



Seat No. : _____

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M.A. Sem.-III

May-2013

English : 504-EA

(Comparative Literature)

Time : 3 Hours]

[Max. Marks : 70

1. Attempt any **two** long answers of the following : 28
 - (1) Trace the history and development of comparative literature in India.
 - (2) Prepare an essay on Genealogy.
 - (3) Discuss at length the theme of death and agony that runs through *The Binding Vine*.
 - (4) Alice Walker's *The Colour Purple* discusses the pain and suffering of black women in the U.S.A. Justify at length.

2. Write short notes on any **two** of the following : 14
 - (1) The French Hour
 - (2) The American Hour
 - (3) Khushwant Singh's translation of *Umrao Jaan Ada*.
 - (4) Various challenges of comparative literature.

3. Choose the correct alternative from the options given below each : 14
 - (1) Who has authored *The Commonwealth, Comparative Literature, and the world* ?
 - (a) R.K. Narayan
 - (b) Alamgir Hashmi
 - (c) V.S. Naipaul
 - (d) G.B. Shaw

 - (2) Gayatri Chakravorty Spivak, who has authored *Death of a Discipline*, is known for which essay ?
 - (a) Post Colonialism
 - (b) Can Anyone speak
 - (c) What is Comparative ?
 - (d) Can the Subaltern Speak ?

 - (3) The study of families and tracing of their lineage and history, is called
 - (a) Genius
 - (b) Genesis
 - (c) Genealogy
 - (d) Genetics

- (4) Which award did *The Colour Purple* win ?
 (a) Padma Bhishana (b) Nobel Prize
 (c) Shanti Puraskar (d) Pulitzer Prize
- (5) Which of the following is not Alice Walker's novel ?
 (a) Meridian (b) The Third Life of Grange Copeland
 (c) Waiting for Mahatma (d) The Colour Purple
- (6) In which year is *The Colour Purple* written ?
 (a) 1981 (b) 1982
 (c) 1891 (d) 1892
- (7) Which kind of novel is *The Colour Purple* ?
 (a) Memoir (b) Epistolary
 (c) Novella (d) Autobiography
- (8) What is the name of the protagonist Celie's father ?
 (a) Shug Avery (b) Mr. Johnson
 (c) Manuel (d) Alphonso
- (9) Where does the story of the novel *The Colour Purple* take place ?
 (a) Georgia (b) Atlanta
 (c) Chicago (d) Los Angeles
- (10) In which year is *The Binding Vine* first published ?
 (a) 1993 (b) 1982
 (c) 1983 (d) 1992
- (11) What is the relation between Vanna and Urmi ?
 (a) Sister-in-law (b) Sister
 (c) Aunt (d) Mother-in-law
- (12) What is the name of Urmi's girl-child who dies when the novel opens ?
 (a) Vanya (b) Rani
 (c) Anu (d) Manu
- (13) In which language was *Umrao Jaan Ada* first published ?
 (a) English (b) Hindi
 (c) Persian (d) Urdu
- (14) Umrao Jaan performances in whose court ?
 (a) Aurangzeb (b) Shivaji
 (c) Wajid Ali Shah (d) Tipu Sultan

4. Attempt brief answers to the following questions : (any **seven**)

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- (1) Write in brief about the nature and concept of comparative literature.
 - (2) Provide in brief the scenario of comparative literature since 1980s in the west.
 - (3) Write in brief about Urmi's character as depicted in *The Binding Vine*.
 - (4) Prepare a comparative analysis in brief of Shakutai and Kalpana.
 - (5) Write briefly about the themes of loss and despair versus life and hope permeating through Shashi Deshpande's *The Binding Vine*.
 - (6) Prepare a brief note on the theme of racism emerging out of Walker's novel *The Colour Purple*.
 - (7) Present Nettie's character presented in *The Colour Purple*.
 - (8) Write in brief about *Umrao Jaan Ada* as a memoir of the dancer and the singer of the same name.
 - (9) Prepare a brief note on Lucknow where the novel *Umrao Jaan Ada* is set.
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