

MA ENGLISH
FOURTH SEMESTER
AFRICAN LITERATURE
MEN - 402

(USE SEPARATE ANSWER SCRIPTS FOR OBJECTIVE & DESCRIPTIVE)

Duration: 3 hrs.

Full Marks: 70

Time: 20 min.

Marks: 20

(PART-A: Objective)

Choose the correct answer from the following:

1×20=20

1. The title of Chinua Achebe's Things Fall Apart has been taken from which of the following poems by W.B. Yeats?
 - a. Sailing to Byzantium
 - b. The Second Coming
 - c. Leda and the Swan
 - d. He wishes for the cloths of Heaven
2. Whom did Okonkwo defeat in his first wrestling match?
 - a. Obrieka
 - b. The egwuwu
 - c. Amalinze
 - d. Maduka
3. Which of the following animal fables was told by Ekwefi to Ezinma?
 - a. The tale of mosquito and ear
 - b. The tale of the tortoise's bumpy shell
 - c. The tale of the Vulture and Sky
 - d. The tale of Mother Kite and Daughter Kite
4. Ikemefuna belonged to the village of _____.
 - a. Mbanta
 - b. Mbaino
 - c. Abame
 - d. Umuofia
5. The Week of Peace is maintained as a mark of respect to _____.
 - a. The Sacred Python
 - b. The Earth Goddess Ani
 - c. The God of Lightning Amiodora
 - d. Egwuwu
6. Who was Uchendu?
 - a. Okonkwo's cousin
 - b. Okonkwo's maternal uncle
 - c. Okonkwo's best friend
 - d. Okonkwo's neighbour
7. Why was the church in Umuofia destroyed?
 - a. Because one of the converted Igbos insulted them
 - b. Because of the killing of the sacred python
 - c. Because an egwuwu was unmasked
 - d. Because they wanted to fight with them
8. Why were the village elders of Umuofia arrested by the District Commissioner?
 - a. For their cultural practices
 - b. For destruction of the church
 - c. For beating up their wives
 - d. For not going to the white man's school
9. What is AIDS?
 - a. Acquitted Immuno Deficiency Syndrome
 - b. Acquired Immuno Deficient Syndrome

(PART-B : Descriptive)

Time : 2 hrs. 40 min.

Marks : 50

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

1. Discuss the representation of the Igbo culture and practices in Achebe's Things Fall Apart. How did the life of the natives undergo a change with the arrival of the colonizers? 10
 2. Who was Unoka? Describe how Unoka's life affected Okonkwo's outlook towards life and himself. 4+6=10
 3. Write Short notes on the following- (Any2) 5+5=10
 - a) Animal imagery and Masood in "A Handful of Dates"
 - b) Significance of Bana's letter to Zole in "Africa kills her Sun"
 - c) Manoji, Dreams and the Sun in "Slow Poison"
 - d) The Bus Episode, the boy and the Prophetess
 4. a) Comment on Ndebele's use of 'Appearance' and 'Reality' in "The Prophetess". 5+5=10
b) What is your observation of the conclusion of the story?
 5. a) Do you find the narrator of "Africa Kills Her Son" as a reliable one? Explain with adequate examples from the text. 6+4=10
b) Comment on your opinion about the usage of the word 'Cool' in the story.
 6. How does Nadine Gordimer present the participation of black women such as Aila in the revolutionary struggle against apartheid in South Africa? 5+5 = 10
- OR
- Describe Sonny's relationship with Hannah? What effect did it have on Baby and Will?
7. Describe the dramatic roles of Sidi, Baroka and Lakunle in the play The Lion and The Jewel. 4+6= 10
 8. Discuss the context of the Ngugi Wa Thiongo's essay "Quest for Relevance". According to Ngugi, what were the types of depiction of Africans in texts written on or about Africa? Why did Ngugi and other members of academia wish to remove the study of English Literature? 5+5=10

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