

**BA ENGLISH  
SIXTH SEMESTER  
INDIAN LITERATURE IN ENGLISH  
BEN – 603A**

(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. The History of India was written by -
  - a. Romila Thapar
  - b. Ram Chandra Guha
  - c. Jawaharlal Nehru
  - d. Ranajoy Guha
2. The Europeans thought of India as a land of -
  - a. Ancient Wisdom
  - b. Maharajas
  - c. Knowledge
  - d. Health and Hygiene
3. Indian civilisation was thought to be greatly influenced by which ancient civilisation.
  - a. Chinese
  - b. Sri Lankan
  - c. Greek
  - d. African
4. What are Dharmashastras?
  - a. Law Books
  - b. Books on Philosophy
  - c. Books on Ancient Medicine
  - d. None of the above
5. Who used the soap and the Bible as major tools of colonisation?
  - a. The British
  - b. The Moghuls
  - c. The Dutch
  - d. The French
6. Kabir was a writer from \_\_\_\_\_?
  - a. 19<sup>th</sup> century
  - b. 15<sup>th</sup> century
  - c. 18<sup>th</sup> century
  - d. 16<sup>th</sup> century
7. The main theme of the poem *Ruminations* is -
  - a. Love
  - b. Life
  - c. Violence
  - d. Peace
8. Padmapriya lived at -
  - a. The foothills of Kamakhya
  - b. The uphill road to Kamakhya
  - c. Near the Kamakhya temple
  - d. In the village
9. What was the name of Padmapriya's father?
  - a. Shailesh
  - b. Bhagawati
  - c. Madhav
  - d. Nitesh
10. Who was Arvasu to Vishakha?
  - a. Son
  - b. Brother
  - c. Brother-in-law
  - d. Son-in-law

11. Who killed Raibhya?
  - a. Parvasu
  - b. Arvasu
  - c. Yavakri
  - d. Vishakha
12. For how many years did Yavakri do penance?
  - a. 5 years
  - b. 14 years
  - c. 7 years
  - d. 10 years
13. Which of the following according to Gandhiji is an essential principle of Satyagraha?
  - a. Infinite capacity for suffering
  - b. Non violence
  - c. Truth
  - d. All the three
14. Who was the political guru of Mahatma Gandhi?
  - a. Gopal Krishna Gokhale
  - b. Dayanand Saraswati
  - c. Rabindra Nath Tagore
  - d. None of the above
15. In 2007, the United Nations General Assembly declared Gandhi's birthday 2<sup>nd</sup> October as \_\_\_\_\_
  - a. International Day of Peace
  - b. International Day of Sacrifice
  - c. International Day of Non violence
  - d. International Day of Liberty
16. At which railway station was Gandhi thrown out of the train on his way to Pretoria?
  - a. Surrey
  - b. Pieter Maritzburg
  - c. Ohio
  - d. Birmingham
17. The protagonist in the novel *The Shadow Lines* is \_\_\_\_\_
  - a. May Price
  - b. Justice Datta Chaudhari
  - c. Tridib, Mayadevi's son
  - d. Jethamoshai
18. What was Mrs. Price addicted to?
  - a. Alcohol
  - b. Church-sales
  - c. Collecting stamps
  - d. Cleaning
19. The *Shadow Lines* is divided into two sections namely \_\_\_\_\_
  - a. 'Moving Away' and 'Coming Home'
  - b. 'The Window' and 'Time Passes'
  - c. 'Reaping' and 'Garnering'
  - d. 'Going Away' and 'Coming Home'
20. What profession did Arvasu take after he was banished from the kingdom?
  - a. Poet
  - b. Priest
  - c. Actor
  - d. Dancer

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( PART-B : Descriptive )

Time : 2 hrs. 40 min.

Marks :

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

1. Comment on the role of women characters in *The Shadow Lines*. 10
  2. What is Statism? How did it start in Europe? 4+6=10
  3. What is meant The Small Voice of History? Give two examples as stated by Ranajit Guha regarding the small voices of history? 6+4=10
  4. Comment on the poetry of Tamsila Ao and write in brief the main theme of her poem *Bonsai God*. 3+7=10
  5. Give a character sketch of: 5+5=10
    - a) Vishakha
    - b) Yavakri
  6. Write about the incident when Padmapriya met her husband at the wedding of her Friend's Cousin. What were the consequences of it? 5+5=10
  7. Discuss the communal conflict as narrated in *The Shadow Lines*. 10
- OR
- Give a broad overview of the evolution of Indian History as described by Thapar in *The Antecedents*.
8. Narrate the important events of Mahatma Gandhi's life and explain them by your reading of *The Story of My Experiments With Truth*. 5+5=10

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