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English Elective

Chapterwise PYQs

17 sections | 51 questions | 2022, 2023, 2024, 2025, 2026

CBSE board examination questions

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STORY 1

I Sell My Dreams

Kaleidoscope – Short Stories

1. 2025
   What does the Portuguese ambassador reveal about Frau Frieda after her death?

2. 2024
   What does Neruda's manner of eating suggest about his personality?

3. 2023
   Assess whether the narrator believes in Frau Frieda's prophetic ability.

STORY 2

Eveline

Kaleidoscope – Short Stories

4. 2026
   Explain the messages in Eveline's two farewell letters.

5. 2024
   Explain why Eveline abandons the plan to leave with Frank.

6. 2023
   Explain why Eveline sacrifices possible happiness for family obligations.

STORY 3

A Wedding in Brownsville

Kaleidoscope – Short Stories

7. 2025
   Why does Gretl decide against attending Sylvia's wedding?

8. 2024
   Why does Dr. Margolin not insist that his wife attend the wedding?

9. 2022
   Identify the Senciminers in A Wedding in Brownsville.

POEM 1

A Lecture Upon the Shadow

Kaleidoscope – Poetry

10. 2026

Explain the metaphorical meaning of shadows in A Lecture Upon the Shadow.

POEM 3

Poems by Blake

Kaleidoscope – Poetry

11. 2025

Explain The Divine Image's rejection of religious and cultural divisions.

POEM 4

Kubla Khan

Kaleidoscope – Poetry

12. 2026

What do the ancestral voices predict in Kubla Khan?

POEM 5

Trees

Kaleidoscope – Poetry

13. 2023

Why does Dickinson capitalise pronouns referring to the Sun in Trees?

POEM 6

The Wild Swans at Coole

Kaleidoscope – Poetry

14. 2026

Contrast the swans' vitality with human ageing in The Wild Swans at Coole.

15. 2022

Explain the swans' circular flight imagery in The Wild Swans at Coole.

POEM 7

Time and Time Again

Kaleidoscope – Poetry

16. 2022

Explain the image of an eyeless, silent, zigzag sky in Time and Time Again.

ESSAY 1

Freedom

Kaleidoscope – Essays

17. 2024

Using Freedom, discuss whether absolute freedom is possible.

ESSAY 2

The Mark on the Wall

Kaleidoscope – Essays

18. 2023

Explain Woolf's reflections and narrative technique in The Mark on the Wall.

ESSAY 3

Film-making

Kaleidoscope – Essays

19. 2026

Discuss Bergman's filmmaking approach and connection with audiences.

20. 2025

Explain why Bergman stresses cooperation to resolve conflicts while filming.

21. 2025

Explain the importance of artistic freedom to Bergman.

22. 2022

Explain Bergman's account of the filmmaker–audience relationship.

ESSAY 4

Why the Novel Matters

Kaleidoscope – Essays

23. 2022

Explain Lawrence's distinction between animate and inanimate things.

DRAMA

Chandalika

Kaleidoscope – Drama

24. 2026

Explain Tagore's treatment of women's empowerment in Chandalika.

25. 2024

Evaluate Prakriti's one-sided love for Ananda as a response to untouchability.

26. 2023

Describe Ananda's condition when he is compelled to approach Prakriti.

FICTION OPTION

A Tiger for Malgudi

Fiction – Alternative Prescribed Works

27. 2026

Explain Raja's distrust of the crow.

28. 2026

Why does the langur warn Raja to avoid the porcupine?

29. 2026

Explain the superstition concerning tiger stripes and Raja's response to it.

30. 2025

Describe Swamiji's plan for Raja as old age approaches.

31. 2025

Which creature does Raja avoid, and why?

32. 2025

Explain the jungle belief about the tiger's stripes, Raja's blame and his helplessness.

33. 2024

Why does Raja choose peace and shared life with the tigress?

34. 2023

Describe Swamiji's life before renunciation.

35. 2023

Describe the Captain's training of Raja for circus performances.

36. 2023

Assess whether Raja's forest life was carefree before capture.

FICTION OPTION

The Financial Expert

Fiction – Alternative Prescribed Works

37. 2026

Explain Margayya's reluctance to part with his purse.

38. 2026

Explain the name Tooth Powder House given to Margayya's home.

39. 2026

Discuss the House of Enlightenment and its symbolism for Balu.

40. 2025

Why does Margayya refuse to exchange his purse for Dr. Pal's manuscript?

41. 2025

Why does Murti agree to tutor Balu at home?

42. 2025

Explain Margayya's fascination with money's power and influence.

43. 2024

Describe Margayya's relationship with his brother's family.

44. 2024

Why does Margayya sell his publishing share to Madan?

45. 2024

Explain the priest's instruction that Margayya obtain a red rose.

46. 2024

Comment on the ending of The Financial Expert.

47. 2024

Use the novel's events to assess the connection between excessive greed and disaster.

48. 2023

Why are Balu and his wife given a separate home?

49. 2023

Explain the police inspector's help in tracing Balu.

50. 2023

Assess Margayya as a comic character rather than a villain.

LANGUAGE SKILL

Critical Reading and Writing

Language Skills

51. 2022

Write a 120–150-word school-magazine report on a seminar about growing crime, covering its panel discussion, presentation, interaction, skit, pamphlets and response.

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