MA ENGLISH
FOURTH SEMESTER
LITERATURE 1950-2010
MEN-401
(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:

1x20=20

1. The narrator in The Kite Runner recalls what went on in the year:
   a. 1974
   b. 1975
   c. 1972
   d. 1973

2. Which of the following playwrights is not associated with the genre of "kitchen sink drama"?
   a. John Osborne
   b. Terence Rattigan
   c. Shelagh Delaney
   d. Arnold Wesker

3. The religious teacher at Amir's school is Mullah:
   a. Nasiruddin
   b. Fatiullah Khan
   c. Bashir Khan
   d. Farooq Khan

4. Which of the following characters is described by Jimmy as 'one of those sturdy old plants from the Edwardian wilderness"?
   a. Mrs Redfern
   b. Colonel Redfern
   c. Mrs Tanner
   d. Nigel Redfern

5. _____ is a popular game of Afghanistan.
   a. Soccer
   b. Kite Flying
   c. Buzkashi
   d. Wrestling

6. "Karhide is not a nation but a family quarrel." Which of the following told Genly Ai?
   a. Tibe
   b. Foretellers
   c. Argaven
   d. Estraven

7. Which of the following is untrue of General Tahiri?
   a. Arrogant
   b. Traditional
   c. Liberal
   d. Stereotypical Afghan male

8. The Left Hand of Darkness was published in the year_____.
   a. 1966
   b. 1967
   c. 1968
   d. 1969

9. Amir's Baba escape to Afghanistan in the year:
   a. 1980
   b. 1981
   c. 1982
   d. 1983

10. The name of the herbalist at the Abbey is:
    a. Abo
    b. Severinus
    c. Peter
    d. Berengar

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11. Which of the following is not true of Look Back in Anger?
    a. Realism
    b. Misogyny
    c. British class difference
    d. Surrealist symbolism

12. Which of the following is an outsider to the Abbey?
    a. Alinardo
    b. Salvatore
    c. Pacifius
    d. Ubertino

13. In which year did Dario Fo receive Nobel Prize for Literature?
    a. 1997
    b. 1996
    c. 1995
    d. 1994

14. The Aedificum had a library containing _____ rooms.
    a. 43
    b. 52
    c. 56
    d. 62

15. The anarchist fell out of a window on which floor?
    a. first
    b. second
    c. third
    d. fourth

16. William of Baskervilles character is not influenced by which of the following?
    a. Sherlock Holmes
    b. William of Ockham
    c. Galileo Galilei
    d. Jorge Louis Borges

17. The "poisoned page" motif in The Name of the Rose may have been inspired by:
    a. La Reine Margot (A. Dumas)
    b. Eye of Allah (R. Kipling)
    c. Alessandro Manzoni (Betrothed)
    d. Wittgenstein

18. According to the Gethenian calendar, how many months are there?
    a. 11
    b. 12
    c. 13
    d. 14

19. In what kind of room do the Porter's live?
    a. Basement
    b. Storage room
    c. Empty room
    d. Attic

20. Which of the following characters from Fo's play was not modeled after an actual person?
    a. Maniac
    b. Inspector
    c. Superintendent
    d. Journalist

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(PART-B : Descriptive)

Time : 2 hrs. 40 min.   Marks : 50

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

1. *Look Back in Anger* is the archetypical play of the "angry young men" movement in British theater, which was marked by working class authors writing plays about their disillusionment with British society. Discuss the play in the light of this statement.   **10**

2. How does the idea of masculinity which looms large in Amir's life figure into the novel's idea of nationhood and international conflict?   **6+4=10**

3. Examine what it is to be an American in The Kite Runner. How do the different characters see America and is there one perspective that comes across most definitively?   **3+7=10**

4. Who was William of Baskerville? In what ways is William of Baskerville in The Name of the Rose, a forerunner of Nominalism like William of Ockham?   **3+7=10**

5. Write short notes on: **5+5=10**
   a. Symbols in *Look Back in Anger*.
   b. Jimmy Porter.

6. Discuss how the setting of Umberto Eco's The Name of the Rose in 1327 is crucial to a proper understanding of the novel. Why is it important that the story occurs during the Avignon papacy?   **7+3=10**

7. Dario Fo's The Accidental Death of an Anarchist is a humorous satire on the politics and corruption of 1960s Italy. Elaborate. Discuss the role of the Maniac.   **6+4=10**

8. Write short notes on *any two* the following: **5+5=10**
   a. Contrasting imageries used in The Left Hand of Darkness.
   b. Significance of the myths and folktales recorded by Genly Ai in The Left Hand of Darkness.
   c. Commedia dell arte.

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