

The Admission test for entry into the **English Hons** course will consist of **two parts**:

1. **One hour on-line test** consisting of **40 multiple-choice questions**: 30 MCQs on English language and 10 MCQs on English literature. There will be negative marking.
2. **One-and-half hour pen-and-paper written test** comprising an **essay (50 marks)** and a **critical appreciation of an unseen poem (50 marks)**.

Sample multiple-choice questions:

1. The word 'philanthropy' is related to:  
A) public charity    B) philosophy    C) philandering    D) philology
2. Choose the correct collective noun: a \_\_\_\_\_ of chickens  
A) herd    B) brood    C) parliament    D) pack
3. What is a synonym of 'surreptitious'?  
A) overt    B) secretive    C) friendly    D) superstitious
4. In general parlance, the phrase 'red tape' is associated with:  
A) Communism    B) The Red Cross    C) an act of protest    D) administrative bureaucracy.
5. The antonym for 'censorious' is:  
A) kind    B) uncritical    C) precocious    D) blasphemous
6. Whose creation is the character Mowgli?  
A) Rabindranath Tagore    B) E. M. Forster    C) H. Rider Haggard    D) Rudyard Kipling
7. Arundhati Roy's *God of Small Things* is based in which Indian state?  
A) West Bengal    B) Delhi    C) Tamil Nadu    D) Kerala

Sample essay question:

'Whenever someone who knows you disappears, you lose one version of yourself. Yourself as you were seen, as you were judged to be. Lover or enemy, mother or friend, those who know us construct us, and their several knowings slant the different facets of our characters like diamond-cutter's tools. Each such loss is a step leading to the grave, where all versions blend and end.'

Write an essay based on the ideas in the passage quoted above. **(50 marks)**