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# NC-106

November-2025

B.A., Sem.-V

CC-304 (EA) : English

(Title : History of Indian English Literature :  
Post-Independence and Modern Periods)

Time : 2:30 Hours]

[Max. Marks : 70

1. Describe in detail about Indian Ethos in the Poetry of Nissim Ezekiel. 14

OR

1. Elaborate on major trends in the novel of the period of fifty years after independence of India. 14

2. Explain how Bhisham Sahani's short story 'The Boss Came to Dinner' is a brilliant portrayal of metropolitan life in which an individual often overrides the strongest of human bonds. 14

OR

2. Describe how Manohar Malgonkar highlights the ignorance and superstitious nature of the Indian villages in 'Two Red Roosters'. 14

3. *Hayavadana* deals with human identity in a world of tangled relationship. 14

OR

3. Critically evaluate the Character of Padmini in *Hayavadana* by Girish Karnad. 14

4. Show your acquaintance with the following works by mentioning the name of the author, the year of publication, the form of the work and the age to which they belongs. (Any seven) 14

(1) *Hymns in Darkness*

(2) *A Suitable Boy*

(3) *Jejuri*

(4) *Rich Like Us*

- (5) *The Moor's Last Sigh*
- (6) *Sea of Poppies*
- (7) *Mother of Maya Diip*
- (8) *Speaking of Siva*
- (9) *The Princess*

5. Choose the right option and fill in the blanks : (Any seven)

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- (1) Nissim's poem "Background, Casually" reflects \_\_\_\_\_.  
 (A) His feeling of alienation      (B) His love for religion  
 (C) His love for nature      (D) None of the above
- (2) "Obituary" written by Ramanujan is reminiscences of his \_\_\_\_\_.  
 (A) Mother      (B) Father  
 (C) Friend      (D) Brother
- (3) Khushwant Singh's \_\_\_\_\_ is a historical novel which recounts the Partition of India.  
 (A) Delhi : A novel      (B) The end of India  
 (C) A history of the Sikhs      (D) Train to Pakistan
- (4) Major theme in the novels of Arun Joshi is \_\_\_\_\_.  
 (A) Friendship      (B) Alienation  
 (C) Family      (D) Love
- (5) Who is the author of the book : "The Autobiography of an Unknown Indian" ?  
 (A) Ved Mehta      (B) M.K. Naik  
 (C) G.D. Ghosla      (D) Nirad C. Chaudhuri
- (6) Which of the following autobiographies reveals about the growth of English studies in Indian Universities in last four decades ?  
 (A) Cancer Made Me      (B) Tunnel of Time  
 (C) N for Nobody      (D) The Light from Heaven
- (7) Who is the author of the autobiography : "Wings of Fire" ?  
 (A) Mahatma Gandhi      (B) Jawaharlal Nehru  
 (C) A.P.J. Abdul Kalam      (D) Sardar Patel
- (8) \_\_\_\_\_ is the one science which has helped to fix the chronology of all the historical excavations.  
 (A) Archaeology      (B) Genetic Science  
 (C) Numismatics      (D) Anthropology

- (9) What is the theme of the story 'Two Red Roosters' ?
- (A) Superstitious beliefs and practices of villagers.
  - (B) Merchandised farming as opposed to traditional methods of ploughing.
  - (C) Both (A) and (B)
  - (D) None of the above
- (10) Why does the mother agree to make a phulkari in the end ?
- (A) Mr. Shamnath forced her.
  - (B) Because she wanted to.
  - (C) Shamnath's wife requested.
  - (D) Because her son stood a chance for a raise/promotion.
- (11) The major source of the play *Hayavadana* is \_\_\_\_\_.
- (A) Puranas
  - (B) Kathasarithasagar
  - (C) Vedas
  - (D) Mahabharat
- (12) What does Padmini do when she finds the men have beheaded themselves ?
- (A) She drowns the bodies and then herself.
  - (B) She beheads herself.
  - (C) She also tries to kill herself but is stopped by Goddess Kali.
  - (D) She performs miracle and brings life back to their dead bodies.
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