

**BA ENGLISH  
FOURTH SEMESTER  
INDIAN WRITING IN ENGLISH  
BEN - 404**

(USE SEPARATE ANSWER SCRIPTS FOR OBJECTIVE & DESCRIPTIVE)

Duration: 3 hrs.

Full Marks: 70

Time: 20 min.

[ PART-A: Objective ]

Marks: 20

Choose the correct answer from the following:

1×20=20

- From whom did Nanda Kaul receive a letter?
  - Asha
  - Ila
  - Tara
  - Raka
- To which place, does Nanda Kaul insist on accompanying Raka for a walk?
  - Tiger point
  - Monkey Point
  - Sunset Point
  - Orchid Point
- Where was Nanda Kaul's house situated?
  - Kasauli
  - Ooty
  - Manali
  - Dehradun
- The first scene in Girish Karnad's *Tughlaq* opens in front of a \_\_\_\_\_.
  - Shop
  - Temple
  - Tavern
  - Court
- When Tughlaq came to throne, whom did he make the Governor of Avadh?
  - Ratansingh
  - Ain ul Mulk
  - Imam-ud-din
  - Shihab-ud-din
- Who informed Tughlaq about the murder plot against him during his prayer time?
  - Najib
  - Barani
  - Ratansingh
  - Shihab ud din
- Who are the famous and greatest chess players mentioned by Tughlaq?
  - Al adil an as Sarakhi
  - Pleiades and Ibd ul Motazz
  - Khalif and Mottaz
  - None of these
- Tughlaq wanted every rose in the garden to be an image of \_\_\_\_\_ poems.
  - Sheikh's
  - Aziz's
  - Rumi's
  - Sadi's
- Which of these novels was not written by Anita Desai?
  - The Inheritance of Loss
  - In Custody
  - Fasting Feasting
  - Fire on the Mountain
- How does Nanda Kaul try to connect with Raka and hold her attention?
  - By playing board games with her
  - By picking up apricots with her
  - By planting hydrangeas with her
  - By fabricating fantastical stories about the past

11. The bird that welcomes the day in the poem *Our Casuarina Tree* is-
- a. parrot
  - b. nightingale
  - c. kokilas
  - d. cuckoo
12. The Casuarina tree is dear to the poet for -
- a. its grand appearance
  - b. its link with nature
  - c. the childhood memories it brings
  - d. the bird and bee
13. Abju and Aru are Toru Dutt's \_\_\_\_\_.
- a. siblings
  - b. Cousins
  - c. playmates
  - d. childhood friends
14. The word 'Gitanjali' means -
- a. An offering of poems
  - b. An offering of song
  - c. An offering of stories
  - d. None of the above.
15. How many poems are there in English *Gitanjali*?
- a. 157
  - b. 130
  - c. 175
  - d. 103
16. The theme of *Gitanjali* is \_\_\_\_\_.
- a. Nature
  - b. Devotion to God
  - c. Both (a) and (b)
  - d. None of these
17. How many chapters are there in *The Vendor of Sweets*?
- a. 12
  - b. 13
  - c. 10
  - d. 15
18. What was the name of Jagan's wife?
- a. Ambika
  - b. Grace
  - c. Ambala
  - d. Rosie
19. Grace was -
- a. Half-American, half-Indian
  - b. American
  - c. Indian
  - d. Half-American, half-Korean
20. Jagan used to keep how many record books?
- a. Only one
  - b. Three
  - c. Two
  - d. None

( PART-B : Descriptive )

Time : 2 hrs. 40 min.

Marks : 50

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

1. Comment on the issues of political intrigue, betrayal and violence in Girish Karnad's *Tughlaq*. 10
2. How does the poetess compare the creeper to a huge python in the poem *Our Casuarina Tree*? What character of the tree has been highlighted? 5+5=10
3. How would you describe Barani's relation with the Sultan in the play *Tughlaq*? Is he disappointed with the Sultan? 5+5=10
4. How does Muhammad Ali want to help Miss Rehana? What happens next? 7+3=10
5. Comment on Nanda Kaul's feelings toward Raka. How did they change over time? 5+5=10
6. a) How is marriage presented in the novel *The Vendor of Sweets*?  
b) What aspect of Jagan's lifestyle paves the way for the conflict between him and his son, Mali, in the novel *The Vendor of Sweets*? 4+6=10
7. Discuss Nanda Kaul's journey from self-adjustment to self-alienation. What do you think she realized towards the end of the novel? 7+3=10
8. a) How is Rabindranath Tagore's religious philosophy reflected in the referred poems of *Gitanjali*?  
b) Tagore's use of Imagery in the *Gitanjali* and how they correspond with the poems? 5+5=10

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