



COOCH BEHAR PANCHANAN BARMA UNIVERSITY

B.A. Honours 5th Semester Examination, 2019

ENGLISH

POSTCOLONIAL LITERATURES

CORE-11 (CCENGH11)

Time Allotted: 2 Hours

Full Marks: 40

*The figures in the margin indicate full marks.
Candidates are required to give their answers in their own words as far as practicable.*

1. Answer any **one** question from the following: 15×1 = 15
 - (a) Critically analyze *Things Fall Apart* as a postcolonial novel.
 - (b) How has Garcia Marquez interweaved magic, fantasy, myth and realism in *One Hundred Years of Solitude*?
 - (c) The short story “The Collector of Treasures” upholds women’s solidarity and sisterhood as an essential strategy for the emancipation of the African women. Comment.
 - (d) Discuss “Tonight I can write” as a poem of love and loss.

2. Answer any **one** question from the following: 10×1 = 10
 - (a) Comment on the aptness of the title of Chinua Achebe’s *Things Fall Apart*.
 - (b) Critically comment on the idea of solitude in *One Hundred Years of Solitude*.
 - (c) Analyze the role of Nana in “The Girl Who Can”. What does her transformation signify?

3. Answer any **one** question from the following: 5×1=5
 - (a) What role does Mr. Brown play in *Things Fall Apart*?
 - (b) Comment on the significance of the mourning song at the end of “The Green Leaves”.
 - (c) Explain with reference to the context “I who am poisoned with the blood of both, where shall I turn, divided to the vein?”

4. Answer any *ten* questions from the following:

1×10=10

- (a) Why would the children born to Ekwefi not survive?
- (b) What is the name of the famous wrestler whom Okonkwo defeated in his youth?
- (c) How many times did the gypsies come to Macondo?
- (d) What business did Ursula start after coming back from the failed pursuit of her son?
- (e) What special skill did Dikeledi have for which all her neighbours turned to her?
- (f) What ritual did Nyagar perform after coming back from the pursuit of the thieves?
- (g) What is the name of the place where Adjoa lived with her mother and grandmother?
- (h) Name two European cities mentioned in Walcott's "Names".
- (i) What is the historical context of Neruda's "The Way Spain Was"?
- (j) What are the different colours of shirts mentioned in David Malouf's "Revolving Days"?
- (k) What do small towns remind the speaker of in Mamang Dai's "Small Town and a River"?
- (l) Whom do "gorilla" and "Superman" refer to in "A Far Cry from Africa"?

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INDIAN WRITING IN ENGLISH

CORE-12 (CCENGH12)

Time Allotted: 2 Hours

Full Marks: 40

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Candidates are required to give their answers in their own words as far as practicable.

1. Answer any **one** question from the following: 15×1 = 15
 - (a) Critically comment on the Raju-Rosie relationship in R.K. Narayan's *The Guide*.
 - (b) What impression of the institution of the family do you get in *Clear Light of Day*? Justify your opinion with textual evidence.
 - (c) Discuss Kamala Das's "Introduction" as a feminist assertion of identity.
 - (d) Critically analyze "Two Lady Rams" as a commentary on the relation between the colonial masters and the colonized subjects.

2. Answer any **one** question from the following: 10×1 = 10
 - (a) Comment on Narayan's use of irony in *The Guide*.
 - (b) Discuss how nature is used as a recurrent motif in *Clear Light of Day*.
 - (c) Attempt a critical appreciation of Nissim Ezekiel's "Enterprise".

3. Answer any **one** question from the following: 5×1=5
 - (a) Comment on the ending of *The Guide*.
 - (b) Comment on the significance of the music motif in *Clear Light of Day*.
 - (c) Evaluate the role of the thief's widow in "The Free Radio".

4. Answer any **ten** questions from the following: 1×10=10
 - (a) To whom did Raju confess about his past life?
 - (b) What nickname did Raju receive at the railway station?
 - (c) What was Marco's profession?
 - (d) What fatal disease did Raja contract in *Clear Light of Day*?
 - (e) Where did Hyder Ali migrate to after the Partition of India?
 - (f) What did the child Tara want to be when she grew up?
 - (g) How did the speaker's mother react after she recovered in "The Night of the Scorpion"?
 - (h) What simile is used to describe the darkness in "My Grandmother's House"?
 - (i) With which geometric figure is 'hope' compared in "Anxiety"?
 - (j) How did the girl's father die in Derozio's "The Orphan Girl"?
 - (k) Which sea beach in Bombay finds mention in "Swimming Lessons"?
 - (l) With which film stars did Ramani's friends compare him in "The Free Radio"?

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