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(Semester III)

Full Marks : 60

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) Apply your knowledge of the poem to arrive at the right answer. Statement I: The casuarina tree becomes an avenue through which the poet's bitter grief and lamentation are channelled out. Statement II: The tree reminds her of her happy childhood spent in the joyful companionship of her brother, Abju and sister, Aru, both of whom had died prematurely.
- a) Both are true and II is a proper explanation of I b) I is true but II is false
c) Both are true but II is not a proper explanation of I d) Both I and II are false
- (ii) In the context of Indian mythology, determine which legendary sage king is Raju's fast reminiscent of ?
- a) Durvasa b) Bhagirath
c) Jagatkaru d) Valmiki
- (iii) Analyze the two statements and arrive at the right answer. Statement I: The resolution of the plot in Narayan's The Guide is deeply steeped in ambiguity. Statement II: Narayan was inspired for the conclusion from an incident that occurred in Mysore around 1956-57 about which he wrote in his autobiographical work My Days.
- a) I is true but II is false b) II is true but I is false
c) Both I and II are false d) Both I and II are true
- (iv) Analyze the two statements and arrive at the right answer. Narayan aimed at writing
- a) Anglo-Saxon English b) A new kind of English which he called Bharat brand of English
c) Colonial English d) None of these
- (v) Which of the following best describes the central theme of Nissim Ezekiel's poem "Enterprise" ?
- a) An existential journey b) A metaphorical journey

- c) Both of the above
d) None of the above
- (vi) Which poem by Nissim Ezekiel depicts a pilgrimage that represents life itself?
a) "Enterprise" b) "The Railway Clerk"
c) "Time to Change" d) "Background, Casually"
- (vii) Along with being strongly feminist in its tone and subject matter, Kamala Das' poem An Introduction can also be considered as a _____.
a) Didactic poem b) Confessional poem
c) Romantic poem d) None of the above
- (viii) Identify the odd one among the following poets:
a) Henry Vivian Derozio b) Kasiprasad Ghose
c) Sarojini Naidu d) Michael Madhusudan Dutt
- (ix) Which of the following statements is/are incorrect about the line "A beauteous halo circled round thy brow" from Derozio's poem?
a) The line is addressed to the personified figure of India. b) India is revered as a divine being.
c) The figure of speech used here is metonymy. d) None of the above
- (x) State who gave Naidu the title, the "Nightingale of India"?
a) Jawaharlal Nehru b) Rabindranath Tagore
c) Mahatma Gandhi d) Aurobindo Ghosh
- (xi) Which of the following does Kamala Das not refer to in "An Introduction"?
a) Female puberty b) Child marriage
c) Motherhood d) Female sexuality
- (xii) The poem, 'The Bangle Sellers' is composed in the form of a/an _____, exuding the _____ of the speakers. Select the right answer
a) eulogy, complaints b) ballad, vigour
c) ode, excitement d) lyric, vitality
- (xiii) Magic Realists tell stories that are _____.
a) Calculative b) Factual
c) Ridiculous d) Logical
- (xiv) Which of the following statements best describes Mahesh Dattani's drama Bravely Fought the Queen?
a) It gets jaded into the limitations of Indian middle class life b) It proclaims the follies and foibles of orthodox Indian middle class life
c) It limits the scope of representing the Indian middle class in the Indian theatre d) It prohibits the construction of counter-narratives with respect to the Indian middle class familial setup
- (xv) Which of the following tropes best describes the desire for intimacy and sexuality in Dattani's Bravely Fought the Queen?
a) Thumri b) Bonsai
c) The well stocked bar d) ReVaTee

Group-B

(Short Answer Type Questions)

3 x 5=15

2. Explain in simple words the personification of the fresh flowers in the garden in relation to the corpse and the grave from the poem 'Fakeer of Jungheera' by Derozio. (3)
3. Explain the poet's wish in detail in the poem "To India my Native Land" (3)

4. Explain why the casuarina tree is dear to the poetess, Toru Dutt. (3)
5. Relate how Raju started out as a stall keeper and went on to be a tourist guide. (3)
6. Is Saleem a reliable narrator? Why or why not? (3)

OR

Why do you "Midnight's Children" is divided into three sections? Why is time so disjointed in the novel? (3)

Group-C

(Long Answer Type Questions)

5 x 6=30

7. Explain the lines quoted below from the poem, 'The Gift of India' - (5)
- " They are strewn like blossoms mown down by dance
On the blood-brown meadows of Flanders & France"
8. Characterise the real queen in "Bravely Fought the Queen". Whom is the queen referred to in the title of the novel. (5)
9. Examine the relevance of the bangle-sellers in a traditional Indian set up. (5)
10. "It seems we are preparing for happiness tomorrow.
At the price of misery today". (5)
- What does the poet wants to share to his readers through these lines?
11. Examine Raju's relationship with Rosie and Marco. (5)
12. Comment on the significance of the title 'An Introduction', by Kamala Das. (5)

OR

Justify the poem 'Enterprise' as an allegorical poem by Nissim Ezekiel. (5)
