

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

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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.....
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| a. English | b. Swahili |
| c. Kikuyu  | d. Luhya   |
12. Jacinta Waring worked as a..... in Nairobi.
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| a. Nurse  | b. Secretary      |
| c. Driver | d. School Teacher |
13. A matatu in Kenya means a.....
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| a. Bus      | b. Car   |
| c. Mini-bus | d. Wagon |
14. The poem "The Casualties" is based on the.....
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| 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.....
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| a. 1960-1967 | b. 1967-1970 |
| c. 1970-1975 | d. 1975-1980 |
16. The primary cause of casualties during the Biafran war was:
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| a. Shooting of civilians | b. Starvation |
| c. Disease               | d. Bombing    |
17. Okot P Bitek is from the country of.....
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| 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?
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| a. Hen     | b. Nile Perch |
| c. Pumpkin | d. Hyena      |
19. Okot P Bitek's "My Husband's Tongue is Bitter" is a part of.....
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| 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?
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| 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. Write a short note on Nigerian Literature. Discuss the contribution of Wole Soyinka and Ola Rotimi to it. 4+6=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. Discuss the cultural representation of Igbos in pre-colonial Nigeria in Achebe's Things Fall Apart. 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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