

Roll No.

Session- 2023-24

B.Ed. Entrance Examination

Subjects: English Language and Literature, Paper- 1st

Time: 01.30 hours

Total Marks: 50

- *All questions are compulsory*
- *Read each question carefully and follow the instructions*
- *All answers must be carefully numbered so that they match with the relevant questions.*

- 1. Read the passage carefully and answer the following questions in your own words. Do not copy the sentences from the passage:**

5x2=10 marks

If you got a tattoo, what kind of ink would you choose and why? The answer might reflect everything from a spur-of-the-moment decision to a poignant tribute to a loved one. But you may not realize that tattoos have an ancient—and fascinating—history.

The word “tattoo” was imported into English thanks to Captain James Cook, who noted the practice, and Tahitian word “tatau” describing it, in Polynesia in the 18th century. But scholars agree that the practice far predates the word itself—and the skin of ancient mummies proves their point.

Who are these inked-up mummies, and what can they teach us about ancient cultures? The earliest evidence of tattooing is inked into the body of Ötzi the Iceman. Europe’s most famous mummy, Ötzi (also known as “The Iceman”) was discovered by German hikers in the Alps in 1991. Ötzi lived in Tyrol, a mountainous region that borders modern-day Italy and Switzerland, about 5,200 years ago, and after he died his body, and its tattoos, were preserved by ice and the elements.

Archaeologists have since documented 61 line-like tattoos on his body thought to have been created by piercing the skin and applying charcoal dust. Some of them were on areas associated with pain in aging like the knees and ankles, leading archaeologists to theorize that they were created during some

kind of pain treatment. But other geometric tattoos on Ötzi's chest suggest that tattoos had some kind of ritual, ceremonial, or even religious use as far back as the Neolithic age.

The exact meaning may be debated for the next five millennia, though, since researchers concede that without more evidence, there's no way to know why Ötzi, or other Neolithic people, got inked.

The next earliest evidence of tattoos comes from mummies thought to have died between 3351 and 3017 B.C. in ancient Egypt. Discovered in 1900, the bodies were found to sport tattoos in 2018, when researchers re-examined them using infrared imaging and found that what looked like smudging on the skin was actually body art. Their ink is the earliest known evidence of tattoos depicting images—including a wild bull and a sheep on the male's arm, and symbols resembling the letter "S" and possibly a staff on the female's arm and shoulder.

The images, which mirror motifs found in other ancient Egyptian art, are the first evidence of tattooing in Africa. Though researchers can only speculate on what the tattoos meant to their bearers, they could have been status symbols or proof of the wearer's skills such as bravery or knowledge of cult or ritual practices. The differences between the male and female mummies' tattoos suggest some kind of gender or social system.

Other tattoos dating from later periods suggest that tattoos were eventually used as cultic symbols in ancient Egypt. In one case, archaeologists discovered more than 30 visible and diverse images, from lotus blossoms to the Eye of Horus, on the skin of a female mummy found in the Valley of the Kings. She is thought to have lived in the Ramesside period of 1292 to 1189 B.C., and researchers believe her tattoos show that she was a priestess or magician with a particular connection to the ancient sky goddess Hathor.

- a. What is the meaning of the phrase spur-of-the-moment?
 - b. Write a note in your own words on the oldest evidence of tattoo.
 - c. Construct a sentence using the word "documented" as used in the above passage.
 - d. What do the tattoos of Ötzi's chest signify?
 - e. What do some of the tattoos found in Ancient Egypt suggest?
2. Write a brief summary of the above passage in about 60 words. Also add a suitable title to it. **5 marks**

3. You are Chuskit/Tsetan, a student of Class XII. You are interested in pursuing a course in journalism. Write a letter in response to an advertisement issued by the Indian Institute of Journalism, Delhi in a national daily, seeking information about suitable courses, eligibility, fee structure and placement opportunities. **10 marks**
4. **Write an essay on any one of the following topics:** **10 marks**
a) World Environment Day
b) The Need for Amendments in Human Rights
c) Music as a Healing Agent
5. **Write the synonyms of the following words:** **5 marks**
a) Exemplary
b) Artful
c) Allure
d) Feud
e) Invincible
6. **Write the antonyms of the following words:** **5 marks**
a) Clumsy
b) Compassion
c) Biased
d) Idle
e) Authentic
7. **Correct the errors in the following sentences:** **5 marks**
a) They plays football every evening in the playground.
b) The trains is reaching its destination.
c) Rohan and Simran is siblings.
d) Each one of you are going to give a live presentation.
e) Mathematics *are* my favourite subject.
