

**BA ENGLISH
SIXTH SEMESTER
AFRICAN LITERATURE
BEN-604**
[USE OMR SHEET FOR OBJECTIVE PART]



Duration: 3 hrs.

Full Marks: 70

(Objective)

Time: 30 mins.

Marks: 20

Choose the correct answer from the following:

1 × 20 = 20

1. Okonkwo's greatest flaw was his:
a. Pursuit of beauty
b. Pride
c. Fear of being considered weak and unsuccessful
d. Violent Personality
2. Nwoye questions the customs that supported the killing of twin babies and Ikemefuna. He finally found his answers through:
a. Christianity
b. The District Commissioner
c. Colonialism
d. The Oracle
3. What is the name of the forest head in A Dance of the Forest?
a. Demoke
b. Rola
c. Adenebi
d. Obaneji
4. What country is Wole Soyinka from?
a. South Africa
b. Spain
c. Nigeria
d. Ethiopia
5. When was A Dance of the Forest published?
a. 1967
b. 1963
c. 1971
d. 1955
6. Who was the Dead Man in his former life?
a. Messenger
b. Poet
c. Captain
d. Scribe
7. Who was Demoke in his previous life?
a. Poet
b. Captain
c. Court Historian
d. Madame Tortoise's Husband
8. Who wrote the play Hopes for the Living Dead?
a. Wole Soyinka
b. Ola Rotimi
c. Chinua Achebe
d. Sefi Ata
9. What is the play Hopes of the Living Dead about?
a. Malaria
b. Leprosy
c. HIV
d. Dengue
10. What was the name of Ezinma's mother?
a. Nneka
b. Cheilo
c. Agbala
d. Ekwefi

11. Ngugi Wa Thiongo's Devil on the Cross was originally written in the.....
 - a. English
 - b. Swahili
 - c. Kikuyu
 - d. Luhya
12. Jacinta Waring worked as a..... in Nairobi.
 - a. Nurse
 - b. Secretary
 - c. Driver
 - d. School Teacher
13. A matatu in Kenya means a.....
 - a. Bus
 - b. Car
 - c. Mini-bus
 - d. Wagon
14. The poem "The Casualties" is based on the.....
 - a. World War-II
 - b. Vietnam War
 - c. Biafran War
 - d. Battle for Nigeria's Independence
15. The Biafran War took place during the period.....
 - a. 1960-1967
 - b. 1967-1970
 - c. 1970-1975
 - d. 1975-1980
16. The primary cause of casualties during the Biafran war was:
 - a. Shooting of civilians
 - b. Starvation
 - c. Disease
 - d. Bombing
17. Okot P Bitek is from the country of.....
 - a. Nigeria
 - b. Senegal
 - c. Kenya
 - d. Uganda
18. In the poem "My Husband's Tongue is Bitter", the speaker uses all of the following to describe traits of her husband except for one. Which one?
 - a. Hen
 - b. Nile Perch
 - c. Pumpkin
 - d. Hyena
19. Okot P Bitek's "My Husband's Tongue is Bitter" is a part of.....
 - a. Song of Lawino
 - b. Song of Clementine
 - c. Song of Okol
 - d. Song of Lola
20. When was the play Hopes of the Living Dead published?
 - a. 1977
 - b. 1988
 - c. 1999
 - d. 1981

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(Descriptive)

Time : 2 hr. 30 mins.

Marks : 50

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

1. Discuss the cultural representation of Igbos in pre-colonial Nigeria in Achebe's Things Fall Apart. 10
2. Critically examine John Pepper Clark's Casualties as an anti-war poem. Illustrate with examples from the poem. 7+3=10
3. Write a critical appreciation of Okot P Bitek's My Husband's Tongue is Bitter". 10
4. In the Devil On The Cross, what does the Devil symbolise? In what ways is the Devil shown represented in the novel? 4+6=10
5. Discuss the significance of the title A Dance of the Forest. Why do you think Soyinka chose this particular title for his play? 7+3=10
Or
Examine A Dance of the Forests as a portrait of Nigerian Independence. Why did Soyinka bring in the parallels between characters and actions in the past and the present? 6+4=10
6. Write a short note on Nigerian Literature. Discuss the contribution of Wole Soyinka and Ola Rotimi to it. 4+6=10
7. Write a character sketch of Okonkwo and the patriarchal outlook that governed the social system in Umuofia. 6+4=10
8. Write short notes on *any two*: 5+5=10
 - a) Forest Head
 - b) Rola
 - c) Themes in Hopes for the Living Dead
 - d) The Dead Man and Dead Woman

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