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Time : 2:30 Hours

[The figure in the margin indicates full marks. Candidates are required to give their answers in their own words as far as practicable.]

Group-A

(Multiple Choice Type Question)

1 x 15=15

1. Choose the correct alternative from the following :

- (i) Infer the rhyme scheme of the octave in Derozio's 'To India - My Native Land'.
 - a) abababab
 - b) abbaabba
 - c) abababcc
 - d) abababcb
- (ii) State which line from 'To India - My Native Land' captures best the speaker's sense of nostalgia for the lost past.
 - a) Where is thy glory, where the reverence now?
 - b) Thy eagle pinion is chained down at last
 - c) Thy minstrel hath no wreath to weave for thee
 - d) All of these
- (iii) Identify the significance of the flashback techniques used in Dattani's 'Bravely Fought the Queen'.
 - a) The Trivedi family is intricately entangled in a web of lies and deceit
 - b) The flashbacks highlight the systematic seeping of the patriarchy through the generation
 - c) Both 1 and 2
 - d) None of these
- (iv) Explain what the trope of ReVaTee indicate in Bravely Fought the Queen.
 - a) ReVaTee seeks to liberate the feminine
 - b) ReVaTee offers a glimpse into the male gaze
 - c) ReVaTee identifies with the unchaining of a boundless sexual energy
 - d) ReVaTee has no such apparent significance
- (v) Apply your knowledge of the Indian English Poetry and state which writer is spoken about in these statements. Statement I: The chief quality of her poetry is melody - sound and sense combine to produce an emotion, as in music. Statement II: She uses several discourses - types from Indian traditions of poetry: some of her poems are monologues or duets; still others are communal songs in separate voices and in chorus.
 - a) Toru Dutt
 - b) Sarojini Naidu
 - c) Mahesh Dattani
 - d) None of these

- (vi) Identify what the speaker prays for in Sarojini Naidu's poem 'The Gift of India'.
- The speaker prays for the war to end
 - Equal recognition of the Indian soldiers
 - Proper funeral of the dead Indian soldiers
 - Sing the glory of the heroic martyrs
- (vii) State who gave Sarojini Naidu the title of "Nightingale of India".
- Jawaharlal Nehru
 - Rabindranath Tagore
 - Mahatma Gandhi
 - Aurobindo Ghosh
- (viii) Select the right answer-Toru Dutt's 'Our Casuarina Tree' is written in the form of a/an ____.
- Ballad
 - Elegy
 - Ode and elegy
 - sonnet and ode
- (ix) Apply your knowledge of the poem to select the right answer. Statement I: Casuarina Tree is covered with creeper which bears red crimson flowers which appear as though the tree is wearing a colourful scarf. Statement II: This creeper is poetically compared to a poisonous cobra that has surrounded the trunk of the tree.
- Statement I is true but Statement II is false
 - Both Statement I and Statement II are true
 - Statement II is true but Statement I is false
 - Both the statements are false
- (x) State why Raju in R.K. Narayan's novel "The Guide" was imprisoned.
- For his amorous involvement with Rosie
 - For his pretence of being a spiritual guide
 - For his crime of forgery
 - For sheltering in his house the wife of the historian
- (xi) Apply your knowledge of the text to determine the right answer. Statement I: Narayan exposes a common phenomenon in Indian society where frauds, posing as 'sadhus', exploit the simple faith of the ignorant villagers to acquire authority and advantage. Statement II: Raju deliberately cheats the villagers of Mangal to get shelter at the temple and a regular supply of food.
- I is true but II is false
 - Both I and II are true
 - II is true but I is false
 - Both are false
- (xii) Write which of the following is the main theme of Kamala Das's "An Introduction".
- The beauty of nature
 - The poet's struggle with identity and gender roles
 - The importance of political power
 - The impact of colonial rule on India
- (xiii) Identify the name Rosie adopts later in the novel.
- Nalini
 - Savitri
 - Lalitha
 - Jaya
- (xiv) Analyze the central theme of Nissim Ezekiel's poem 'Enterprise'.
- The struggle and disappointment in a collective journey
 - The importance of wealth and power
 - The joy of traveling to new places
 - The benefits of technological advancement
- (xv) Examine how does the journey in the poem 'Enterprise' begin.
- With excitement and a sense of purpose
 - With fear and doubt
 - With confusion and disagreement
 - With violence and hostility

Group-B
(Short Answer Type Questions)

3 x 5=15

- Examine the theme of the poem "To India My Native Land" by H.L.V. Derozio. (3)
- Explain why the Casuarina tree is dear to the poetess Toru Dutt. (3)
- Apply your understanding of the novel, "The Guide", to determine whether Raju can be called a 'picaro'. (3)
- Estimate Sarojini Naidu's "The Gift of India" as an anti-war poem. (3)
- Write a note on the theme of partition in Salman Rushdie's Midnight's Children. (3)

OR

Write a short note on the theme of domestic violence in Dattani's "Bravely Fought the Queen". (3)

Group-C
(Long Answer Type Questions)

5 x 6=30

7. Analyse the feminist perspectives in Dattani's 'Bravely Fought the Queen'. (5)
8. Examine R.K. Narayan's 'The Guide' as a Post Colonial novel. (5)
9. Write a critical appreciation of "Enterprise" by Nissim Ezekiel. (5)
10. Discuss the meaning of the line from Toru Dutt's poem "Our Casuarina Tree": "But not because of its magnificence, / Dear is the Casuarina to my soul." (5)
11. Explain the lines quoted below from the poem, 'The Gift of India': "They are strewn like blossoms mown down by dance On the blood-brown meadows of Flanders & France." (5)
12. Analyse Raju's journey from a sinner to a saint in R.K. Narayan's 'The Guide'. (5)

OR

Analyse how Kamala Das address the issue of language in the poem "An Introduction". (5)

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