

**BA ENGLISH
THIRD SEMESTER
WOMEN'S WRITING
BEN-303**

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[USE OMR SHEET FOR OBJECTIVE PART]

Duration: 3 hrs.

Full Marks: 70

(Objective)

Time: 30 mins.

Marks: 20

1×20=20

Choose the correct answer from the following:

1. What is the poem "An Introduction" about?
 - a. Patriarchy and woman
 - b. Human life in general
 - c. Malabar
 - d. The speaker's marriage
2. How was Mr Knightley related to Emma?
 - a. Cousin
 - b. Neighbour
 - c. Sister's Brother-in-law
 - d. Uncle
3. What was the occupation of Maghai?
 - a. farmer
 - b. potter
 - c. water diviner
 - d. fisherman
4. Which of the following is not a character from Jane Austen's novels?
 - a. Elizabeth Bennett
 - b. Cathy Earnshaw
 - c. Anne Elliott
 - d. Jane Fairfax
5. Who was humiliated by Emma in the picnic?
 - a. Mrs Elton
 - b. Jane Fairfax
 - c. Miss Bates
 - d. Mrs Weston
6. Which of the following is not present in Jane Austen's Emma?
 - a. Marriage based on mutual respect
 - b. Importance of Social Class
 - c. Importance of Women's Education
 - d. Voting rights for women
7. Which statement from the poem "A Bird Came Down the Walk" best identifies the theme of the poem?
 - a. Fear and loneliness are most noticeable when a person immerses themselves in nature.
 - b. Animals rarely trust humans despite the good intentions most people possess.
 - c. Humans do not know how to interact with animals.
 - d. Nature exists in a state of beauty separate from humans.
8. What does the narrator propose a women writer should receive?
 - a. 3000 pounds a year and a private room
 - b. Access to the Library
 - c. 500 pounds a year a private room
 - d. Voting rights
9. What was required for a woman to access the University Library during Woolf's time?
 - a. Status as a married woman
 - b. A letter of recommendation
 - c. Must be accompanied by father
 - d. None of the above

10. The speaker in "Still I Rise" will rise like
- Dust
 - Air
 - Hopes
 - All of these
11. Which literary devices are used in the following lines?
 "He glanced with rapid eyes
 That hurried all around-
 They looked like frightened beads, I thought-"
- Metaphor, Personification
 - Simile, Personification
 - Hyperbole, Metaphor
 - Alliteration, Simile
12. What does Mrs. Sheridan think of Laura's idea to cancel the garden party after learning a man has died?
- She agrees that the party should be cancelled.
 - She thinks cancelling the party is an unnecessary sacrifice.
 - She thinks the man's family should be invited to the party.
 - She thinks the party should be postponed for a few hours.
13. Which excerpt from the poem best suggests that the speaker is afraid of snakes?
- "The Grass divides as with a Comb,/ A spotted Shaft is seen;"
 - "But when a Boy and barefoot/ I more than once at noon"
 - "I feel for them a transport/ Of Cordiality"
 - "Without a tighter Breathing/ And Zero at the Bone."
14. Which answer best explains how the setting affects the poem, "A Narrow Fellow in the Grass"?
- The outdoor setting creates a place where a snake can appear and disappear mysteriously
 - The outdoor setting creates a place where the speaker's imagination feels free
 - The outdoor setting creates a place where the speaker's cries for help are not heard
 - The outdoor setting creates a place where the temperature changes drastically.
15. What offends the whites?
- Sassiness
 - Trodding
 - Soulful cries
 - Haughtiness
16. Which of the following was responsible for exploitation of the poor in Mahasweta Devi's play *Water*?
- Dhura
 - Santosh
 - The Naxals
 - Maghai
17. What was Mrs Weston's maiden name?
- Fairfax
 - Bates
 - Smith
 - Taylor
18. Today I was reading about _____
- Adrienne Rich
 - Madam Curie
 - Maya Angelou
 - None of them
19. What does Laura's mother do for the family of the man who has died in The Garden Party?
- She sends the man's family an
 - She makes the funeral arrangements

invitation to the party.

- c. She sends the man's family a basket of leftovers from the party.

for the man who has died.

- d. She delivers a casserole to pay her respects for the man who died.

20. Where was Virginia Woolf's lecture originally delivered?

- a. Newnham and Girton College's
- c. University of Oxford

- b. University of Cambridge
- d. Buckingham Palace

(Descriptive)

Time : 2 hrs. 30 mins.

Marks : 50

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

1. The novel *Emma* focuses on the struggles and development of a strong, intelligent woman. Comment. 10
2. What are the issues faced by women, that are addressed by Virginia Woolf in *A Room of One's Own*? Explain with examples from the first two chapters of the text. 7+3=10
3. Based on your reading of Mahasweta Devi's *Water*, discuss the theme of oppression and exploitation faced by the villagers in Charsa. 5+5=10
4. Discuss any two themes present in Jane Austen's *Emma*. 5+5=10
5. Elaborate the following expressions: 5+5=10
 - a) "I'm a black ocean, leaping and wide,
Welling and swelling I bear in the tide."
 - b) "Her wounds came from the same source as her power."
6. "The poem *An Introduction* by Kamala Das is a stringent criticism of the patriarchal society". Discuss. 10

OR

What does the story of "The Garden Party" signify?
7. Explain with reference to the context (any one): 10
 - a) "He glanced with rapid eyes,
That hurried all abroad -
They looked like frightened Beads, I thought,
He stirred his Velvet Head. -"
 - b) "He likes a boggy acre,
A floor too cool for corn,
But when a boy and barefoot,
I more than once at noon"
 - c) "It seems she denied to the end
the source of the cataracts on her eyes
the cracked and suppurating skin of her finger-ends
till she could no longer hold a test-tube or a pencil."
8. Make a character analysis of the following: 5+5=10
 1. Mrs. Sheridan
 2. Laura

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