

BA ENGLISH
FOURTH SEMESTER (SPECIAL REPEAT)
INDIAN WRITING IN ENGLISH
BEN-404

SET
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[USE OMR SHEET FOR OBJECTIVE PART]

Duration: 3 hrs.

Full Marks: 70

Time: 30 mins.

Marks: 20

(Objective)

1 × 20 = 20

Choose the correct answer from the following:

1. R. K. Narayan's *The Vendor of Sweets* was published in:
a. 1960
b. 1950
c. 1967
d. 1975
2. The *Vendor of Sweets* is divided in:
a. Twelve
b. Thirteen
c. Nine
d. Fifteen
3. What is the name of the owner of the Printing Press in *The Vendor of Sweets*?
a. Nandu
b. Mali
c. Jagan
d. Nataraj
4. How did Jagan's wife die?
a. Fever
b. Tumour of the brain
c. Tuberculosis
d. Stone
5. Grace's mother was a Korean who married:
a. An Indian soldier
b. An English soldier
c. An Australian soldier
d. An American soldier
6. Nanda Kaul's husband was a:
a. Professor
b. Doctor
c. Vice Chancellor
d. Principal
7. When Tughlaq came to throne, whom did he make the Governor of Avadh?
a. Ratansingh
b. Ain ul Mulk
c. Imam-ud-Din
d. Shihab-ud-din
8. Imam-ud-din had openly accused Tughlaq of:
a. Parricide
b. Homicide
c. Infanticide
d. Matricide
9. How many scenes does the play *Tughlaq* have?
a. 12
b. 13
c. 14
d. 15
10. Who resembles the Sultan in the play *Tughlaq*?
a. Imam- ud- Din
b. Ratansingh
c. Aziz
d. Azam

11. Which is Girish Karnad's first play?
 - a. Tughlaq
 - b. Yayati
 - c. Naga Mandala
 - d. Hayavadana
12. What is the mother tongue of Girish Karnad?
 - a. Konkani
 - b. Kannada
 - c. Marathi
 - d. English
13. What was the name of Nanda Kaul's house?
 - a. Cicadus
 - b. Cheroot
 - c. Shrewsnury
 - d. Carignano
14. What was the profession of Ila Das?
 - a. Teacher
 - b. Welfare Officer
 - c. Pianist
 - d. Singer
15. What disease was Raka suffering from before she came to Nanda Kaul's home?
 - a. Cholera
 - b. Measles
 - c. Small Pox
 - d. Typhoid
16. What does the "rugged trunk" of the *Casuarina tree*, in the poem by Toru Dutt hint on?
 - a. Antiquity of culture
 - b. The past
 - c. The trauma of the poet
 - d. All of the above
17. What does the "python" symbolize in the poem, 'Our *Casuarina Tree*'?
 - a. Memories of her siblings
 - b. Cultural invasion of India
 - c. The poet's state of mind
 - d. The antique nature of the tree
18. What concept does Rabindranath Tagore reveal throughout the poem 35?
 - a. Devotion
 - b. Freedom
 - c. India under the British rule
 - d. All of the above
19. From which collection is the story 'Good Advice is Rarer Than Rubies' taken?
 - a. Imaginary Homelands
 - b. The Best American short stories
 - c. East, West
 - d. Luka and the Fire of Life
20. Who was 'Mustafa Dar'?
 - a. Brother of Miss Rehana
 - b. Husband of Miss Rehana
 - c. Fiancée of Miss Rehana
 - d. Father of Miss Rehana

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(Descriptive)

Time : 2 hr. 30 mins.

Marks : 50

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

1. What is the setting of the novel *Fire on the Mountain*? Write briefly on the major themes of the novel. 2+8=10
2. Discuss the character of Raka and Nanda Kaul from the novel *Fire on the Mountain*. Is there any similarity between the two characters? 6+4=10
3. Discuss the significance and the contribution of Girish Karnad in Modern Indian dramatics. 10
4. a) What is the significance of the title of the poem 35? Explain. 5+5=10
b) How are the themes of selflessness, useless rituals and truth explored by Rabindranath Tagore in this poem? Discuss.
5. a) How does *The Vendor of Sweets* represent a profile of Indian society? 5+5=10
b) Give a brief description of the conflict between the two cultures in the novel *The Vendor of Sweets*.
6. a) Write a note on the influence of Gandhian principles on Jagan in *The Vendor of Sweets*. 5+5=10
b) Explain the relationship between the son and the father in *The Vendor of Sweets*.
7. Give character sketches of : 5+5=10
a) Miss Rehana
b) Muhammed Ali
8. Write short notes on: 5+5=10
a) Symbol of Chess in the play *Tughlaq*
b) Misuse of Power in the play *Tughlaq*

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