		1	R
4.	Cite Remy's family's attitude to his cooking aspirations. a. They fully support him b. They are indifferent c. They are skeptical and dismissive d. They encourage him to open a restaurant		1	U
5.	Identify what Ms. Pushpa represents in the poem. a. A traditional figure b. An individual about to embark on a new journey c. A politician d. A celebrity		1	U
6.	The event being celebrated in the essay "Reception at Six" is a. A birthday   b. An anniversary c. A wedding   d. A cultural gathering		1	R
7.	Name the unusual question Akbar asked his courtiers one morning. a. How many elephants are there in Agra? b. How many crows are there in Agra? c. Where do the best melons come from? d. Who is the wisest sage?		1	R

8.	Recall how Fatima actually responded when Nasruddin called her from the kitchen. a. She was not home                      b. She told him to be quiet c. She repeated the dinner menu      d. She asked him to come to her		1	R
9.	How did Raman react to the villagers' reverence for the monk? a. He joined them in worship              b. He accepted their beliefs c. He questioned their logic              d. He left the village		1	U
10.	Select the social issue "Modern Times" highlights through the character's experiences. a. Environmental degradation              b. Poverty and unemployment c. Racism                                      d. Gender Equality		4	U
11.	Select the option that best describes the editor's reaction to Twain's work. a. He was pleased b. He wanted to learn more from Twain c. He was encouraging on seeing the popularity of the paper d. He was perplexed and angry		1	U
12.	Which of the following names do not refer to Macavity? a. The Hidden Paw                      b. The Mystery Cat c. The Secret Thief                      d. The Napoleon of Crime		1	R
13.	A person exclaims, "What a lovely day!" when the weather is rainy and stormy. What is this an example of? a. Overstatement      b. Irony      c. Satire      d. Freudian slip		4	Ap
14.	Select the choice Kali Devi offered Raman. a. A pot of knowledge or wealth b. A pot of health or wisdom c. A pot of wisdom or friendship d. A pot of happiness or power		1	R
15.	State the reaction of the restaurant staff when they find out about Remy. a. They welcome him with open arms b. They quit their jobs c. They are amazed by his talent d. They take no notice of him and continue with their work		1	R
16.	Cite the lesson that Nasruddin tries to convey to his son by the end of their journey. a. The importance of hard work b. How to care for a donkey c. The value of listening to others d. That it's impossible to please everyone		1	U
17.	Recall Raja Birbal's response to Akbar's question a. He said he didn't know.              b. He gave an unclear answer. c. He provided an exact number      d. He ignored the question.		1	R
18.	Select the narrator's attitude towards the guests in "Reception at Six". a. Indifferent      b. Critical and amused      c. Hostile      d. Aggressive		3	U
19.	The final sentiment expressed in the poem "Goodbye Party for Ms. Pushpa T. S" is a. Regret                                      b. Celebration of new beginnings c. Anger towards Ms. Pushpa      d. Indifference to her departure		1	U

20.	Recall the advice Arif gives to Nasruddin regarding his wife's hearing. a. To ignore the problem b. To have her check with a specialist c. To conduct a simple hearing test at home d. To use louder voice commands		1	R
21.	Anton Ego reacts positively to Remy's ratatouille. What elicits this reaction in him? a. He is reminded of his childhood and his mother's cooking b. He recognizes his own recipe c. He realizes the value of Gusteau's motto d. He is amazed by Remy's abilities		1	R
22.	Humour that pokes fun at social institutions or social policy is _____. a. Sarcasm      b. Irony      c. Satire      d. Double-entendres		1	U
23.	In what kind of situations is Macavity's presence often felt? a. During celebrations      b. During crimes c. At dawn      d. At night		1	R
24.	Twain's writing style in the essay "How I Edited an Agricultural Paper" can be best described as _____. a. Formal and academic      b. Satirical and humorous c. Dramatic and emotional      d. Simple and straightforward		1	U
25.	How does the narrator describe the preparations for the reception? a. Chaotic and rushed      b. Organized and smooth c. Simple and understated      d. Muted and coordinated		4	U
26.	How did the courtiers react to Akbar's question? a. They were confident and answered immediately. b. They were alarmed and unsure how to respond. c. They laughed it off. d. They counted the crows together.		1	U
27.	Recall the public's reaction to Nasruddin and his son riding the donkey? a. They praised them      b. They criticized them for being lazy c. They ignored them      d. They offered to help		1	R
28.	Recall what the monk promised to teach Raman. a. Skills in magic      b. Mantras in praise of Kali c. Stories of wisdom      d. Lessons in history		1	R
29.	Assess Twain's ultimate conclusion about editing and journalism. a. It is a noble profession b. It requires extensive knowledge c. It often involves deception and exaggeration d. It is better left to experts		4	E
30.	Identify the statement that is NOT true about Macavity, the Mystery Cat. a. His brow is always deeply lined with thought b. He is a ginger cat c. He is a master criminal d. He always owns up to his criminal activities		1	U
31.	Select the option that best describes a pun. a. Humorous use of a word that evokes a second meaning, usually based on a homophone b. Humorous remarks directed at a person's appearance		1	U

