

MA ENGLISH
FOURTH SEMESTER
INDIAN WRITING IN ENGLISH
MEN – 405A

(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. What is the name of the College where Krishna worked?
 - a. Albert Mission College
 - b. Gyandeeep College
 - c. Don Bosco College
 - d. Christian Missionary College
2. Mr. Brown was Krishna's -
 - a. Friend
 - b. Colleague
 - c. Roommate
 - d. Principal
3. What did the fragrance of Jasmine remind Krishna of ?
 - a. Sushila
 - b. Leela
 - c. His Mother
 - d. His college
4. What is Arun's food preference?
 - a. Non-Vegetarian
 - b. Vegetarian
 - c. Western
 - d. Chinese
5. To which University was Anamika selected?
 - a. Harvard
 - b. Oxford
 - c. Leeds
 - d. Delhi University
6. How is the wolf described in the first lines of the poem Wolf?
 - a. A vague form or silhouette
 - b. In the form of wolf
 - c. As a light from the dark
 - d. No image described
7. Dolly was the wife of -
 - a. Nitin
 - b. Praful
 - c. Shailesh
 - d. None of the above
8. 'He risked the rain again.' Who does "he" refer to?
 - a. A snake
 - b. A scorpion
 - c. A hippo
 - d. Gandalf
9. How did the idea of writing of a poem about 'wolf' come in the poet's mind?
 - a. Through his imagination
 - b. From his recent memory of seeing it
 - c. From his childhood memories
 - d. Just a topic that popped his mind
10. Who also writes poetry like the poet that is referred in her poem *Women in Dutch Paintings*?
 - a. Her mother
 - b. Her aunt
 - c. Her sister
 - d. Her daughter

11. Which Idol did Mira Masi worship?
 - a. Shiva
 - b. Krishna
 - c. Ganesh
 - d. Durga
12. What was the name of the mother of 1084?
 - a. Sujatha
 - b. Supriya
 - c. Sulochana
 - d. Surili
13. Which of the following is a Partition novel?
 - a. That Long Silence
 - b. The Guide
 - c. Clear Light of the Day
 - d. Shalimar The Clown
14. The name of Brati's Girlfriend was-
 - a. Nidhi
 - b. Nisha
 - c. Nandini
 - d. Nishita
15. Which poet is repeatedly featured in Nirmal's writing?
 - a. Rainer Marie Rilke
 - b. William Butler Yeats
 - c. Edgar Allen Poe
 - d. William Wordsworth
16. What is the name of the Scottish man who set up a temporarily successful egalitarian society in the Sundarbans?
 - a. Sir Edward Lynch
 - b. Sir Daniel Hamilton
 - c. Sir Michael Maccharles
 - d. Sir Peter Matthews
17. Who is the goddess who protects the Sundarbans?
 - a. Oladevi
 - b. Kali
 - c. Bon Bibi
 - d. Saraswati
18. When did the massacre happen that killed Kusum?
 - a. 2001
 - b. 1992
 - c. 1979
 - d. 1988
19. Whom does Piya plan to name her project after at the end of the novel, *The Hungry Tide*?
 - a. Moyna
 - b. Nilima
 - c. Tutul
 - d. Fokir
20. Which organization does Nilima found?
 - a. The Badabon Trust
 - b. The Nilima Trust
 - c. The Nirmal Trust
 - d. None of the above

-- --- --

(PART-B : Descriptive)

Time : 2 hrs. 40 min.

Marks : 50

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

1. Identify the themes that are common to Indian poetry in English written after Independence with special reference to the poems you have studied. 10
 2. Show the condition and status of women both in India and the West from your reading of the novel *Fasting Feasting* by Anita Desai 5+5 = 10
 3. Examine and elaborate the influence that his wife Sushila had on Krishna's life from your reading of *The English Teacher*. 10
 4. What is the interpretation of the past that Jayanta Mahapatra undertakes in his poetry? Discuss the significance of this past from the poems you have read. 5+5 = 10
- OR
- Comment on the implications of the symbols used in Daruwalla's poetry with a reference to his prescribed poems.
5. How does *Mother of 1084* reflect the inherent patriarchal structure? How does the Mother fight against the societal structure? 4+6 = 10
 6. Describe the myth of Bon Bibi and its significance in the life of the people of the Sundarbans as discussed by Ghosh. 5+ 5 = 10
Or
Throw light on the bond between Piyali and Fokir in Ghosh's *The Hungry Tide*. Explain with reference to the text.
 7. Analyze the theme of partition in Indian Literature with reference to any of the Indian novels you have read. 10
 8. Critically examine the characters of Dolly, Alka and Baa from your reading of *Bravely Fought the Queen*. 4+3+3=10

= = *** = =