

**BA ENGLISH
SIXTH SEMESTER
AFRICAN STUDIES
BEN - 604**

(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

1. Okot P Bitek is a poet from _____
 - a. Uganda
 - b. South Africa
 - c. Nigeria
 - d. Egypt
2. The speaker's husband in the poem "My Husband's Tongue is Bitter" was the son of:
 - a. A teacher
 - b. A priest
 - c. A European
 - d. A village chief
3. What was the name of the second wife in the poem "My Husband's Tongue is Bitter"?
 - a. Madeline
 - b. Clementine
 - c. Diana
 - d. Porcupine
4. J.P. Clarke's "Casualties" falls under which of the following categories?
 - a. Poem on Nature
 - b. Poem on Partition
 - c. Romantic poem
 - d. War poem
5. The poem "Casualties" is set in the backdrop of the _____
 - a. First World War
 - b. Second World War
 - c. American Civil War
 - d. Nigeria-Biafra War
6. For what reason was Okonkwo exiled?
 - a. He owes money
 - b. He steals money
 - c. He killed a snake
 - d. He unintentionally killed a fellow clansman
7. What is the name of Okonkwo's second wife?
 - a. Ezinma
 - b. Chielo
 - c. Ekwefi
 - d. Ojiugo
8. Which of the following is regarded as the king of crops for the Igbos?
 - a. Cotton
 - b. Dates
 - c. Yam
 - d. Coconut
9. In the Igbo allegory of the Tortoise, what do the birds give the tortoise?
 - a. Stones
 - b. Feathers
 - c. Seeds
 - d. Leaves
10. What was Okonkwo afraid of the most?
 - a. The darkness of the forest
 - b. Joining the missionaries
 - c. Losing his position
 - d. Becoming like his father

11. Things Fall Apart was published in the year_____
 - a. 1955
 - b. 1956
 - c. 1957
 - d. 1958
12. Where did Okonkwo live with his family during the exile period?
 - a. Mbanta
 - b. Mbaino
 - c. Abame
 - d. London
13. By the term "iron horse" of the white man, the Igbos of Abame were referring to_____
 - a. A horse made of iron
 - b. bicycle
 - c. A carriage
 - d. A car
14. In the play A Dance of the Forests, who was Adenebi in his former life?
 - a. The Head Of The Army
 - b. The Messenger
 - c. A Slave-Dealer
 - d. The Court Historian
15. What Is Aroni's Title?
 - a. The Hunter Of Humans
 - b. The Lame One
 - c. The Spirit Of Love
 - d. The Brave One
16. In the novel Things Fall Apart, agbala meant_____
 - a. A woman
 - b. The oracle
 - c. A man of no title
 - d. All of the above
17. What is the first image of the play The Dance of the Forests?
 - a. *Aroni Casting A Spell*
 - b. *Demoke Pushing His Apprentice Out of The Tree*
 - c. *Mata Kharibu Marrying Madame Tortoise*
 - d. *The Dead Man And Dead Woman Coming Up Out of The Soil*
18. When Did Soyinka Win The Nobel Prize In Literature?
 - a. 1986
 - b. 1980
 - c. 1990
 - d. 1996
19. What event was the play "A Dance of the Forests" written in celebration of?
 - a. Nigerian Independence And Decolonization
 - b. Shagari's Election
 - c. The First National Elections
 - d. The Establishment Of Hausa Kingdom
20. Which of the Following is not a Whole Soyinka Play?
 - a. Death And The King's Horsemen
 - b. Woza Albert
 - c. Kongi's Harvest
 - d. The Lion And The Jewel

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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. Write an essay on the character of Okonkwo from *Things Fall Apart*. 10
2. What was the Week of Peace? Describe its importance in Umuofia. What did Okonkwo do that broke the Week of Peace? 4+6=10
3. Write a critical note on the character of Rola from the play *A Dance of the Forests* by Wole Soyinka. 5+5=10
4. What are the ways in which Soyinka's play departs from western dramatic tradition and convention? Write with special reference to the play *A Dance of the Forests*. 5+5=10
5. Write a note on Soyinka's structure and characterization in *A Dance of the Forests*. 5+5=10
6. Is *A Dance of the Forests* an example of postcolonial theatre? Answer with close reference to the text. 6+4=10
7. Write a summary of the poem "Casualties" by J.P. Clarke 6+4=10
8. What were the complaints by the speaker in the poem "My Husband's Tongue is Bitter" against her husband Ocol? 5+5=10

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