	c. Changing the meaning of something by repeating it with a different emphasis d. Humorous remarks targeting oneself as the object of humour			
32.	Interpret the central theme of the movie <i>Ratatouille</i> . a. The importance of tradition in cooking b. The idea that great talent can come from unexpected places c. The need to strictly adhere to recipes d. The importance of sticking to the roles that the society prescribes for an individual		3	Ap
33.	Choose the aspect of Indian culture highlighted in the essay "Reception at Six". a. Modern technology                      b. Hospitality and social gatherings c. Political issues                              d. Education		2	Ap
34.	Select what Raman had noticed about the Goddess Kali when she appeared. a. She was frightening                      b. She had many heads c. She had a single face                      d. She looked angry		1	R
35.	Linguini is first employed by Skinner as _____. a. a chef                      b. a garbage boy                      c. a waiter                      d. a dishwasher		1	R

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1.	Recall the occasion of the poem "Goodbye Party for Ms. Pushpa". a. A wedding                                      b. A farewell party c. A birthday celebration                      d. A retirement ceremony		1	R
2.	Identify the speaker of the poem "Goodbye Party for Ms. Pushpa" a. Ms. Pushpa                                      b. A colleague of Ms. Pushpa c. Ms. Pushpa's father                          d. A sibling of Ms. Pushpa		1	R
3.	Why does Mark Twain take up the editorial position in the agricultural paper? a. He had prior experience with agriculture b. He wanted to correct errors. c. He was asked to fill in for the regular editor d. He wanted to make the paper more humorous.		1	R
4.	Cite the adjectives that best describe Macavity, the Mystery Cat. a. large and lazy                                      b. tall and thin c. small and plump                                  d. short and stout		1	U
5.	What happens to the Tramp when he struggles to keep up with the fast-paced assembly line. a. He is promoted                                      b. He goes on strike c. He suffers a mental breakdown              d. He quits his job		1	U
6.	Choose who according to R. K. Narayan, are the chief entertainers in a south Indian wedding. a. The bride and groom b. The in-laws c. The friends of the couple d. The priests performing the wedding rites		2	Ap
7.	Identify the unique aspect of laughter that is demonstrated by children born deaf and blind. a. They laugh differently than other children b. They learn to laugh through observation. c. They laugh appropriately without ever perceiving the laughter of others d. They do not laugh at all.		1	R
8.	Name the dish that Remy cooks in order to impress the food critic Anton Ego. a. Spaghetti    b. Ratatouille    c. Bouillabaisse    d. Sweetbread		1	R

