

(PART-B : Descriptive)

Time : 2 hrs. 40 min.

Marks : 50

[Answer question no.1 & any four (4) from the rest]

1. Discuss the imagery and symbolism used by Tagore in 'Gitanjali'. 10
2. Write short notes on : 5+5=10
 - a. Kamala Das as a Confessional poet
 - b. Identity and memory in Ramanujan's poetry
3. a. Mention four themes commonly found in Modern Indian poetry in English. 4+6 =10
b. Discuss any two of them.
4. a. How did Kappanna vanish? 3+7 =10
b. What are the oral tales and myths used in 'Nagamandala'?
5. a. Explore "Paradise Pickles and Preseves" as a symbol for the forbidden and the hidden in Roy's novel. 5+5=10
b. Who are the god of small things and why ?
6. a. Why is 'Midnight's Children' divided into three parts ? 4+4+2 =10
b. Is Saleem a reliable narrator ? How would the novel change if Saleem does not die ?
7. R. K Narayan's popularity as a story writer has not waned during the last sixty years. Comment with respect to: 5+5=10
 - a. The Tiger's Claw
 - b. Astrologer's Day
8. a. Account for the beginning of Indian writings in English. 5+5 =10
b. What are the common concerns of the Post colonial Indian novelists ?

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(Use Separate Answer Scripts for Objective & Descriptive)

Duration : 3 hrs.

Full Marks : 70

(PART-A : Objective)

Time : 20 min.

Marks : 20

Choose the correct answer from the following: 1×20=20

1. Which of the following poets is considered to be an exponent of Modern Indian poetry in English ?
 - a. Henry Derezio
 - b. Toru Dutt
 - c. A.K Ramanujan
 - d. R.N Tagore
2. In " My Grandmother's House " listen to the frozen air" is an example of
 - a. simile
 - b. synaesthesia
 - c. metaphor
 - d. pun
3. ' The Strides ' is a work by
 - a. Kamala Das
 - b. Gieve Patel
 - c. Dom Moreas
 - d. A.K Ramanujan
4. Which of the following is avoided in the Theatre of Roots
 - a. Use of masks
 - b. Opulent set designing
 - c. Music and dance
 - d. Mime
5. Girish Karnad received the Jnanpith Award in
 - a. 1996
 - b. 1997
 - c. 1998
 - d. 1999
6. Which of the following is present in Tagore's 'Gitanjali' ?
 - a. Subjective experience
 - b. Feminism
 - c. devotion
 - d. None of these
7. In 'Nagamandala' how did Story escape from the Old Woman's mouth ?
 - a. When the old woman was sleeping
 - b. When the old woman was eating.
 - c. The old woman told the playwright
 - d. When the old woman fought with her husband

8. In the poem 'Self Portrait' whose signature is at the bottom corner of the portrait ?
- a. The poet's
b. The poet's father
c. The poet's grandfather
d. None of these.
9. In 'My Grandmother's House' what would lie behind the speaker's bedroom door ?
- a. books
b. The speaker's husband
c. Memories of the old
d. Snakes.
10. How many pieces of roots are given by Kurudavva to Rani ?
- a. one
b. two
c. Three
d. four
11. Where did Chacko meet Margaret Kochamma ?
- a. At the café at London
b. As his classmate
c. As his landlady
d. As a tourist in Kerela.
12. What film does the family go to see at Cochin ?
- a. Cowboy movies
b. South Indian hit
c. Singing in the rain
d. Sound of Music.
13. What is notable about Arundhati Roy's diction in the opening of her novel ?
- a. It is subtly religious
b. Overtly sensuous
c. Incorrect grammatically
d. traditional
14. The unique thing about the cathedral's ceiling where the funeral of Sophie is held is
- a. Replica of the Sistine chapel
b. Flowery decoration
c. Covered with baby bats
d. Painted like the clear blue sky.
15. Padma is
- a. Saleem's nanny
b. Saleem's wife
c. Sister of Picture Singh
d. Wife of Hanif

16. Which of the following has no biological children?
- a. Wee Willie Winkie
b. Aadam Aziz
c. Methwold
d. Ahmad Sinai
17. Who does Amina save from a racist riot ?
- a. Homi
b. Ramram Seth
c. Lifafa Das
d. Farooq
18. In 'The Missing mail' Kamakshi is taken to-----to get the groom's approval
- a. Mysore
b. Madurai
c. Madras
d. Bangalore
19. How does the astrologer's wife react to his tale of killing someone?
- a. She faints
b. She is shocked
c. She divorces him
d. She is mad
20. The name of R.K Narayan's first novel is
- a. The Far Pavilion
b. The Bachelor of Arts
c. The Dark Room
d. Swami and Friends