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B.A. (Hons.), Sem.-IV (NEP)

DSC-C-ENG-241 : English

(History of Indian English Literature : Post-Independence Period)

Time : 2:00 Hours]

[Max. Marks : 50

1. (a) “Ramanujan writes about poetic self from the perspective of an intellectual, Ezekiel adopts the world view of common man.” – Discuss. **10**

OR

1. (b) Evaluate the contribution of Women Novelists of Post-Independence period. **10**

2. (a) “The story ‘The Boss Came to Dinner’ gives an insight into human greed, selfishness and insensitivity.” – Discuss. **10**

OR

2. (b) Explore the theme of the blessings of mechanized farming as opposed to the uncertainties of traditional method of ploughing the land, in the story “Two Red Roosters”. **10**

3. (a) “Mahesh Dattani’s ‘Tara’ is a play which pin-points the social evil of gender discrimination in the Indian society.” – Discuss. **10**

OR

3. (b) Write short-notes on the following : **10**
(1) Tara
(2) Bharati

4. Show your acquaintance with the following works pointing out the name of author, type of work, the age and year of publication: (ANY FIVE) **10**

- (1) Hymns in Darkness
(2) Relationship
(3) Music for Mohini
(4) Next Sunday
(5) Jejuri
(6) Black Jasmine
(7) The Flute of Krishna

5. Complete the following choosing the correct options given : (ANY TEN)

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- (1) Who is called the father of modernity in Indian English Poetry ?
 - (a) A.K. Ramanujan
 - (b) R.K. Narayan
 - (c) Mulk Raj Anand
 - (d) Nissim Ezekiel
- (2) In the poem, "Night of the Scorpion", Ezekiel expresses his view of _____ through the speaker of the poem.
 - (a) love and beauty
 - (b) evil and suffering
 - (c) nature's fury
 - (d) peace and prayer
- (3) Which of the following was the first novel written by Kamala Markandaya ?
 - (a) Nectar in a Sieve
 - (b) Pleasure City
 - (c) The Coffin Dams
 - (d) Two Virgins
- (4) What is the central theme in A.K. Ramanujan's poetry ?
 - (a) Love
 - (b) Family
 - (c) Science
 - (d) Politics
- (5) Who was one among the world's nine leading numismatics ?
 - (a) Khushwant Singh
 - (b) Miss Merriman
 - (c) Dr. Banerjee
 - (d) Mr. Stan Towers
- (6) Sonba believed that the Churail live on the _____.
 - (a) neem tree
 - (b) peepal tree
 - (c) palas tree
 - (d) banyan tree
- (7) The public relations officer asked Miss Forbes to give a small note to _____.
 - (a) Stan Towers
 - (b) Miss Merriman
 - (c) Margery
 - (d) Dr. Banerjee
- (8) Mr. Shamnath would be receiving _____ as his guests.
 - (a) The boss and his family
 - (b) The boss and his American colleagues
 - (c) The boss and his Indian colleagues
 - (d) The boss and other corporate members
- (9) In which hospital was the surgery of conjoined twins conducted ?
 - (a) Nanavati Hospital
 - (b) Queen Victoria Memorial Hospital
 - (c) Fortis Hospital
 - (d) S. L. Raheja Hospital
- (10) Bharati requests, pleads and bribes _____ to become Tara's best friend.
 - (a) Nalini
 - (b) Prema
 - (c) Deepa
 - (d) Roopa
- (11) Shamnath's mother wished to be sent to _____.
 - (a) Haridwar
 - (b) Dwarka
 - (c) Badrinath
 - (d) Kedarnath
- (12) According to the Kheti-sahib, in America one machine does the work of _____.
 - (a) a dozen buffaloes
 - (b) a hundred buffaloes
 - (c) a hundred men
 - (d) a thousand men