

SIXTH SEMESTER B.A. DEGREE EXAMINATION, MARCH 2017

(CUCBCSS—UG)

English

ENG 6B 02—LITERATURE IN ENGLISH : AMERICAN AND POST-COLONIAL

Time : Three Hours

Maximum : 80 Marks

I Answer the following bunches of questions :—

- 1 What person point of view is used in Whitman's poem ?
 - (a) First.
 - (b) Second.
 - (c) Third.
 - (d) None of these.
- 2 Which is the figure of speech in "I hear America singing" ?
 - (a) Simile.
 - (b) Metaphor.
 - (c) Personification.
 - (d) None of these.
- 3 What does the jar symbolize ?
 - (a) Order.
 - (b) Chaos.
 - (c) People.
 - (d) None of these.
- 4 What words are used by the mother to signify pain and suffering of her life ?
 - (a) Tacks.
 - (b) Blood.
 - (c) Sweat.
 - (d) Crystal stair.
- 5 Who among the following is Snopse's boss ?
 - (a) Dr. Hansen.
 - (b) Major Harold.
 - (c) Mr. Harris.
 - (d) None of them.
- 6 Who is Willy's wife ?
 - (a) Letty.
 - (b) Linda.
 - (c) Jenny.
 - (d) Happy.
- 7 With whom did Billy have a brief affair ?
 - (a) Linda.
 - (b) Ben's wife.
 - (c) The Woman.
 - (d) None of these.

Turn over

- 8 Who wrote the story "Killing Time" ?
- (a) Nasibu. (b) Faulkner.
(c) Carol Shields. (d) None of these.
- 9 David Diop uses _____ to represent future Africa.
- (a) Yellow flag. (b) Red fruit.
(c) Green apple. (d) White faded flower.
- 10 *Harvest* is _____ play.
- (a) Modernist. (b) Futuristic.
(c) Anonymous. (d) None of these.

(10 × 1 = 10 marks)

II. Answer *ten* of the following questions in two *or* three sentences :—

- 11 What was the significance of the poem "Edge" in the life of Sylvia Plath ?
- 12 What is the theme of Whitman's poem ?
- 13 What was the warning about life given to the son by the mother ?
- 14 What happened at the trial in 'Barn Burning' ?
- 15 What is Wallace Stevens trying to say through his poem ?
- 16 What did the narrator of Poe's story see at the end of the story ?
- 17 Mention the impact of the drum beat on any two things around.
- 18 State the political significance of Kamau's poem.
- 19 Comment on the title "Killing Time".
- 20 What is the theme of Margaret Atwood's poem ?
- 21 Who is the narrator's friend in the story "A Scarf" ?
- 22 Who might be reading *My Thyme is Up* according to Scribano ?

(10 × 2 = 20 marks)

III. Answer *four* of the following questions in a paragraph of 100 words :—

- 23 Death in Miller's play.
- 24 The element of horror in Poe's story.
- 25 The protagonist of the story "Barn Burning", Sarty.
- 26 Imagery in Langston Hughes poem.
- 27 The role of the mother in the play *Harvest*.
- 28 The narrator's friend in 'A Scarf'.

(4 × 5 = 20 marks)

IV. Answer any *two* of the following questions in 300 words.

- 29 Discuss Arthur Miller's engagement with the issues of the modern society of his time.
- 30 What are the distinct features of American fiction prescribed for study?
- 31 Colonization of the body of the other is the theme of the play *Harvest* : Examine.
- 32 Discuss the thematic and structural innovations of postcolonial poetry.

(2 × 15 = 30 marks)