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2024

5th Semester Examination

ENGLISH (Honours)

Paper : C 11-T

(Postcolonial Literatures)

(New Syllabus)

[CBCS]

Full Marks : 60

Time : Three Hours

*The figures in the margin indicate full marks.*

*Candidates are required to give their answers  
in their own words as far as practicable.*

**Group - A**

Answer any *ten* of the following questions :

2×10=20

1. How does the poet, Pablo Neruda describe the night in the poem 'Tonight I can Write the Saddest Lines'?
2. What is the significance of the phrase "metallic meadows" in the poem 'The Way Spain Was' by Pablo Neruda?
3. What does the poet mean by "a false god" in the poem 'The Way Spain Was' by Pablo Neruda?

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4. How do the images of “petals and bullets” in the poem ‘The Way Spain Was’ by Pablo Neruda reflect the dual nature of Spain’s history?
5. What is the significance of the phrase “Kikuyu, quick as flies” in Derek Walcott’s poem ‘A Far Cry from Africa’?
6. What role does the “worm, colonel of carrion” play in the depiction of death in the poem ‘A Far Cry from Africa’ by Derek Walcott?
7. What do the “goldsmith from Benares” and the “stone-cutter from Canton” symbolize in the poem “Names” by Derek Walcott?
8. Why does Okonkwo kill Ikemefuna and what is the consequence of this action in Chinua Achebe’s *Things Fall Apart*?
9. What role does Obierika play in the novel *Things Fall Apart* by Chinua Achebe?
10. Comment on Nwoye’s conversion to Christianity in Chinua Achebe’s *Things Fall Apart*.
11. What does the mountain symbolize in Mamang Dai’s ‘The Voice of the Mountain’?
12. Briefly comment on the use of the narrator’s legs as a motif in the story ‘The Girl Who Can’ by Ama Ata Aidoo?

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13. Who is Dikeledi Mokopi and why is he significant in Bessie Head’s ‘The Collector of Treasures’?
14. What does Dikelei consider her “treasures”, and why are they important to her in Bessie Head’s ‘The Collector of Treasures’?
15. Who is the central character in Fakir Mohan Senapati’s “*Rebati*” and what is her significance in the story?

#### Group - B

Answer any *four* of the following questions :

5×4=20

16. How does Neruda portray the impact of the Spanish Civil War on Spain’s culture and people in the poem “The Way Spain Was”?
17. Analyze how Derek Walcott portrays the erasure and preservation of history in the poem “Names”.
18. Comment on the following lines from Mamang Dai’s “The Voice of the Mountain”.  
“I am the place where memory escapes/the myth of time,  
I am the sleep in the mind of the mountain”

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19. How does Achebe depict the Igbo community's cultural practices and traditions of the novel *Things Fall Apart*? Discuss.
20. Discuss the role of Dikeledi Mokopi as a symbol of resilience in Bessie Head's short story "The Collector of Treasures".
21. How does Fakir Mohan Senapati use the character of Rebati to critique societal norms in "Rebati"?

**Group - C**

Answer any *two* of the following questions :

10×2=20

22. Critically examine Pablo Neruda's poem "Tonight I Can Write the Saddest Lines" as an expression of sincere love and acceptance of reality.
23. Discuss the theme of identity and cultural conflict between the poet's African and European heritage in Derek Walcott's poem "A Far Cry from Africa".
24. Analyze the character of Okonkwo in Chinua Achebe's *Things Fall Apart*. How does his personality reflect the values of Igbo society, and how does it contribute to his downfall?
25. Bring out the significance of the title of Ama Ata Aidoo's short story "The Girl Who Can".

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**Group - A**

Answer any *ten* of the following questions :

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1. Briefly comment on the title of the poem 'The Way Spain Was'.
2. Critically comment on the line "Love is so short, forgetting is so long" from Neruda's poem 'Tonight I Can Write the Saddest Lines'.
3. How does Derek Walcott's poem 'A Far Cry from Africa' depict the Mau Mau rebellion?

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4. What is the significance of 'small towns' in Mamang Dai's poem 'Small Towns and the River'?
5. Who is Ikemefuna in Chinua Achebe's *Things Fall Apart*?
6. What does the title of the poem 'A Far Cry from Africa' signify?
7. "Proverbs are the palm-oil with which words are eaten" — Where does the line occur?
8. Which colonial uprising does the poem 'A Far Cry from Africa' allude to?
9. To whom is the poem 'Names' by Derek Walcott dedicated?
10. What is the source of the title of Chinua Achebe's *Things Fall Apart*? Who is the protagonist of the novel?
11. Who is the 'Collector of Treasures' in Bessie Head's 'The Collector of Treasures' and why is he called so?
12. What does the winning of Adjoa signify in Ama Ata Aidoo's 'The Girl Who Can'?
13. What is the meaning of 'Chance Syllable' in Mamang Dai's 'The Voice of the Mountain'?
14. Why is Nana obsessed with Adjoa's legs in Ama Ata Aidoo's short story 'The Girl Who Can'?

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15. Why does the narrator in the poem 'Small Towns and the River' say that "the river has a soul"?

**Group - B**

Answer any *four* of the following questions :

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16. How does the poem 'The Way Spain Was' reflect Neruda's solidarity with Spain during the Spanish Civil War?
17. Discuss the poet's dilemma of dual heritage as explored in the poem 'A Far Cry from Africa' by Derek Walcott.
18. Briefly comment on the significance of the river in Mamang Dai's 'Small Towns and the River'.
19. How does Achebe depict the Igbo community's cultural practices in the novel *Things Fall Apart*?
20. How does Nwoye's character serve as a foil to Okonkwo in the novel *Things Fall Apart*?
21. Discuss the role of Dikeledi Mokopi in Bessie Head's short story 'The Collector of Treasures'.

**Group - C**

Answer any *two* of the following questions :

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22. Discuss the themes of love, loss and memory in Pablo Neruda's poem 'Tonight I Can Write the Saddest Lines'.
23. Examine Derek Walcott's exploration of the erasure and recovery of cultural identity in the poem 'Names'.
24. Bring out the significance of the title of Chinua Achebe's novel *Things Fall Apart*.
25. How does Ama Ata Aidoo voices her concerns for women in her short story 'The Girl Who Can'?