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9.	How does the speaker describe Ms. Pushpa's personality? a. quiet and reserved    b. friendly and sociable c. arrogant and proud    d. indifferent and aloof		1	U
10.	Name the third Mughal emperor who had Birbal as one of his ministers. a. Shah Jahan    b. Akbar    c. Aurangzeb    d. Humayun		1	R
11.	Recall the significant event that occurred when the monk arrived in the village where Raman resided. a. A drought ended                      b. A fire began c. The villagers celebrated              d. A famine spread		1	R
12.	In extremely adverse conditions humour is an important means of giving rise to positive emotions. Select the statement that supports this argument. a. Humour and laughter provide a means for cancer patients to make light of their illness and maintain a spirit of optimism. b. Humour is sometimes used to enforce group norms by making fun of the discrepant actions and traits of people within a group. c. Humour can poke fun at social institutions. d. Humour helps build bonds and strengthen the cohesion of an in group.		1	U
13.	The movie <i>Ratatouille</i> is set in _____. a. London    b. Paris    c. Rome    d. New York		1	R
14.	Among the following, which crime is NOT mentioned in the poem as one that Macavity commits? a. Looting the larder b. Stealing milk c. Breaking the greenhouse glass d. Upsetting the washed dishes		1	R
15.	Cite the primary theme of Molla Nasruddin's stories. a. Adventure and wanderlust b. Social issues and human nature c. Romance and love d. Science and technology		4	U
16.	Who was Tenali Raman? a. A king of the Vijayanagara Empire b. The famous court jester of Krishna Devarayar c. A monk visiting the village d. A wealthy merchant		1	R
17.	Recall how the readers reacted to Twain's editorial. a. They appreciated the humour b. They were confused and angry c. They didn't notice any changes d. They praised the accuracy		1	R
18.	It is Macavity's _____ that baffles the authorities the most. a. speed    b. intelligence                      c. disappearing acts                      d. strength		1	U
19.	_____ is NOT an instance of the "pseudo-social" nature of laughter. a. Laughing while watching a comedy show on television b. Laughing while reading a humorous story c. Laughing when remembering a funny personal experience d. Laughing at a joke your friend cracked		1	U

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20.	_____ is the only female chef at Gusteau's. a. Colleen      b. Colette      c. Cynthia      d. Charlotte		1	R
21.	The word constantly used by the bridegroom, as mentioned in "Reception at Six" is a. Tomfoolery      b. Nincompoop      c. Helter-skelter      d. Ignoramus		1	R
22.	Recall the title given to Raja Birbal by Akbar. a. Chief Minister      b. Poet Laureate c. Grand Vizier      d. Military General		1	R
23.	Emperor Akbar often met with his courtiers at _____. a. Diwan-i-Am      b. Diwan-i-Khas c. The throne room      d. The garden		1	R
24.	In which century are most of Molla Nasruddin's stories set? a. 12 <sup>th</sup> century      b. 14 <sup>th</sup> century      c. 13 <sup>th</sup> century      d. 15 <sup>th</sup> century		1	R
25.	In which state of modern India was the Vijayanagara Empire located? a. Tamil Nadu      b. Karnataka      c. Andhra Pradesh      d. Kerala		1	R
26.	Recall the main setting of "Reception at Six". a. A wedding hall      b. A government office c. A family home      d. A restaurant		1	R
27.	The underlying theme reflected in the interactions between Akbar and Birbal are _____. a. The seriousness of governance b. The value of wit and intelligence c. The importance of tradition d. The power of telling lies		1	U
28.	State the problem that Nasruddin brings up to Arif the hakim. a. His own health issues b. His wife's hearing difficulties c. His son's behavior d. Financial troubles		1	R
29.	Cite why does Remy's family initially disapprove of his interest in cooking. a. They think cooking is beneath them. b. They are afraid of humans. c. They don't believe in his talent. d. They want him to stay and scavenge with them.		1	U
30.	Cite the reason why Twain ultimately stops editing the agricultural paper? a. He was fired due to his mistakes b. He lost interest in the subject c. he realized he was unfit for the job d. he wanted to focus on other writing jobs		1	U
31.	State Macavity's alternate name. a. The Secret Cat      b. The Hidden Cat c. The Hidden Paw      d. The Shadow Cat		1	R
32.	Cite the tone of the poem "Goodbye Party for Ms. Pushpa T. S". a. Somber and melancholic      b. Humorous and light-hearted c. Angry and resentful      d. Indifferent and casual		1	U
33.	Assess how Twain's satire highlights the importance of expertise in any field. a. By showing how anyone can be an expert with little effort		4	E

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	b. By exaggerating the consequences of ignorance c. By downplaying the need for specialized knowledge d. By celebrating the joy of trial and error			
34.	Select the term that Michael Apter uses to refer to the playful state of mind associated with humour. a. Telic    b. Paratelic    c. Synergy    d. Bisociation		1	R
35.	Interpret Gusteau's motto "Anyone can cook". a. Cooking is for professionals only b. Cooking is easy for everyone c. With passion and determination, anyone can achieve their dreams d. Anybody can become a great cook with Gusteau's recipes		3	Ap

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